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Conversation with de Rose at Ambassador Rumsfeld's Residence
November 21, 1973
MEMORANDUM FROM THE AMBASSADOR

November 23, 1973

On Wednesday evening, November 21, at my house at dinner, François de Rose came up to me and indicated that he was trying to get France to agree to assume a larger share in the four NATO budgets that we are trying to get reduced and he wondered if that would be helpful politically. I said anything could be helpful politically when added to efforts by others, and I gave him my theory of burden sharing. I said one additional thing that could be done, of course, would be to remove some irritants like that French claim. He said of course that was being worked on. I said I hoped that every country in the Alliance can find some way to be forthcoming on this and, taken together, it will add up to enough to be politically acceptable, and I appreciated his efforts.

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