

Ronald Reagan Presidential Library

Digital Library Collections

This is a PDF of a folder from our textual collections.

Collection: Executive Secretariat, NSC:
Agency File

Folder Title: Secretary Haig's Evening Report
(12/03/1981-12/16/1981)

Box: RAC Box 6

To see more digitized collections visit:

<https://www.reaganlibrary.gov/archives/digitized-textual-material>

To see all Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Inventories, visit:

<https://www.reaganlibrary.gov/archives/white-house-inventories>

Contact a reference archivist at: **reagan.library@nara.gov**

Citation Guidelines: <https://reaganlibrary.gov/archives/research-support/citation-guide>

National Archives Catalogue: <https://catalog.archives.gov/>

Last Updated: 4/16/2024

WITHDRAWAL SHEET

Ronald Reagan Library

Collection Name EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT, NSC: AGENCY FILE

Withdrawer

RBW 3/15/2013

File Folder SECRETARY HAIG'S EVENING REPORT (12/03/1981-12/16/1981)

FOIA

M453

Box Number 6

SHIFRINSON

38

ID	Doc Type	Document Description	No of Pages	Doc Date	Restrictions
155823	MEMO	WALTER STOESSEL TO RR <i>R 2/3/2016 M453/2</i>	1	12/2/1981	B1
155824	MEMO	WALTER STOESSEL TO RR <i>R 2/3/2016 M453/2</i>	1	12/3/1981	B1
155825	MEMO	WALTER STOESSEL TO RR <i>R 2/3/2016 M453/2</i>	1	12/4/1981	B1
155826	MEMO	ALEXANDER HAIG TO RR <i>R 2/3/2016 M453/2</i>	1	12/7/1981	B1
155827	MEMO	WILLIAM CLARK TO RR <i>R 2/3/2016 M453/2</i>	1	12/8/1981	B1
155828	MEMO	WILLIAM CLARK TO RR [COPY OF DOC. 155827] <i>R 2/3/2016 M453/2</i>	1	12/8/1981	B1
155829	MEMO	WILLIAM CLARK TO RR <i>R 2/3/2016 M453/2</i>	1	12/9/1981	B1
155830	MEMO	WILLIAM CLARK TO RR <i>R 2/3/2016 M453/2</i>	1	12/10/1981	B1
155831	MEMO	WILLIAM CLARK TO RR <i>R 2/3/2016 M453/2</i>	1	12/14/1981	B1

Freedom of Information Act - [5 U.S.C. 552(b)]

B-1 National security classified information [(b)(1) of the FOIA]

B-2 Release would disclose internal personnel rules and practices of an agency [(b)(2) of the FOIA]

B-3 Release would violate a Federal statute [(b)(3) of the FOIA]

B-4 Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential or financial information [(b)(4) of the FOIA]

B-6 Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(b)(6) of the FOIA]

B-7 Release would disclose information compiled for law enforcement purposes [(b)(7) of the FOIA]

B-8 Release would disclose information concerning the regulation of financial institutions [(b)(8) of the FOIA]

B-9 Release would disclose geological or geophysical information concerning wells [(b)(9) of the FOIA]

C. Closed in accordance with restrictions contained in donor's deed of gift.

WITHDRAWAL SHEET

Ronald Reagan Library

Collection Name EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT, NSC: AGENCY FILE

Withdrawer

RBW 3/15/2013

File Folder SECRETARY HAIG'S EVENING REPORT (12/03/1981-12/16/1981)

FOIA

M453

Box Number 6

SHIFRINSON

38

ID	Doc Type	Document Description	No of Pages	Doc Date	Restrictions
155832	MEMO	WILLIAM CLARK TO RR <i>R 2/3/2016 M453/2</i>	1	12/11/1981	B1
155833	MEMO	HAIG TO RR <i>R 2/3/2016 M453/2</i>	1	12/15/1981	B1

Freedom of Information Act - [5 U.S.C. 552(b)]

- B-1 National security classified information [(b)(1) of the FOIA]
- B-2 Release would disclose internal personnel rules and practices of an agency [(b)(2) of the FOIA]
- B-3 Release would violate a Federal statute [(b)(3) of the FOIA]
- B-4 Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential or financial information [(b)(4) of the FOIA]
- B-6 Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(b)(6) of the FOIA]
- B-7 Release would disclose information compiled for law enforcement purposes [(b)(7) of the FOIA]
- B-8 Release would disclose information concerning the regulation of financial institutions [(b)(8) of the FOIA]
- B-9 Release would disclose geological or geophysical information concerning wells [(b)(9) of the FOIA]

C. Closed in accordance with restrictions contained in donor's deed of gift.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

~~SECRET ATTACHMENT~~

December 3, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: James W. Nance

SUBJECT: Acting Secretary Stoessel's Evening Report

Attached is Acting Secretary Stoessel's Evening Report for December 2, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker
Michael Deaver

~~SECRET ATTACHMENT~~

Received 2 December 1981, 9:29 p.m.

