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MEMORANDUM

January 17, 1974

I met with General Milton on January 17, 1974 concerning the possible ways to reduce personnel at USMILREP and USNATO. He said there was really very little he could do, probably one or two in the Admin area. He said his books include a whole lot of cats and dogs of the military people all over town that he really can't affect. He said he had already cut four voluntarily, which is about 10 per cent. He said that any examination of this question comes down to the old issues as to how the Pentagon is set up, as between the SecDef and the JCS. He said, therefore, any examination of the possibility of merging our two shops should be done at the SecDef-JCS level. He said the Brits have done it, have a unified arrangement, and it works very well. Their General is the Defense Advisor as well as the MilRep. He said he had no objection to such an examination in Washington. I said that Soldow felt they could save six or seven in the Admin/Security area. He said, well, actually you could save another four if his security shop were located in our area, which is protected



by the Marine Guard; he could save four MP's. In any event, we agreed that his administrative guy, Major Fleming, and mine, Mr. Soldow, would get together and discuss, not a merger of USMILREP with USNATO, but simply possible slots and areas where we have overlap and duplication and where we could have savings by some sort of unification.

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