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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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December 17, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JAMES W. NANCE

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Al Haig's Evening Report for Wednesday,
December 16, 1981.

CC: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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December 17, 1961

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

JAMES W. HANCOCK

Secretary of State's Evening Report

Attached is the White House Evening Report for Wednesday,

December 13, 1961.

Mr. The White House
Mr. Moore
Mr. Baker
Mr. Deaver

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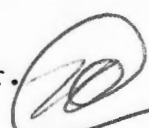
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December 16, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Alexander M. Haig, Jr. 

1. Saudi Ambassador Requests Strong U.S. Response to Israel's Action Regarding the Golan Heights. At a meeting this afternoon, the Saudi Ambassador conveyed Crown Prince Fahd's message that Saudi Arabia was doing its best to maintain calm in the area. The Saudis believed that the United States must take a clear position. Condemnation of Israel in the U.N. was not enough; there must be some punishment or sanction. Otherwise, there would be no Israeli restraint, the situation would deteriorate and the Soviet Union would be the beneficiary. I assured the Ambassador that the United States viewed Israel's action as outrageous and unjustified. We would not condone Israel's action by a failure to react properly to it. (S)

2. Security Council Meeting on Golan Heights Resolution. The Security Council met twice today to discuss the Israeli annexation of the Golan Heights. The Syrians have circulated a draft resolution which terms the Israeli action "null and void," demands that Israel rescind the law, and calls for the Council to meet again in a week to consider further "measures" (i.e., sanctions). We are working to amend the text in order to have the Council reinforce Resolutions 242 and 338 as the basis for Middle East peace and to remove reference to the threat of sanctions. (C)

3. Jamaica. The Senate gave its consent to the bilateral tax treaty and protocol with Jamaica this afternoon. Tom Enders called Prime Minister Seaga and gave him the good news. The Prime Minister was delighted. (U)

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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December 18, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JAMES W. NANCE

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

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December 17, 1981.

CC: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

December 17, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

1. U.S. Reply to Israel on Golan Issue. I called in the Israeli Deputy Chief of Mission Nehushtan tonight (Evron was out of the city) to deliver to him our written reply to the Israeli Foreign Minister's letter of December 15, informing Israel of our vote at the Security Council and our decision to not proceed at this time with the MOU on strategic cooperation. I elaborated on this letter to make certain the Israelis understand that we are deeply disturbed at their failure to take our interests into consideration and that while our commitment to their fundamental security has not changed, we are unable to proceed at present with "business as usual". Nehushtan replied, speaking personally, that he felt we were reacting too harshly considering the enormity of other events around the world. I stressed to him the importance that we never face such a situation again and that our decisions were a consequence of the position in which Israel had placed us. (C)

2. Security Council Agrees to Adopt Resolution on Israeli Annexation of Golan Heights. Syria has agreed to changes in its draft resolution on the Golan Heights, making it acceptable to us. A reference to "relevant UN resolutions" that we interpret to mean Resolutions 242 and 338, has been added. The Syrians also agreed to water down language in the resolution which could have been taken as a reference to future sanctions. Voting on the resolution is expected to take place late this evening. (S)

3. Poland -- Quadripartite Consultations. Walt Stoessel met this afternoon with the British, French, and West German Ambassadors to share assessments of the situation in Poland. He gave them the text of your statement, which they welcomed. There was discussion of the likelihood that at some point the West will have to consider providing additional humanitarian assistance to Poland. All thought that any humanitarian assistance should be kept outside Polish government channels, especially given evidence that previous aid had been channeled to the military. A difference of view emerged, among the Allies over how we can most effectively warn the Soviets of the consequences of direct involvement. The British and French support our calling attention to the fact that the repression in Poland could not have occurred without the full knowledge and support of the Soviet Union. The German Ambassador, however, expressed concern that portraying Polish Prime Minister Jaruzelski as a Soviet stooge could restrict Western leverage in eventually winning a rollback of the repressive measures. (SECRET/SENSITIVE)

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DECEMBER 19, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JAMES W. NANCE *Evd*
SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

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Attached is Al Haig's Evening Report for December 18, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker
Michael Deaver

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

December 18, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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

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1. U.S. Actions on Golan Heights. In Israel, Ambassador Lewis reviewed our decisions on the Golan and the reasons for them with Foreign Minister Shamir, who appeared quite sobered by what we have done. Significantly, Shamir's response focused on what Israel now might do to ameliorate the situation. Apart from rescinding the Golan law (which is virtually impossible) and re-affirming their commitment to Resolutions 242 and 338, Lewis suggested to Shamir that a more positive and flexible Israeli approach to the autonomy talks would be welcome; Shamir appeared to take the point well.