RW
3/15/13

~~SECRET~~

155823
SENSITIVE

UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

December 2, 1981 DEC 2 P 9: 29

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

WHITE HOUSE
SITUATION ROOM

From : Walter J. Stoessel, Jr.
Acting Secretary of State

1. Brezhnev Response to Your Letter. Soviet Ambassador Dobrynin today delivered Brezhnev's response to your November 17 letter. (We forwarded the text to you this morning via the NSC.) Brezhnev responds as much to your recent foreign policy speech as to your actual letter. The introductory language is relatively upbeat, noting satisfaction with your expressed interest in businesslike cooperation with the USSR, but the core of the letter restates standard Soviet views on intermediate-range nuclear forces, strategic arms negotiations, Afghanistan and Cuba. We will provide you soon with our recommendations on responding to Brezhnev's communication of these Soviet views.

2. Poland. We are closely following developments in Poland in the wake of this morning's action by Polish authorities to remove forcibly the cadets who were staging a sit-in at a firefighters' school in Warsaw. It is unclear whether the Solidarity forces will choose to protest the government action via strikes or other measures. We will be updating our intelligence assessment and contingency planning to take account of this latest event in the troubled Polish situation.

3. Congressional Notification on Sale of F-16 Aircraft to Venezuela. We are consulting with Chairmen Zablocki and Percy prior to submission of the 30-day formal notification of the F-16 aircraft sale to Venezuela on December 3. If the Chairmen wish, we are prepared to split the notification and complete it following the recess to all 30 days while Congress is in session. But our objective is to move as quickly as possible in order to protect the Venezuelans' preferred delivery date (early 1984).

DECLASSIFIED

NLR/M453/2 #155823

BY CL NARA DATE 7/3/16

RDS-1 12/2/01 (STOESSEL, Walter J., Jr.)

~~SECRET~~

SENSITIVE

h

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

~~SECRET ATTACHMENT~~

December 4, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JAMES W. NANCE

SUBJECT: Acting Secretary Stoessel's Evening Report

Attached is Acting Secretary Stoessel's Evening Report for December 3, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker
Michael Deaver

RW
3/15/83
~~SECRET ATTACHMENT~~

Received 3 December 1981, 10:23 p.m.



~~SECRET~~

UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

December 3, 1981

155824
SENSITIVE
DECLASSIFIED

NLRR M453/2 #155824

BY CN NARA DATE 2/3/16

81 DEC 3 P10: 23

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Walter J. Stoessel, Jr.
Acting Secretary of State

WHITE HOUSE
SITUATION ROOM

1. Sakharov Hunger Strike. The hunger strike of Sakharov and his wife continues into its twelfth day and concern is mounting over their physical condition. Alexander Bessmertnykh (the number two at the Soviet Embassy here) responded to my demarche of last week by calling today to inform us that, regarding the Sakharov case, "there is no such issue in US-Soviet relations." In light of this Soviet refusal to discuss the matter with us, we are urgently working up other approaches to take in this immediate period which we will present for your consideration and approval.

2. Election of UN Secretary General. The present president of the UN Security Council told the Council today that a split term between Waldheim and Salim was unworkable and that both candidates would continue to be vetoed. On this basis, after being asked, Waldheim announced today that he was withdrawing from the race. Salim said that he would have to discuss the issue with his group of sponsors before giving a definitive response. If he should also withdraw, there will be a wide-open race among the half-dozen other interested candidates.

3. Savimbi Visit. I had a productive exchange of views today with Jonas Savimbi, leader of the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA), who is in the US for a private visit. We briefed Savimbi on the Administration's southern Africa strategy, emphasizing our view of UNITA as a legitimate political force which must play an important role. Savimbi expressed support for our policy on Angola and Namibia and reiterated his desire for a political settlement in Angola. He believes that popular unrest, deteriorating morale in the Angolan armed forces, and Angolan desire for a Namibia settlement may force the Angolan leadership to reach a settlement with UNITA.

4. Spain and NATO: Continuing Problems with Greece. Greek President Papandreou implied to the German Ambassador in Athens today that Greece might abstain instead of signing the accession protocol at the NATO North Atlantic Council Ministerial meeting on December 10. Greek abstention could derail the process and would severely embarrass the Spaniards. We plan to make a forceful joint Allied demarche (US, FRG, France, United Kingdom and Italy) to Papandreou on Friday, telling him directly that the Alliance expects Greece to sign the Spanish accession protocol.

