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2. DURING PRE-DEPARTURE CALL AUGUST 31, BRITISH
AMBASSADOR KEEBLE (PROTECT) ELICITED FOLLOWING
COMMENTS FROM GROMYKO ON THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION
POST-BEIRUT:

-- GEMAYEL: GROMYKO BECAME EMOTIONAL IN
-- DESCRIBING HIM AS AN INSTRUMENT OF ISRAELI

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

- POLICY IN LEBANON.
-- ON WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN FORCES FROM LEBANON:
- GROMYKO INSISTED THAT THE FIRST ORDER OF
- BUSINESS SHOULD BE A COMPLETE ISRAELI PULL-OUT.
- WITHDRAWAL OF SYRIAN FORCES WAS A QUESTION FOR
- DECISION BY ARAB COUNTRIES ALONE.
-- ON THE PLO: GROMYKO REITERATED STANDARD
- SOVIET FORMULATIONS ON THE ORGANIZATION'S
- EXCLUSIVE CLAIM TO SPOKESHANSHIP FOR THE
- PALESTINIANS AND ON THE NEED FOR A CREATION
- OF A PALESTINIAN STATE.

3. COMMENT: GROMYKO'S REMARKS ARE CONSIDERABLY

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MORE RIGID THAN LINE TAKEN BY SOVIET MFA TYPES
WITH WESTERN DIPLOMATS HERE RECENTLY (REFTEL) OR
SOVIET INTERLOCUTORS WITH DARTMOUTH CONFERENCE
PARTICIPANTS AND WITH BILL GRIFFITH (SEPTELS).
BUT LIKE OTHER RECENT SOVIET PUBLIC AND PRIVATE
COMMENTS, THEY REFLECT NO CONSTRUCTIVE SOVIET
VISION OF HOW TO DEAL WITH THE EVOLVING SITUATION
IN THE MID EAST. ZIMMERMANN

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The Secretary of State

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The Secretary of the Treasury

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The Secretary of Defense

THE HONORABLE JOHN R. BLOCK
The Secretary of Agriculture

THE HONORABLE MALCOLM BALDRIGE
The Secretary of Commerce

THE HONORABLE JAMES B. EDWARDS
The Secretary of Energy

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CASEY
The Director of Central Intelligence

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM E. BROCK III
The United States Trade Representatives

SUBJECT: Enforcement of U.S. Sanctions Against the
Soviet Union

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-- The U.S. is prepared to moderate its sanctions against the Soviet Union if significant progress is made in Poland on the three conditions specified by the January 11 communique: lifting martial law, releasing those detained, and resuming the dialogue among the government, Solidarity and the Church.

-- Meanwhile, the U.S. intends to implement the sanctions consistently and fairly and continues to hope that the allies will cooperate to the best of their ability.

-- The U.S. regrets that the sanctions on the Soviet Union will cause some economic hardship to its allies, as they have and will to the U.S. We are willing to consult on proposals by the allies for actions which would advance Western objectives for Poland while minimizing the economic penalty to the West.

-- The President fully understands the allied governments' objections to U.S. policies. He has not found them persuasive enough to change U.S. policies, and is by no means looking for an excuse to withdraw U.S. sanctions or penalties.

I also attach my memorandum of August 2, which outlines in more detail the basis for the President's actions of June 18. I would appreciate it if you would make it clear to all officials in your departments that these points are the basis for U.S. policy as it is to be conveyed to the press and other governments.