This afternoon I met with a group of five Ambassadors (Bahrain, Jordan, Kuwait, Syria and Somalia) to discuss our position regarding the Israeli action on the Golan. They were pleased with our vote in the Security Council, and were impressed with the measures we announced today. The Ambassadors said they hoped further progress in working for solutions to regional problems could now be made on the basis of cooperation by their governments with what they said was a positive U.S. position. I reviewed in detail our position and tried to condition them not to expect miracles from the Israelis, and seized the occasion to warn that nothing must be done to provoke Israeli military action in Lebanon or on the Golan at this tense time.

I backgrounded selected journalists on the same topic, who were by and large understanding of our position. Congressional consultations also yielded no major objections to our decisions. (S)

2. Kidnapping of U.S. General in Italy. Italian Prime Minister Spadolini met with Ambassador Rabb this morning and assured him that the Italian Government has organized itself to deal with the Dozier kidnapping and takes it very seriously. With the concurrence of the Italians, we are sending two members from the Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC), the U.S. counter-terrorist force, to survey the situation and assist the Embassy. A working group has been established in the Department of State Operations Center to coordinate the U.S. Government's response to the kidnapping. (S)

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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December 23, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JAMES W. NANCE

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Al Haig's Evening Report for Tuesday,
December 22, 1981.

CC: The Vice President
Ed Meese
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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. 

1. Begin's Call to Lewis. Prime Minister Begin called Sam Lewis by telephone from his home today to suggest "a way out" of the box into which he has put himself on the Memorandum of Understanding on Strategic Cooperation (MOU). In essence, he proposed that we admit that our desire to suspend implementation of the MOU is not allowed by the text of the MOU itself. Sam quite rightly pointed out that this proposal would seem to be useful only if the MOU had already come into effect, which was not the case. He reported Begin's proposal in detail and we will have to decide if and how to respond. Begin also asked to know in advance how we intended to vote on a sanctions resolution at the January 5 Security Council meeting. We would be remiss not to provide the Israelis some advance warning of our intentions, but I see nothing to be lost by keeping the Israelis in suspense for another week or so. Begin is clearly going through a period of unusual soul-searching. He has been discomforted by the stinging criticism of his outburst in Israel, in the U.S. press and in the American Jewish Community. His call to Lewis indicates that the ball is squarely in Israel's court and reaffirms my belief that we should do everything possible to keep it there. (S)

2. Golan and Sinai Peacekeeping. The British Embassy informed us today that Lord Carrington is inclined to go forward with Britain's offer of participation in the Multinational Force and Observers, despite Israel's actions on Golan. The Dutch, French, and Italians also appear prepared to participate. The Four are not likely to respond to Israel's request for confirmation of their acceptance of the principles contained in the Joint U.S.-Israel statement until early January. It is not clear whether this would come before or after the scheduled January 5 Security Council consideration of the Golan issue. (C)

3. Consultations with NATO Allies on Poland. Our talks with European allies on Poland are continuing with reports from meetings with German Foreign Minister Genscher, the Danes and the Norwegians. Genscher favors political steps against the Soviets, specifically, strong letters from you and others to Brezhnev, but he opposes taking immediate economic sanctions, until the political measures have had a chance to work. He conceded, however, that economic measures could be necessary at some point, even before a Soviet invasion. The Danes and Norwegians were reluctant to take measures now, arguing without conviction that this might give a pretext for Soviet invasion. NATO Secretary General Luns received today a copy of my letter to Allied Foreign Ministers. He agrees completely with our thinking. (S)

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December 22, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JAMES W. NANCE

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Al Haig's Evening Report for Monday,
December 21, 1981.

CC: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

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December 21, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Alexander M. Haig, Jr. *AMH*

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1. Eagleburger's Talks in Rome. Assistant Secretary Eagleburger saw Prime Minister Spadolini and Foreign Minister Colombo in Rome today, as well as Vatican Foreign Affairs Advisor Silvestrini. Both Colombo and Spadolini were very firm on Poland and the USSR. Colombo favored putting Moscow on notice that CSCE and INF talks may be suspended if events in Poland continue on course. He and Spadolini were also supportive of some measures aimed at Poland. Spadolini wants you to know of his outrage over General Dozier's kidnapping and his instructions to do all possible to find the culprits. The Vatican's Silvestrini said that the Pope had written Jaruzelski a letter drawing on your letter to him but less specific because the Vatican is not sure of the views of the Polish Church. The Vatican is not well informed on events in Poland and is proceeding cautiously. Papal emissary Poggi, currently in Poland, has instructions to see what can be done to resume the dialogue between the government, the Church and Solidarity. We also briefed Ambassadors from NATO, Spain, Japan, Australia, and New Zealand today on U.S. thinking on Poland. We asked that their governments take actions similar to our own so that Warsaw and Moscow understand clearly that we want a stop to repression in Poland. (S)

