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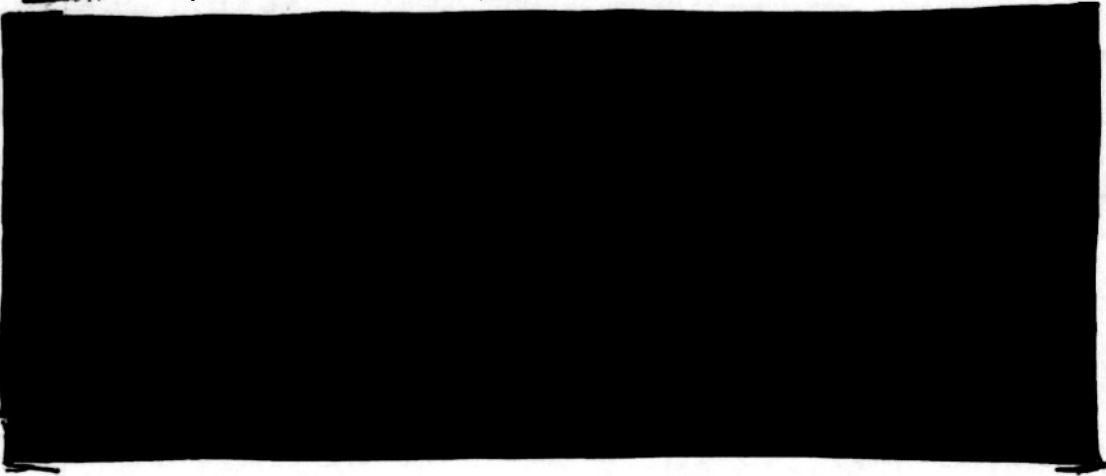
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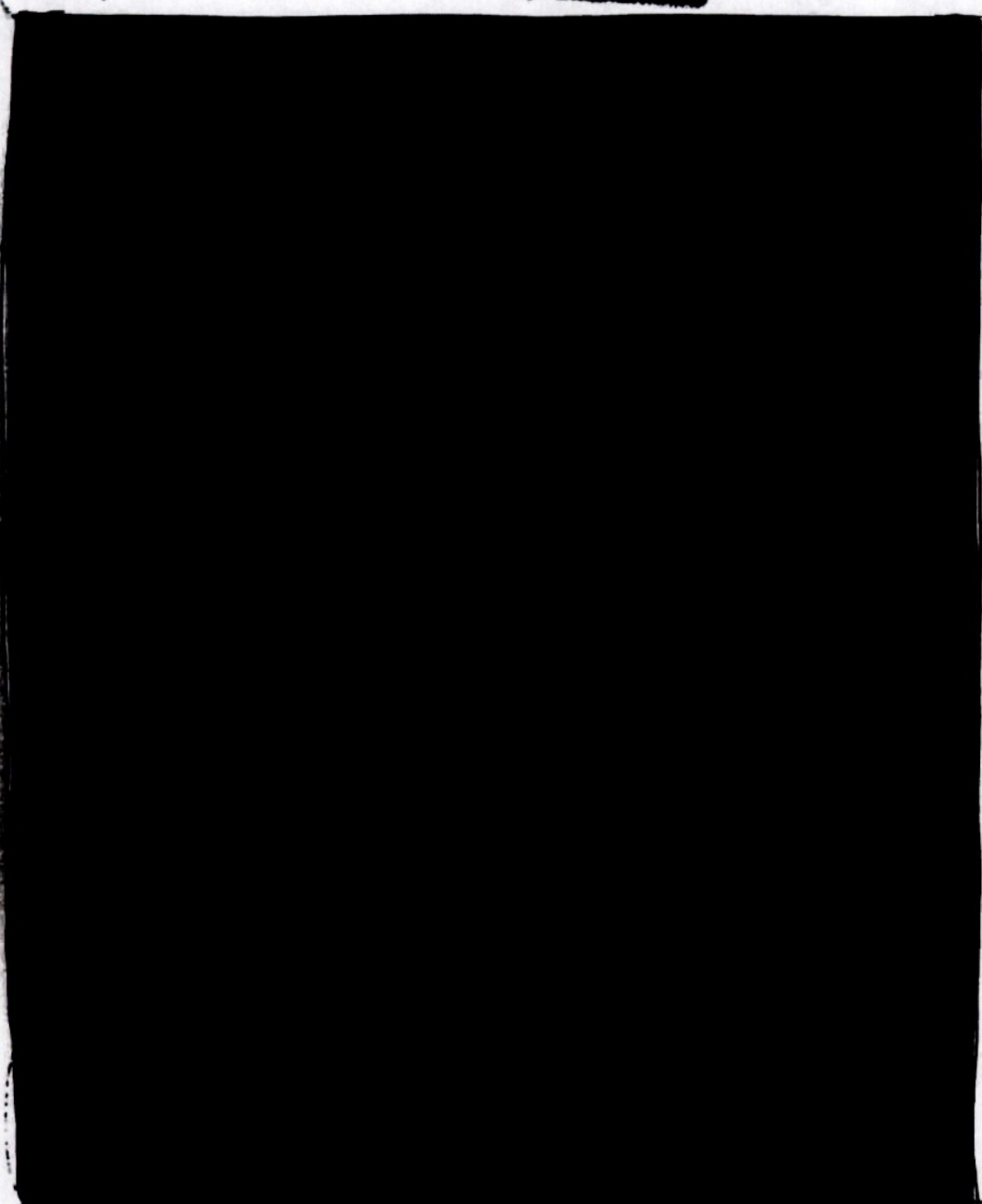
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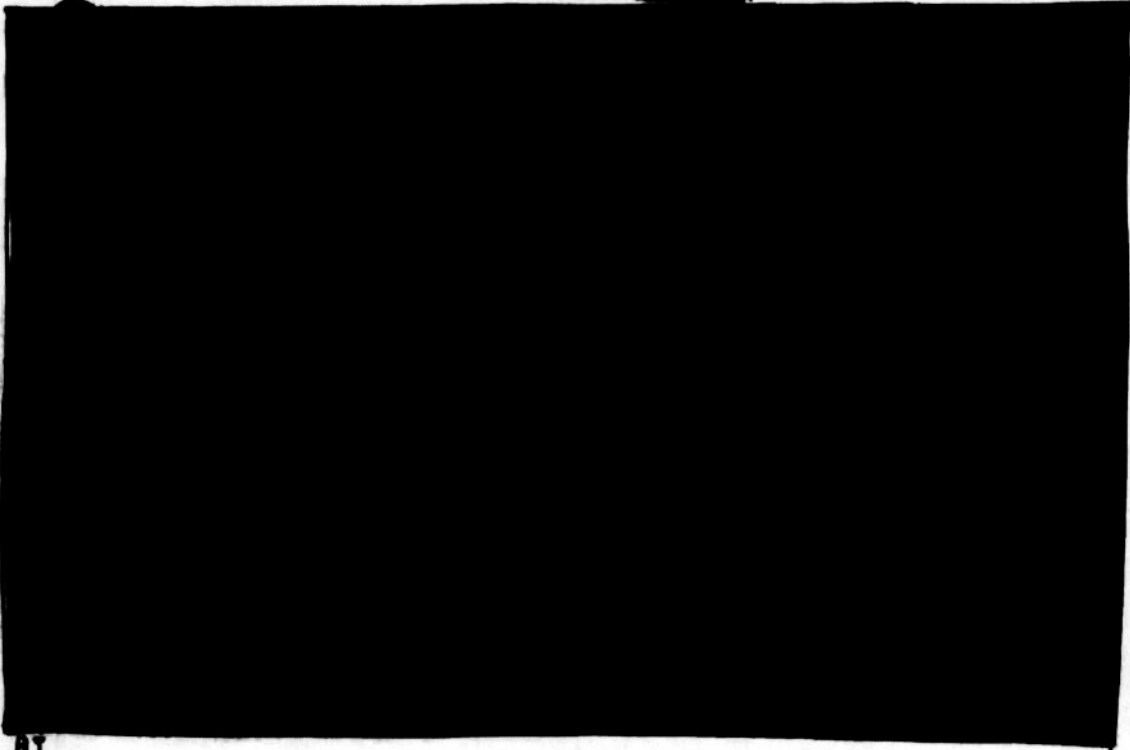
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9. RUMSFELD SAID THAT TO ASSESS THE BALANCE IS DIFFICULT, THAT THE SUBJECT MATTER DOESN'T LEND ITSELF TO PROVEABLE ONCLUSIONS, AND THAT WHAT IS BEING ASKED IS WHO IS GOING TO WIN THE WAR, AND YOU CANNOT KNOW THAT FOR CERTAIN UNTIL A WAR IS FOUGHT. THERE ARE SOME FACTS THAT ALL CAN DISCUSS AND FINALLY AGREE ON. THEN THERE IS THE EMPHASIS PLACED ON THESE FACTS BY MILITARY AND POLITICAL LEADERSHIP. IN SOME CASES PEOPLE WILL MAKE AN ASSESSMENT THAT IS SIMPLY THEIR BEST JUDGEMENT. IN SOME CASES POSSIBLY SOME MAY HAVE DIFFERENT VIEWS AS TO THE ASSUMPTIONS AND WILL MAKE A JUDGMENT THAT THE EMPHASIS THEY FEEL THEY SHOULD PLACE ON THE FACTS AVAILABLE SHOULD BE DIFFERENT OR SHOULD BE ONE WHICH WILL HELP TO SUSTAIN NECESSARY BUDGETS TO THE EXPENT POSSIBLE - AND I DON'T FAULT THAT.

