

MEMORANDUM FOR RUMSFELD FILES

Meeting with Professor Bowie  
March 29, 1973

I rode from NATO, the day he was at NATO, into the Brussels Hilton with him. He said that democracies have trouble pursuing more than one policy at once, and the major challenge of our time is to integrate the two policies of defense and detente.

He said that Ray Tanter is very good.

He said that the history of detente is that it always decreases in people's minds the need for defense. He suggested that I get his study. With respect to having Kissinger, he said, seek the web of vested interests, one side knows freedom, the other side won't know freedom.

He added that he believes our policy should place high reliance on the Alliance, and we should figure out a way to wind in Japan. The relationship between the United States, Europe, and Japan should be the core of our policy. East-West matters should have a lower priority - CSCE, MBRF, etc. various deals. Economic matters, there should be a fair deal between nations, but in the framework of a broader and more important relationship.

The manner of the relationship is important. I asked him what is wrong with the US policy at the present time, and he said that what isn't clear is where Europe fits in the American scheme. In the past it had a high priority. Today, he just plain doesn't know, and that is devisive.