2. Israel and the Golan. Ambassador Lewis reports that members of the Cabinet and Israeli opinion-makers are uneasy over Begin's outburst against the United States. Begin's move is popular with lower class Sephardics--his natural constituency--and zealots among the settlers, but the Israelis do not appear to be rallying to the usual degree around the Prime Minister in this crisis. Our cool and calm attitude has put Begin on the defensive and he may soon look for a way to rally support and to regain the initiative in his relations with us. We must therefore be alert to further Israeli surprises on such issues as South Lebanon, overflights of Saudi Arabia, in moving his office to East Jerusalem, or European participation in the Sinai peacekeeping force. (S)

3. High-Level Briefings on Poland for Private Sector Groups. We are briefing key private organizations about our policy toward Poland. Prior to your conversation with Lane Kirkland on December 18, a team of Department officers had given the AFL-CIO top command a detailed review of the situation in Poland. We shall remain in close touch with labor on this issue. As for the Church, I briefed Cardinal Krol, Archbishop Hickey and Bishop Broderick (Catholic Relief Services) today. Krol was interviewed by the press upon leaving the Department and expressed full support for our policies. All three expressed support for continuation of humanitarian food aid and Broderick said that CRS could handle additional amounts, if we wished. (C)

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SECRET/SENSITIVE ATTACHMENT

December 24, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JAMES W. NANCE

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Al Haig's Evening Report for Wednesday, December 23, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

December 23, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

1. Consultations on Poland: Europe and China. In the North Atlantic Council meeting today, the Allies expressed strong concern about developments in Poland but were hesitant to come to grips with concrete measures. Our other consultations in Europe give a similar picture. At yesterday's meeting with the French, British and West Germans, consensus was reached on a limited range of political and economic steps. The Allies were not prepared, however, to decide now on comprehensive measures against the Soviets. The French were firmest, but supported only political measures; the British were also willing to consider economic measures; the Germans were the most reluctant, supporting only suspension of decisions on new credits. In other consultations, the Dutch shared our assessment of the seriousness of the situation and have taken some steps themselves. But they thought it was too early for measures aimed at the Soviets, and opposed a visible role for NATO. The Belgians shared our concern but evaded comment on sanctions. Finally, we provided briefings on Poland to the Chinese in Beijing and Washington. We asked them to consider possible actions to bring pressure on Moscow now and to explore whether there were other things we could do together in the event of more direct Soviet involvement. The Chinese said that our suggestions would be reviewed at higher levels and restated their position that the Polish people should resolve the problem themselves. (SECRET/SENSITIVE)

2. High-Level Briefings on Poland for Key Private Sector Groups. Private groups briefed yesterday on Poland included several former U.S. Ambassadors, a group of businessmen and Polish-American representatives. The latter urged that we should demand access by the Red Cross to those interned in Poland. They also wanted to concentrate Radio Free Europe and Voice of America transmitters in a massive campaign to overcome Soviet jamming. Finally, we told the voluntary agencies, CARE and Project HOPE, that the Polish Government would cooperate with them on private food and medical shipments. Agreements would be renegotiated to ensure that the Catholic Church would monitor the distribution of such supplies in Poland. (C)

3. Developments in Chad. Chadian President Goukouni broke his appointment with our Ambassador to Cameroon December 21 and thus did not receive your letter. The previous day Goukouni had stated publicly that the OAU Peacekeeping force was "useless," a reference to the OAU's reluctance to fight the forces of Hissene Habre. Our Ambassador will seek another appointment with Goukouni immediately after Christmas to deliver your letter and to urge Goukouni to move toward a reconciliation with all Chadian factions. In the meanwhile, we are urging the commander of the Peacekeeping Forces and OAU Chairman Moi to try to negotiate a ceasefire so that the OAU troops can be inserted between the Goukouni and Habre forces. (C)

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December 25, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JAMES W. NANCE *Bud*
SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Al Haig's Evening Report for December 24, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker
Michael Deaver

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WASHINGTON

December 24, 1981 P 1: 51

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Alexander M. Haig, Jr. WHITE HOUSE
SITUATION ROOM

