

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION  
WITH SYG LUNS  
5:45 p.m., September 9, 1974

In my meeting with Joseph Luns when he brought up the subject of the Goodpaster replacement, he said he intended to have a meeting of the Twelve on the subject, unless I disagreed. I said well let me think about it. When I got back to the office at 5:45 p.m., I called Luns back and said, "Is this meeting the kind of thing you are going to have to have anyway?" He said, "Absolutely, he has so many requests for it, and it is a normal thing," and I said, "Well then I can't see any reason in delaying it. I would go ahead and do it, but that my reason for wanting to think about it was that I just would hate to have the meeting end up with a whole lot more garbage like we saw coming out of the Netherlands on this subject for two reasons. One, I think very highly of Al Haig, and second, I worry a little bit about what the President will think about the NATO Council if that is the result of the first decision he makes with respect to NATO." Luns assured me that there would be nothing like that coming out of the meeting. I said, "Fine."