RDS-1 12/3/01 (STOESSEL, Walter J., Jr.)

~~SECRET~~

SENSITIVE

MEMORANDUM

~~SECRET~~

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

~~SECRET ATTACHMENT~~

DECEMBER 5, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

JAMES W. NANCE *WJ*

RR

SUBJECT:

Acting Secretary Stoessel's Evening Report

Attached is Walter Stoessel's Evening Report for
December 4, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker
Michael Deaver

~~SECRET ATTACHMENT~~

~~SECRET~~

DECLASSIFIED
Sec.34(b), E.O. 12958, as amended
White House Guidelines, Sept. 11, 2008
BY NARA *RW*, DATE *3/15/13*



~~SECRET~~

SENSITIVE

155825

UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

DECLASSIFIED

NLR/M453/2 #155825

December 4, 1981

BY CU NARA DATE 2/3/16
81 OCT 5 A 1: 27

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Walter J. Stoessel, Jr.
Acting Secretary of State

WHITE HOUSE
SITUATION ROOM

1. Hunger Strike by Sakharovs. The Soviet press reported today that the Sakharovs have been placed in a hospital for "precautionary medical aid" relating to their hunger strike. Our Embassy in Moscow is attempting to verify this report. Meanwhile, in Madrid, a Soviet delegate to the security and cooperation conference there told one of our delegates that Soviet authorities will force-feed the Sakharovs rather than let them die. He also said that the Soviets would under no circumstances let the Sakharovs' daughter-in-law emigrate from the USSR. Meanwhile, journalists here tell us they are aware from "White House sources" that a US statement is being considered for release during the next twenty-four hours.

2. Sinai Force and Observers. Israel today transmitted the US-Israeli Joint Statement to France, the UK, Italy and the Netherlands, under cover of a letter asking that they acknowledge their acceptance of the principles contained in the statement. Although the Europeans would have preferred to avoid a formal response, the British have already drafted a reply and are coordinating it with the other three. Once they have agreement we understand they will share it with us prior to sending it on to the Israelis by the middle of next week. We are working with both sides to ensure that this exchange of letters will be the final chapter in this particular diplomatic saga.

3. Meeting with Kampuchean Resistance Leader. I met today with Kampuchean resistance leader Son Sann. This and other US meetings with him are part of our efforts to heighten the standing of the non-communist Kampuchean nationalists opposing the Vietnamese occupation of Kampuchea. Son Sann appealed anew for US material assistance. He was told that our political and humanitarian support would continue and that, in close consultation with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, we are considering other ways to help.

4. Chemical Warfare. By a vote of 74 to 18, with 30 abstentions, the UN General Assembly voted this evening to extend the mandate of the UN experts' group investigation of chemical weapons use. The Soviet Union opposed this action unsuccessfully. Continuation of the investigation is a high priority issue for us since it keeps international attention and pressure focused on Soviet activities in Kampuchea, Laos and Afghanistan.

RDS-1 12/4/01 (STOESSEL, Walter J., Jr.)

~~SECRET~~

SENSITIVE

ms.
1
The Presiden. has seen

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

~~SECRET ATTACHMENT~~

December 8, 1981

PR

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JAMES W. NANCE

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Al Haig's Evening Report for Monday,
December 7, 1981.

CC: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

~~SECRET ATTACHMENT~~

RW
3/15/13

169A B-321 18
91 DEC-8 1231

SECRET

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 5, 1961

SECRET ATTACHMENT

98

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JAMES A. HARRIS

SUBJECT: Secretary Harris's Evening Report

Attached is a report of Harris's Evening Report for Monday.

December 5, 1961

CC: The Vice President
Ed Moore
Bill Baker
John DeLoach

SECRET ATTACHMENT

98

'81 DEC -8 A9:31

048182

155826
~~SECRET~~

SENSITIVE
~~RECEIVED~~

THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

December 7, 1981

81 DEC 8 A9:25

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. *EH*

1. The Secretary's Meeting With Shimon Peres. Israeli opposition leader Shimon Peres met with me today following his call on the Vice President. Peres welcomes our continuing commitment to Camp David, and is most anxious that we achieve an autonomy agreement by April. After that, he wants to broaden the peace process, perhaps through an attempt to negotiate an Egyptian-Saudi-Israeli agreement on demilitarization of the Red Sea area. In his view, Jordan is not yet able to enter peace negotiations, but Peres' Labor Party wants to keep a "Jordanian option" open. Peres also took pains to rationalize his party's complaints about the Weinberger-Sharon Memorandum on Strategic Cooperation. The Labor Party fully agrees with the concept of US-Israeli cooperation against the Soviet threat but is unhappy about Begin's failure to submit the Memorandum to the Knesset. I told Peres that before the end of the year we and the two parties should carefully reassess ways to advance the autonomy negotiations, including the question of a U.S. special negotiator. Peres later told the press that I had said we had decided to name a high level special representative to the talks before the end of the year. We are setting this right with the press, making clear that the question is still open. (S)

