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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH SECRETARY GENERAL JOSEPH LUNS MONDAY, MARCH 25, 1974

Luns said he is going to Bonn today and coming back on Tuesday for the luncheon. He said he wanted me to know that he had talked with Van Campen and Kastl concerning their conversations with me and Goodby. He said he fully shares the views they expressed and he hopes I did communicate it to Secretary Kissinger.

He said, very simply, his fear is that we are going in a direction where problems of the Alliance will be dealt with in a separate forum, namely the Nine and the U.S. He said that a year and a half ago he made a speech predicting this problem and cautioning against it when the Nine began their political consultations.

He said that the approach Van Campen discussed with me, namely Political Directors at the Ten might very well partially solve some of the U.S. problems, but for the Alliance it would be a serious danger. He says he is going to mention this at lunch on Tuesday. I said I could certainly understand his desire to do that.