FOR THE PRESIDENT:


William P. Clark

Attachment
Memo of August 2, 1982

cc Ed Meese
Jim Baker
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August 2, 1982

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THE HONORABLE WILLIAM E. BROCK III
THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

SUBJECT: Poland and the President's June 18 Decision
on Sanctions Extension

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BY GDB NARA DATE 11/24/15

The President is concerned that in our presentation, both public and private, of the reasons underlying his June 18 decision on the extension of sanctions on oil and gas equipment for the Soviet Union, insufficient emphasis is being placed on the relationship of these measures to the situation in Poland. For this reason I wish to reiterate the key guidelines which should form the basis of our discussions with foreign governments and publics on the pipeline issue:

-- U.S. sanctions against Poland and the Soviet Union have been and will continue to be based on the course of events in Poland. The further extension or relaxation of these sanctions depends on the actions of the Polish regime;

-- If the Polish regime takes significant actions on the three stated Western goals for Poland, the United States is ready to respond with correspondingly significant relaxation of its sanctions;

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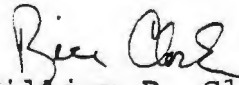
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BY LCDD NARA DA 11/24/15

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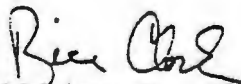
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SUBJECT: Classified Defense Briefing

A classified briefing on the Soviet military threat and the U.S. response will be held for sub-cabinet officials at the White House on September 30. An earlier version of this highly regarded briefing has been given to the Cabinet, the Congress, and many former top government officials.

The briefing will be presented by the Office of the Secretary of Defense in Room 450 of the Old Executive Office Building, 17th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., September 30.

In order to comply with security requirements, it will be necessary for each department and agency to submit a list of those sub-cabinet officials who will attend and a certification that they possess a Secret clearance or have been granted a one-day clearance by their respective agencies. Please submit a list of those officials who will attend, their position, security clearance (or certification of one-day clearance) by courier not later than September 23 to: Office of the Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, Room 2E800, Pentagon.

The point of contact for this briefing is Mr. John d'Amecourt, 695-3845.

FOR THE PRESIDENT:


William P. Clark

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR
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SUBJECT: Date for Threat Briefing for Sub-Cabinet Appointees
in Non-Defense Agencies

I'm pleased that you approved my request to hold a threat briefing
for sub-Cabinet appointees.

I suggest we hold the briefing on Thursday, September 30, in the
OEOB auditorium. Your point of contact on this matter, LTC Myers,
has already spoken to my public affairs office and kindly reserved
the auditorium for 3:00 p.m. that day.

[Handwritten signature]

Pete Cormack

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May 18, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE CASPAR W. WEINBERGER
The Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT: Soviet Threat Briefing for Sub-Cabinet
Appointees in Non-Defense Agencies

Thank you for your memorandum of May 7. I agree with your proposal to have sub-Cabinet appointees receive the DIA briefings on the Soviet threat. We can arrange to have the OEOB auditorium available for this briefing, and I recommend that DOD develop the details. The NSC staff point of contact will be Chris Shoemaker, tel. 395-5865.

FOR THE PRESIDENT:

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William P. Clark



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR
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SUBJECT: Soviet Threat Briefing for Sub-Cabinet Appointees
in Non-Defense Agencies

As you know, our DIA-prepared briefings on the Soviet threat have been very effective in generating bipartisan support for the President's defense program. Invariably, those who attend come away impressed with the growing threat and are more inclined to support the President's program.

So far, the Cabinet, the Congress, many former top government types, and, recently, the Cabinet spouses have had the briefing in one form or another. Up to now, we have not briefed top sub-Cabinet appointees. They have had to rely on a patchwork of sources for their understanding of the President's program. I think we should hold a special briefing for them as soon as possible to ensure that the Administration speaks with one voice on defense issues.

We are now preparing a program tailored for this purpose which will be classified and will last about an hour. I think it should be held at the White House (OEOB auditorium) with the President giving opening remarks. Maximum attendance would be 200, all high-level appointees.

The end of May might be a good time. If you agree, we will be happy to handle the details.

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SUBJECT: SOVIET REDUCTION IN TELEPHONE SERVICE

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

REFS: (A) STATE 253922
- (B) MOSCOW 10898 (NOJAL)

1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: EMBASSY DELIVERED STRONG PROTEST OF THE EFFECTS OF SERVICE CUT TO FOREIGN MINISTRY (MFA), AND CALLED ON SOVIET GOVERNMENT TO LIVE UP TO ITS OBLIGATIONS AS CSCE SIGNATORY AND AS MODERN STATE. MFA'S ISAKOV REJECTED THE PROTEST AND SAID MFA WOULD REPLY FORMALLY TO PAST PROTESTS SOON. END SUMMARY.