2. Haggling Over Spain. In a telephone call to Spanish Foreign Minister Perez-Llorca I assured him that we and our NATO partners are continuing to do our best to ensure that all NATO Ministers sign the protocol of accession for Spain on December 10. When informed that chances of achieving unanimity would be better if he attended the NATO meeting, Perez-Llorca assured me he would come. Meanwhile, Greek Prime Minister Papandreou's ultimate intentions over Spanish accession to NATO remain unclear. He appears to be maneuvering for leverage over us on key aspects of Greek-US and Greek-NATO security relationships, including bases, security assistance and a "guarantee" against Turkish attack. I will meet Papandreou in Brussels later this week in the hopes of avoiding further trouble over Spain's membership. (C)

3. Views of Allied Ambassadors. At a Quad lunch today with Walt Stoessel, the British, French and German Ambassadors raised several concerns, including possible U.S. actions against Libya, Cuba, and Nicaragua. Walt informed them that various measures against Cuba and Libya were being considered, including economic sanctions, but he denied any plans to take military action. The Ambassadors also expressed interest in a Presidential visit to Europe, referring to Mitterrand's proposal for an economic summit in June. Walt raised the possibility of your attending a NATO summit. He strongly discounted the likelihood of two separate Presidential trips to Europe. (~~SECRET~~/SENSITIVE)

RDS 12/07/01 (HAIG, Alexander M., Jr.)

~~SECRET~~

SENSITIVE

DECLASSIFIED

NLRR M453/2 #155826

BY *Gi* NARA DATE *2/3/16*

~~SECRET~~

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

~~SECRET ATTACHMENT~~

December 9, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JAMES W. NANCE

SUBJECT: Acting Secretary Clark's Evening Report

Attached is Bill Clark's Evening Report for December 8, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker
Michael Deaver

~~SECRET ATTACHMENT~~

~~SECRET~~

DECLASSIFIED
Sec. 3.4(h), E.O. 12958, as amended
White House Guidelines, Sept. 11, 2003
BY NARA Ru DATE 3/15/13

SECRET

155827

DECLASSIFIED

NLRR M453/z #15827

BY CH NARA DATE 2/3/16

81 DEC 8 P8: 19

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON

December 8, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

WHITE HOUSE
SITUATION ROOMFROM: William P. Clark, Acting WPC

1. Sakharov Hunger Strike. Earlier today, Dr. Sakharov's daughter-in-law talked with Anatoliy Aleksandrov, President of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, who told her that Dr. Sakharov was in "very serious" condition. This conversation was apparently the source of a rumor in the United States that Dr. Sakharov was in "critical" condition and near death -- a report that, happily, has turned out to be false. However, the appearance of this rumor has also highlighted the fact that we have no firsthand information about the Sakharovs' present situation. As a precautionary measure, we are examining carefully what the U.S. response should be if Dr. Sakharov or his wife dies, and we will be reporting our conclusions to you soon. (S)

2. Foreign Policy Initiatives. This morning Al met with the House Republican Conference, chaired by Jack Kemp, to provide a "pep talk" and solicit Republican support for your foreign policy initiatives. Emphasis, of course, was placed on the foreign assistance authorization and appropriation measures, both of which are scheduled for Floor action within the week. (C)

3. Airline Hijackings. The three hijacked Venezuelan airliners arrived in Havana at 1100 EST. The hijackers were taken into custody by Cuban authorities and the hostages freed. The Cubans told the aircraft crews that they were free to leave at their convenience. The hijackers appear to be Venezuelan nationals. While the motivation for the hijacking remains unclear, we understand that the hijackers distributed pro-FSLN, anti-Duarte propaganda. We have asked the Cubans to prosecute or extradite the hijackers and have cabled the other Bonn declarants recommending that they might usefully make a similar approach to Havana.

