

SEC DEF STAFF MEETING 7/20/70

(Extracts From)

D. Long Range Defense Planning.

1. Several visits with President in the last 10 days.
2. Dealt with European trip - visits with military and FM - NATO problems - realistic U. S. Forces manpower, dollars, strategy, policy - Allies understand.
3. Explain that the strategic study is going forward in the U. S.
4. Last fall we asked all to contribute to a "stock taking memo" - have discussed in the last few months - both have been considered carefully.
5. In discussions with President, I stressed participatory management in DOD - transmitted to President the capabilities of the many here.
6. Stressed to the President and to others in the room - the picture of all major problems - placed in prospective - especially since DOD under attack from various quarters - we have to stand together.

7. Stressed as the primary point - DOD funding is being considered on a residual basis - although the Federal Government is responsible for society - an allocation of resources - it looked like the primary responsibility has been shifted aside - most important to stress the Federal Government - the President did well in his statements Saturday - used DOD material - no peace dividend.

(Vice President and Wineberg both commented on this.)

8. Getting to the crux of decision - no decision reached - no SEC DEF irreversible conclusions - won't do so without advise and counsel of the team - need full discretion - practical basis - in order for President to have full picture.

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10. Today - brief look together at problems before us - this short brief - has no answer - raises problems - Bill Baroody will give the brief.