3. DCM CALLED ON MFA'S ACTING USA DEPARTMENT CHIEF ISAKOV SEPTEMBER 13 TO PROTEST RECENT FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN

TELEPHONE SERVICE BETWEEN MOSCOW AND THE UNITED STATES. ECON COUNSELOR AND MFA NOTETAKER SERGEI GUROV ALSO ATTENDED. DCM REGRETTED THAT IT WAS THE THIRD TIME EMBASSY HAD COMPLAINED ABOUT REDUCTIONS IN TELEPHONE SERVICE. HE PROTESTED STRONGLY THE RECENT ELIMINATION OF DIRECT DIALING FROM THE UNITED STATES, WHICH HAD SEVERE CONSEQUENCES FOR BUSINESSMEN, JOURNALISTS, AND EVEN INTERFERED WITH THE WORK OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE EMBASSY'S NEW OFFICE BUILDING. CALLS NOW HAD TO BE BOOKED HOURS OR EVEN DAYS IN ADVANCE. DCM SAID HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE SOVIET UNION WOULD FORCE BUSINESSMEN AND OTHERS TO RELY ON THE TELEX, WHICH WAS NINETEENTH-CENTURY TECHNOLOGY. DCM SAID HE COULD NOT BELIEVE THE REASONS WERE TECHNICAL, SINCE MOSCOW HAD HAD EXCELLENT COMMUNICATIONS FOR SEVERAL YEARS. DCM CALLED UPON SOVIET GOVERNMENT TO LIVE UP TO ITS OBLIGATIONS TO FACILITATE CONTACTS AND COMMUNICATIONS UNDER THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT, AND ITS OBLIGATIONS AS A MODERN STATE.

4. ISAKOV REPLIED THAT THE MINISTRY PLANNED AN OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO EMBASSY'S FIRST PRESENTATION, AND THAT HE WOULD NOT FORESHADOW IT. HE SAID HE COULD NOT ACCEPT THE PROTEST, SINCE THE COMMUNICATION FACILITIES WERE A DOMESTIC MATTER. IT WAS NOT UP TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS TO COMMENT ON WHETHER THE FACILITIES WERE 19TH OR 21ST CENTURY TECHNOLOGY, NOR TO TEACH USSR HOW TO FULFILL THE FINAL ACT. COMMUNICATIONS WERE A MATTER OF MONEY,

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INVESTMENTS, AND FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS WOULD NOT SET PRIORITIES FOR SOVIETS. THE U.S. EMBASSY HAD GOOD COMMUNICATIONS; THE INCONVENIENCE TO OTHERS WOULD BE THE SUBJECT OF THE MINISTRY'S UPCOMING REPLY. DCM COUNTERED THAT INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS WERE NOT A PURELY INTERNAL MATTER, THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD IMPORTANT INTERESTS THAT WERE AFFECTED, BUT THAT WE WOULD LOOK FORWARD TO THE OFFICIAL RESPONSE. HARTMAN

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MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

SUBJECT: SOVIETS REJECT U.S. PROTEST OF TELEPHONE
- SERVICE CUTS IN WRITING

REFS: (A) MOSCOW 10949
- (B) MOSCOW 8766

1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SHORTLY AFTER DCM RETURNED TO THE EMBASSY FROM PROTEST-
ING THE EFFECTS OF TELEPHONE SERVICE CUTS (REF A), ECON
COUNSELOR WAS CALLED TO MFA TO RECEIVE THE SOVIET RESPONSE
TO OUR JULY 20 DEMARCHE ON THE SAME SUBJECT (REF B).
V.F. ISAKOV, ACTING CHIEF OF THE MINISTRY'S USA DEPARTMENT,
HANDED OVER A NON-PAPER WHICH BLAMED THE CUTS ON THE NEED
TO SHIFT TELEPHONE CAPACITY TO DOMESTIC NEEDS, WHILE
REJECTING OUR LINKING OF THIS ISSUE TO THE HELSINKI FINAL