The hijacked Libyan Arab Airlines plane arrived in Beirut at 1415 EST, although the Lebanese authorities had initially refused permission for the aircraft to land. The hijackers, of unknown nationality, are demanding that Qadaffi release a Shiite leader who disappeared in Libya in 1978. (S)

4. UN Secretary General Race. Tanzanian Foreign Minister Salim today announced his withdrawal from balloting in the Secretary General race "in the present circumstances." The Security Council subsequently met in informal consultations and decided on a deadline of 6:00 p.m. Wednesday for submission of additional candidates. The Council will meet again Friday in informal consultations to hold a straw ballot on the names proposed. (C)

SECRET

MEMORANDUM

~~SECRET~~

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

The President has seen

SECRET ATTACHMENT

December 9, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JAMES W. NANCE

SUBJECT: Acting Secretary Clark's Evening Report

Attached is Bill Clark's Evening Report for December 8, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker
Michael Deaver

SECRET ATTACHMENT

~~SECRET~~

DECLASSIFIED
Sec. 3.4(b), E.O. 12958, as amended
White House Guidelines, Sept. 11, 2006
NARA RW DATE 3/15/13

SECRET
155828

DECLASSIFIED

NLRR M453/2 #155828

BY

NARA DATE

2/3/16

81 DEC 8 P 8: 19

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON

December 8, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
SITUATION ROOM

FROM: William P. Clark, Acting *WPC*

1. Sakharov Hunger Strike. Earlier today, Dr. Sakharov's daughter-in-law talked with Anatoliy Aleksandrov, President of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, who told her that Dr. Sakharov was in "very serious" condition. This conversation was apparently the source of a rumor in the United States that Dr. Sakharov was in "critical" condition and near death -- a report that, happily, has turned out to be false. However, the appearance of this rumor has also highlighted the fact that we have no firsthand information about the Sakharovs' present situation. As a precautionary measure, we are examining carefully what the U.S. response should be if Dr. Sakharov or his wife dies, and we will be reporting our conclusions to you soon. (S)

2. Foreign Policy Initiatives. This morning Al met with the House Republican Conference, chaired by Jack Kemp, to provide a "pep talk" and solicit Republican support for your foreign policy initiatives. Emphasis, of course, was placed on the foreign assistance authorization and appropriation measures, both of which are scheduled for Floor action within the week. (C)

3. Airline Hijackings. The three hijacked Venezuelan airliners arrived in Havana at 1100 EST. The hijackers were taken into custody by Cuban authorities and the hostages freed. The Cubans told the aircraft crews that they were free to leave at their convenience. The hijackers appear to be Venezuelan nationals. While the motivation for the hijacking remains unclear, we understand that the hijackers distributed pro-FSLN, anti-Duarte propaganda. We have asked the Cubans to prosecute or extradite the hijackers and have cabled the other Bonn declarants recommending that they might usefully make a similar approach to Havana.

The hijacked Libyan Arab Airlines plane arrived in Beirut at 1415 EST, although the Lebanese authorities had initially refused permission for the aircraft to land. The hijackers, of unknown nationality, are demanding that Qadaffi release a Shiite leader who disappeared in Libya in 1978. (S)

4. UN Secretary General Race. Tanzanian Foreign Minister Salim today announced his withdrawal from balloting in the Secretary General race "in the present circumstances." The Security Council subsequently met in informal consultations and decided on a deadline of 6:00 p.m. Wednesday for submission of additional candidates. The Council will meet again Friday in informal consultations to hold a straw ballot on the names proposed. (C)

SECRET

MEMORANDUM

~~SECRET~~

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

~~SECRET ATTACHMENT~~

December 10, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JAMES W. NANCE

SUBJECT: Acting Secretary Clark's Evening Report

Attached is Bill Clark's Evening Report for December 9, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker
Michael Deaver

~~SECRET ATTACHMENT~~

~~SECRET~~

DECLASSIFIED
Sec. 34(b), E.O. 12958, as amended
White House Guidelines, Sept. 11, 2006
BY NARA RW DATE 3/15/13

SECRET 14

155829

81 DEC 9 P 9: 58

DECLASSIFIED

NLRR 1/453/2 #155829

BY OK NARA DATE 7/3/16

WHITE HOUSE
SITUATION ROOM

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

9 December 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: William P. Clark, Acting *WPC*

1. Sakharov Hunger Strike Over -- Alekseyeva to Leave USSR. Liza Alekseyeva met with KGB inspector Baranov at 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, Moscow time. According to Liza, Baranov told her the decision had been made to grant her exit permission. Additionally, Baranov said the Sakharovs had been told of this decision, had ended their hunger strike, and were "feeling better." Baranov cautioned Liza to limit her contacts with foreigners, lest her exit application be withdrawn. This resolution of the Sakharov matter is consistent with Soviet interests, since other likely resolutions present more serious problems. We will monitor developments as closely as possible to ensure the Soviets comply with their bargain with Liza and the Sakharovs. (C)

