

MEMORANDUM ON BURDEN SHARING

December 8, 1973

In view of Schlesinger's handling of burden sharing in the DPC Ministerial meeting December 7, if we get any more instructions on burden sharing telling us to push it, we are going to cable back and say there has obviously been a decision in Washington not to, because we had a head of steam up and it was blown by Schlesinger at the DPC when he said it was symbolic. We can let Washington execute it from here on.

When I told Schlesinger the instructions we had been getting on burden sharing had been pretty bad, he said, well, you get garbage for instructions, don't use it; use your own judgment.

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