3. IN THE BRIEF ENSUING DISCUSSION, ISAKOV DID NOT WANDER
FAR FROM THE TEXT OF THE NON-PAPER. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE
STATEMENT THAT SERVICE CUTS WERE ONLY TEMPORARY, HE
REFUSED TO SPECULATE WHEN DIRECT DIALING LINKS WITH THE
UNITED STATES WOULD BE RESTORED, MENTIONING "INVESTMENTS"
IN COMMUNICATIONS. ECON COUNSELOR ASKED WHETHER THIS
MEANT A FAIRLY LONG INTERRUPTION. ISAKOV REPLIED THAT
OBTAINING EQUIPMENT WOULD TAKE TIME AND THAT UNITED STATES
HAD MADE SOVIET IMPORTS OF COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY
MORE DIFFICULT. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ON THE "PART"
OF THE NEW SYSTEM NOT BEING SHIFTED TO DOMESTIC USE,
ISAKOV NOTED THAT THE EMBASSY'S DIRECT TELEPHONE LINKS
TO WASHINGTON HAD NOT BEEN AFFECTED BY THE RECENT
SERVICE CUTS. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THE INCONVENIENCE TO
BUSINESSMEN AND OTHER U.S. INTERESTS, AND ECON COUNSELOR
SAID HE WOULD KEEP HIM INFORMED OF THESE PROBLEMS.

4. INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF THE SOVIET NON-PAPER
FOLLOWS:
BEGIN TEXT:
IN CONNECTION WITH THE ORAL STATEMENT OF THE EMBASSY OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OF 20 JULY 1982, THE EMBASSY'S
ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE FOLLOWING:
- THE MEASURES TAKEN BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

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OF THE USSR WITH RESPECT TO INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE
CHANNELS WITH THE UNITED STATES, AND WITH OTHER NATIONS,
AND THE ASSOCIATED REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF TELEPHONE
SUBSCRIBERS UTILIZING AUTOMATIC INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE
COMMUNICATIONS, HAVE A TEMPORARY CHARACTER. THE AFORE-
MENTIONED ACTIONS WERE CAUSED BY THE NEED TO UTILIZE
MORE RATIONALLY FOR THE NATIONAL SYSTEM A PART OF THE
NEW INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE STATION WHICH WAS PLACED IN
OPERATION ON THE EVE OF THE MOSCOW OLYMPIC GAMES. ALL
OF THESE MEASURES WERE CONDITIONED BY PARTICULAR
TECHNICAL REASONS.

- WE WISH AGAIN TO POINT OUT THAT THE ATTEMPT TO LINK
THE MEASURES UNDERTAKEN, WHICH PERTAIN TO THE INTERNAL
COMPETENCE OF THE SOVIET STATE, WITH THE PROVISIONS OF

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DANES, ON BEHALF OF THE EC, HAVE ASKED FOR AN APPOINTMENT
FOR THEIR AMBASSADOR WITH FIRST DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER
MALTSEV TO PROTEST THE CUTS. THE UK WILL PROBABLY
MAKE A SEPARATE DEMARCHE OF ITS OWN. HARTMAN

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THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT IS INAPPROPRIATE. IT IS WELL
KNOWN THAT THE FINAL ACT PROCEEDS FROM RESPECT FOR THE
RIGHT OF EACH SIGNATORY STATE TO ESTABLISH ITS OWN LAWS
AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS, AND EXCLUDES INTERFERENCE

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

IN THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

- ACCORDINGLY, THE PROTEST CONTAINED IN THE STATEMENT
OF THE EMBASSY IS TURNED ASIDE AS UTTERLY BASELESS AND
ILLEGITIMATE.