2. UN Secretary General Race. Following Salim's withdrawal yesterday from Secretary General balloting, Security Council President Otunnu (Uganda) compiled a list of candidates to be considered by the Council. On the list are Ortiz de Rozas of Argentina, Perez de Cuellar of Peru, Commonwealth Secretary General Ramphal of Guyana, former UN High Commissioner for Refugees Sadruddin Agha Khan and Panamanian Foreign Minister Illueca. The Council will meet informally December 11 to conduct a confidential straw poll in which all 15 members will indicate those candidates they can support and the 5 permanent members will indicate those candidates they cannot support. Lack of this preliminary support would allow candidates to withdraw gracefully. A date has not been set for formal balloting. We will be willing to support the Argentine, the Peruvian or Sadruddin Kahn. (C)

3. Martin Arrest in Benin. Mr. William Martin, a Telecommunications Officer temporarily assigned to Cotonou, Benin, was arrested by the Beninese Government (GPRB) twelve days ago. Despite our strenuous efforts to arrange for his release, he is still detained. The Secretary has asked Foreign Ministers of governments with representatives in Benin to intervene on Martin's behalf. We have a plan to increase pressure on the GPRB -- cutting off our modest bilateral assistance, sending Peace Corps Volunteers home, and reducing the size of our Embassy. It will be implemented in stages, beginning this Thursday. (S)

4. UNGA Plenary Vote on Chemical Weapons Investigation. The UN General Assembly voted this evening in plenary session to renew the mandate of the expert group established last year to investigate chemical weapons use. The vote on a resolution for an investigation was 86 in favor, 20 against, and 34 abstaining, compared to the 78-17-36 plenary vote for the similar 1980 resolution. The increased vote on this resolution reflects growing international concern over chemical weapons use by the Soviets in Afghanistan and the Vietnamese in Kampuchea, and represents a significant victory for U.S. and western interests. (C)

~~SECRET~~

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

~~SECRET~~ ATTACHMENT

December 11, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JAMES W. NANCE

SUBJECT: Acting Secretary Clark's Evening Report

Attached is Bill Clark's Evening Report for December 10, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Michael Deaver

~~SECRET~~ ATTACHMENT

~~SECRET~~

DECLASSIFIED
Exe. 3.4(b), E.O. 12958, as amended
White House Guidelines, Sept. 11, 2003
BY NARA RW DATE 3/15/13

~~SECRET~~ 16

155830

DECLASSIFIED

NLRR 11453/2 #155830

BY CW NARA DATE 7/3/16

DEPARTMENT OF STATE P 8: 03
WASHINGTON

December 10, 1981

WHITE HOUSE
SITUATION ROOM

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

William P. Clark, Acting WPC

1. Status of INF Negotiations. The negotiations on intermediate nuclear range forces (INF) have been underway in Geneva since November 30. There have been no surprises. Paul Nitze has begun to lay out in detail the proposal contained in your speech of November 18 for the elimination of U.S. and Soviet land-based INF missiles. The Soviets have put forward the familiar Soviet proposal for a moratorium on deployments of medium-range systems, including aircraft as well as missiles. They have hinted that agreement on a moratorium might lead to subsequent unilateral Soviet reductions. The tone of the Soviet presentation has been serious and non-polemical, and they have so far respected their agreement to conduct negotiations confidentially. They have criticized, but not yet rejected our proposal, while continuing to press their own. Paul Nitze briefed NATO Foreign Ministers on the status of negotiations this morning. We can expect a full and unconditional endorsement of our approach at the conclusion of the NATO Ministerial meeting tomorrow. The next step will be our tabling next week of a draft Treaty text, embodying the proposal contained in your November 18 speech. (S)

2. NATO Signs Accession Protocol for Spain. NATO Foreign Ministers and their representatives signed a protocol of accession for Spain this afternoon in Brussels. When ratified according to constitutional procedures of each member state, Spain will become the sixteenth member of the Alliance. Spain's accession is historic, effectively ending some forty years of ostracism by Europe prompted by Franco's victory in the Spanish Civil War. (C)

3. Sakharovs/Lisa Alekseyeva. Liza Alekseyeva met at Lubyanka prison with KGB Inspector Baranov at 11:00 a.m. today, Moscow time. He told her she could travel to Gor'kiy on Monday, and he once again admonished her to limit her contacts with foreigners. He also told Liza that Sakharov remains in a Gor'kiy hospital, and that his condition is improving. Liza has had no personal word from the Sakharovs. Her remarks to reporters led to an AP news report that she believed the KGB was lying. A subsequent UPI story said that Soviet officials have called to tell her she could pick up her exit visa on Friday. We are seeking confirmation from the Embassy. (C)

RDS 2/3 12/10/01 (Clark, William P.)