10. I SAID I DID NOT KNOW THAT NATO WAS AS FAR APART ON THIS MATTER AS IT MIGHT SEEM. WHILE I UNDERSTOOD DE STAERCKE'S DESIRE TO BE ABLE TO BE PERSUASIVE TO

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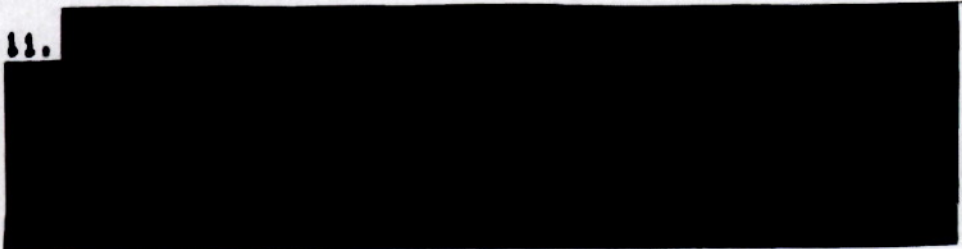
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HIS MINISTER, THE FACT IS WE ARE NEVER GOING TO BE  
ABLE TO PROVE A CASE IN THIS AREA, IT CANNOT BE MATHEMATICALLY  
CERTAIN.

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12. THIS PROBLEM SHOULD WORK ITSELF OUT SOMENHAT OVER TIME  
SINCE, AT U.S. REQUEST, THE MC HAS AGREED TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE  
BALANCE, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ALL FORCES THAT MIGHT  
REASONABLY BE AVAILABLE TO NATO IN TIME OF WAR - TO  
INCLUDE FRENCH AND ALLIES' UNCOMMITTED FORCES. HOPE-  
FULLY THIS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE SPRING 1974 DPC. RUMSFELD

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