

Gene McAuliffe

8/3/73

I think we ought to get something out today, or Monday at the absolutely latest, in effect saying that if we don't do anything else on burden sharing, nothing else is going to happen. It is not enough to say we want it and we want the Europeans to figure it out for us -- how they are going to help us. They are not going to do. There is not enough drive in their capitals to solve this problem for us. There is a generally receptive atmosphere, but we are still going to have to develop the proposals, consult, talk with them, find out what is most appealing to them, and then press it through. It is not going to just simply happen because we asked for it to happen, and it is sufficiently important to our Congressional situation that we ought not to risk that. I think we ought to pound the third floor until they produce that paper I asked for today, and then send it in with a suggestion that we either introduce it ourselves or get it bootlegged to Pansa or Humphreys to take care of it for us.

Donald Rumsfeld