~~SECRET~~

17

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SECRET ATTACHMENT

December 15, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JAMES W. NANCE

SUBJECT: ACTING SECRETARY CLARK'S EVENING REPORT

Attached is Bill Clark's Evening Report for December 14, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker
Michael Deaver

RW
3/15/13 SECRET ATTACHMENT

Received 14 December 1981, 8:15 p.m.

155831
~~SECRET~~ 18

DECLASSIFIED
NLRR 11453/2 #155831
BY GN NARA DATE 7/3/06

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON 81 DEC 14 P 8: 29

14 December 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: William P. Clark, Acting WPC

WHITE HOUSE
SITUATION ROOM

1. NATO Position on Poland. The North Atlantic Council (NAC), attended by Assistant Secretary Eagleburger, met today and agreed the Polish situation was serious but should be treated in a low key manner. In his press statement following the meeting, Secretary General Luns said: NATO is following the situation with careful attention and great concern; NATO Allies are in continuous close consultation; the Allies believe Poland's problems should be solved by compromise and consensus; and the Allies would observe a policy of non-intervention and expect all CSCE signatories to do the same.

2. Departure of U.S. Citizens from Libya. The Libyans have so far posed no problems for the departure of U.S. citizens, and have reportedly established a special office for processing U.S. exit visas. Several score U.S. citizens left Libya over the weekend, and 300 or more of the 1,500 Americans are expected to depart by the end of this week. We hope the larger U.S. companies will soon propose a precise plan for removing their U.S. citizen employees.

3. Economic Relations with Brazil. I met with Brazilian Planning Minister Delfim Netto this morning to discuss economic relations between our two countries. The Minister expressed relief that U.S. interest rates had been reduced, pointing out that the reduction of each percentage point means a savings of \$500 million to Brazil. He said that if interest rates and oil prices hold firm, Brazil may be able to move out of its current recession in 1982.

I used the opportunity to press the Brazilians on two current trade issues -- civil aviation and restrictions on light aircraft imports. The Minister and I agreed it would be helpful, perhaps beginning early next year, to have annual senior-level consultations on our broader economic interests.

4. Congressional Notification: Aircraft Spare Parts for Taiwan. On 11 December we informed Congress, and Taiwan's representative Tsai Wei-ping, of our intention to sell \$97 million of aircraft spare parts to Taiwan. Tsai was pleased with the news and said he would transmit the information to Taipei. We also reconfirmed to Tsai our intention to move forward on the Taiwan arms package you approved in August. The initial, informal notification to Congress was classified, as it always is, and there have so far been no stories in the press. We also made clear to Beijing that we would be proceeding with this transaction.

~~SECRET~~

RDS - 2/3 12/14/01
(CLARK, William P.)

MEMORANDUM

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

~~CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT~~

December 12, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JAMES W. NANCE

SUBJECT: Acting Secretary Clark's Evening Report

Attached is Bill Clark's Evening Report for December 11, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Michael Deaver

~~CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DECLASSIFIED
Sec. 3.4(b), E.O. 12958, as amended
White House Guidelines, Sept. 11, 2009
BY NARA RW, DATE 3/15/13

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DECLASSIFIED

NLRR M453/Z #155832

BY W NARA DATE 2/3/16

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON 11 P 9: 52

December 11, 1981

WHITE HOUSE
SITUATION ROOM

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: William P. Clark, Acting *WPC*

1. U.N. Secretary General Race. The Security Council today agreed to recommend Javier Perez de Cuellar of Peru to be Secretary General for a 5 year term beginning January 1, 1982. Perez, currently Waldheim's personal representative for Afghanistan and before that an Under Secretary General, received 10 affirmative votes, 1 negative (not a permanent member veto, however), and 4 abstentions. He is a hard-working, somewhat cautious diplomat who has the respect of UN professionals. In other balloting, both Sadruddin Agha Khan and Ortiz de Rozas of Argentina drew Russian vetos along with 9 affirmative votes. No other candidate received the required nine votes. The General Assembly is expected to act formally on the Security Council recommendation December 15. (C)

2. Junta Removes Viola As Argentine President. An Argentine Junta today removed President Viola from office. Efforts to secure Viola's voluntary retirement on health grounds failed. Social Welfare Minister Admiral La Coste has been named Acting President. Army CINC Leopoldo Galtieri is expected to replace Viola, but not to take office until about December 20. Galtieri is also expected to retain command of the army for at least another year. On foreign policy Galtieri is close to us on East-West issues but will be constrained by the historical Argentine effort to maintain good ties in all directions. (C)

