

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

With Ambassadors de Staercke and de Rose
July 23, 1973

Prior to going to the Edinburgh Castle, I had a conversation with Ambassadors de Staercke and de Rose.

De Staercke again urged me to see that the United States pushed hard on burden sharing. He felt it was necessary. He wanted to be helpful. He asked what the delay was. I told him that basically, I suppose, some people were hoping the Europeans would do it, and others were hoping the French would come in, and that they were kind of debating whether to try to do it in the NAC or the DPC.

De Rose said he really didn't know what France would do. He hoped they would be cooperative. I said that my view was that we ought to press ahead, and if we could talk the French into it, great; but if we couldn't, if we failed to go ahead, we would be that much farther behind and that would be damaging from a Congressional standpoint.

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