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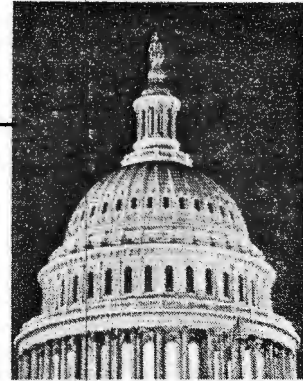
5. OUR FRG EMBASSY CONTACTS TELL US THAT SIEMENS, WHICH
INSTALLED THE SOVIET TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT, DOES NOT BELIEVE
THE SOVIET EXPLANATION (USED BEFORE) THAT THE CUTS ARE
REQUIRED BECAUSE OF THE NEED TO SHIFT TELEPHONE CAPACITY
TO DOMESTIC NEEDS.

6. WE HAVE CONTINUED TO COMPARE NOTES WITH OTHER NATO
EMBASSIES SINCE OUR LAST REPORT (MOSCOW 10798). THE

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Stand by Your Guns!

By Marvin Stone



Rarely in his 19 months in office has President Reagan been under such criticism as that brought on by his decision to get tough with American and Western European firms that are supplying vital components to the Soviets for a natural-gas pipeline.

Major U.S. newspapers have joined European critics in charging that the President made a decision harmful not only to American business interests but also to allied unity.

Is this another case of Reagan's being stubborn? Or is he being steadfast in following a course that he and many others consider to be in the interests of both Europe and the U.S.?

We think the President has a strong case for his action. The deals Reagan is trying to stop not only are supplying the Soviets with the equipment needed to build the pipeline but are doing so on easy credit terms. And when the pipeline is finished, Moscow stands to reap some 8 billion dollars a year in hard currency by supplying a Western Europe that will have become dependent on gas from Siberia. No wonder the Kremlin is gloating.

The President's position is that it doesn't make sense for Western European countries—which spend billions of dollars on NATO defenses against Russia—to hand over Western technology to Russia at cut-rate prices.

A little background: Reagan first spoke out against the pipeline at an economic summit meeting in Ottawa in July, 1981. At that time, he offered to arrange alternate supplies of energy to Western Europe if it would back off the pipeline deal. He ran into a brick wall of opposition by heads of state anxious to preserve contracts worth billions to concerns in their countries.

Last December, after the Soviets encouraged the Communist regime's harsh crackdown in Poland, the President put into effect a mild form of sanctions against Moscow. He banned American companies from selling equipment for the pipeline until the Soviets used their influence to lift martial law in Poland. The repression in Poland still goes on.

Then, at Versailles in June, Reagan thought he had made a deal with the same leaders: If they would cut back on the easy credits being given Communist countries and set up firm guidelines for sales of high-technology products to the Soviet Union, he would reconsider his attempt to block the pipeline.

But both West Germany and France soon made it clear they wouldn't go along with such a deal. It was little wonder that Reagan was both grieved and angered. His next move: He extended the ban on pipeline sales to include American subsidiaries abroad and foreign companies manufacturing under American licenses.

Then, in August, came the showdown. A French-based subsidiary of a U.S. firm—acting under orders from the French government—defied the ban and shipped pipeline equipment to Russia. Reagan promptly forbade any American company to do any business with that subsidiary or with a French firm also involved in the deal. On September 1, the sanctions were eased somewhat, but the impasse continues—with everyone looking for a way out.

What should Reagan do now? Back down, his critics say. But we agree with Senator Dan Quayle (R-Ind.) who says: "The President should not consider lifting the sanctions until the Europeans agree to a binding, long-term accord" on deals with the Communist bloc.

"First," says Quayle, "there must be no subsidization of financial credits on any future sales to the East. Second, there must be strict adherence and enforcement of the restrictions placed on the exportation of high-technology goods to the East. . . .

"Such a consensus could rejuvenate the Western Alliance, unravel the confusion about U.S. foreign-trade policy with the Soviets and quell the increasing calls from both sides of the Atlantic for protectionist measures."

President Reagan has generated a much needed debate on East-West relations that is long overdue. Some good can come of it if the President will stand by his guns.