3. Nato Foreign Ministers Send Strong Message. At their December 10-11 meeting in Brussels, NATO Foreign Ministers adopted a communique sending a strong, concise message to the Soviets outlining conditions for a more constructive East-West relationship based on restraint and responsible behavior. Strengthening of NATO's deterrent capabilities is emphasized, as is willingness to negotiate substantial, verifiable, and balanced arms control agreements. Your November 18 speech drew special praise. Spain's decision to join NATO is welcomed as a clear sign of enduring Alliance vitality. Language in the communique expresses full Allied support for the Geneva INF negotiations and the prospect of START opening early next year. A separate declaration reiterates Allied (minus France) commitments to the December 1979 decision on INF modernization and arms control. (C)

RDS 2/3 12/11/01 (Clark, William P.)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

21

2

WHC

ROUTINE

2. _____

WHCA FORM 8, 26 FEB 81

617711 P10:35
SIN:0000001

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

42
The President has seen 12/18/81

~~SECRET~~/SENSITIVE
ATTACHMENT

December 16, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JAMES W. NANCE

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Al Haig's Evening Report for December 15, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

AW
3/15/13 ~~SECRET~~/SENSITIVE
ATTACHMENT

.81 DEC 16 WO 22

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

EXHIBIT/SENSITIVE
ATTACHMENT

December 16, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JAMES W. HANCOCK

SUBJECT: Secretary of State's Evening Report

Attached is Al Haig's Evening Report for December 15, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

EXHIBIT/SENSITIVE
ATTACHMENT

81 DEC 16 AM 05:55

048285-

~~SECRET~~

155833
SENSITIVE

RECEIVED
THE SECRETARY OF STATE

WASHINGTON

December 15, 1981

81 DEC 16 AIO: 47

DECLASSIFIED

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. *Q*

NLRR M453/2 #155833
BY CN NARA DATE 7/3/16

1. Meeting with Cardinal Casaroli. Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Casaroli met with me today prior to your luncheon for him. He stressed caution on Poland, noting that the Pope was ready to deplore Polish government actions but he did not want to exacerbate the situation or give the Soviets a pretext for intervention. I agreed that we must avoid public statements which could inflame the situation. Nonetheless, we would condemn violence. Casaroli said that the Church too would speak out forcefully if necessary. He termed Jaruzelski a Polish nationalist and hoped that his government and Solidarity could still exercise restraint in order to avoid Soviet intervention. On another matter Casaroli said he met with the Salvadoran bishops last week in Mexico, who told him that 85% of the people were against the guerrillas. (C)

2. The Golan Heights: Meetings with Ghorbal and Evron. In a meeting with me this afternoon Egyptian Ambassador Ghorbal expressed Egypt's serious concerns over Israel's Golan actions, which he described as very damaging to our mutual interests and objectives in the region. He urged us to consider measures that would demonstrate more concretely our rejection of the move; he underlined the importance of ensuring that the UN presence remains in the Golan as evidence of its international status. Ghorbal repeated the position taken by Mubarak: Egypt was committed to the peace process, despite the Israeli action, and would not violate the peace treaty or jeopardize final Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai.

This evening, Israeli Ambassador Evron handed me a letter from Foreign Minister Shamir explaining Israel's actions as caused by Syria's recent reiteration that it will not negotiate, recognize, or make peace with Israel. (Our Embassy in Damascus says Assad did not go this far.) Israeli political pressures were also described as having played a part in the Knesset's decision. The letter stated, however, that Israel "remains irrevocably committed to a secure and lasting peace with its neighbors and to the fulfillment of the Camp David Accords." I told Evron of our deep concern over the Knesset's action; without warning or consultation, Israel had put us in a position where both our credibility and our consistency were being tested on long-standing positions, such as Resolution 242. Evron agreed to inform Begin that we were looking to Israel for something that might ameliorate the situation quickly. (S)

3. Chinese Demarche on Arms Sales to Taiwan. Ambassador Chai called on Bill Clark today to decry our spare parts sale to Taiwan. He termed it a violation of our "agreement" not to sell any arms while follow-up talks on the arms sales question were underway. He said China would be forced to "react strongly" if we went ahead with this transaction. Bill told the Ambassador that you had never agreed to Huang Hua's October ultimatum and had made clear we would "do what we have to do" while being prudent and discreet. He also noted that our decision to sell spare parts and not weapons at this time was in line with your measured approach. (SECRET/SENSITIVE)

RDS 2/3 12/15/01 (HAIG, Alexander M., Jr.)

~~SECRET~~

SENSITIVE