1. Poland: A visiting Polish bishop told Vatican officials on December 23 that the Polish Episcopate had received a promise that a meeting will be permitted between Walesa and other Solidarity leaders. He expressed the belief that the military may be able to bring the situation to a point where dialogue can be restored. The Vatican believes this reflects a feeling among Polish bishops that they must proceed with extreme prudence if they hope to influence the situation. For now the Pope plans to back the attitude of the Polish Episcopate. (S)

2. Crown Prince Fahd's Meeting with Ambassador Murphy: On December 21, Crown Prince Fahd told Ambassador Murphy that, at his meeting with Syrian President Assad the next day, he would urge him to restrain Palestinian groups under his influence, and to work closely with the US in the Security Council. Fahd asked what he could tell Assad about the kind of resolution the US would support. Ambassador Murphy was instructed to encourage Fahd to press Assad along lines he planned. Fahd was also informed that the US remains firmly committed to the concept that all issues in the peace process are negotiable in the context of Resolutions 242 and 338. Finally, Murphy pointed out that we have made clear to the Syrians our opposition to formal sanctions. We believe that much has been achieved through the unity demonstrated by the Security Council.

On another matter, Fahd hinted that Saudi Arabia might soon resume relations with Libya in response to recent conciliatory overtures from Qadhafi. (S)

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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December 29, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JAMES W. NANCE

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Al Haig's Evening Report for December 28, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

December 28, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT 81 12 28 57
FROM: Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

1. Meeting with David Kimche, Director General of the Israeli Foreign Ministry. Today I received a personal emissary from Prime Minister Begin to discuss the state of US-Israeli relations. The fact that Begin took this initiative--privately, off-the-record and without rhetorical embellishment from Jerusalem--underscores that Begin has absorbed the seriousness of the Golan action, and has been chastened by our response. The meeting was extremely frank on both sides. Kimche depicted Begin's Golan decision in the context of domestic pressures, but understood that the action had raised doubts over their commitment to Camp David and UN Resolutions 242 and 338. As a consequence, they have written to the UN Secretary General stating their willingness to negotiate their differences with Syria absolutely without precondition and reaffirming their support for 242 and 338. This is a forthcoming response to our insistence that Israel take action to ameliorate the situation. It vindicates the wisdom of your decisions. In response to a request, I made clear our commitment to the Camp David process and your intention to press for early progress on the autonomy talks, while stressing that this would require greater realism and flexibility by Israel. Kimche seemed very reassured by the exchange. In the weeks ahead we will watch carefully to see whether the contrition and good will reflected by the Kimche visit will be translated into reality on the difficult agenda before us. (SECRET/SENSITIVE)

2. Poland: My Meeting with EC-10 Ambassadors. In a meeting on Poland with the 10 European Community Ambassadors today, I emphasized our collective obligation to raise directly with the Soviets their responsibility to stop repression in Poland. Underlining the importance we place on Allied solidarity, I told them that Brezhnev's negative response to your letter demanded measured US steps against the USSR. The Ambassadors were also encouraged to use their leverage in Poland to strengthen the Church and Solidarity. Finally, I said that we are seriously considering a meeting of NATO Foreign Ministers on Poland in early January and an emergency session of the CSCE to put the USSR in the dock. (C)

3. Japanese Defense Budget. The final Japanese defense budget increase of 7.75% is as much as we realistically could have expected, and far exceeds the average increase in the budget as a whole--domestic programs were cut back severely. The outcome was due to pressure from the governing Liberal Democratic Party, the personal intervention of PM Suzuki, and a vigorous demarche which I instructed Mike Mansfield to make directly with the Foreign Ministry. Ambassador Okawara told Under Secretary Stoessel this evening that Suzuki acted out of a sense of commitment reflected in his joint communique with you last May. (C)

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December 29, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JAMES W. NANCE

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Al Haig's Evening Report for December 28, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

December 28, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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FROM: Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

1. Meeting with David Kimche, Director General of the Israeli Foreign Ministry. Today I received a personal emissary from Prime Minister Begin to discuss the state of US-Israeli relations. The fact that Begin took this initiative--privately, off-the-record and without rhetorical embellishment from Jerusalem--underscores that Begin has absorbed the seriousness of the Golan action, and has been chastened by our response. The meeting was extremely frank on both sides. Kimche depicted Begin's Golan decision in the context of domestic pressures, but understood that the action had raised doubts over their commitment to Camp David and UN Resolutions 242 and 338. As a consequence, they have written to the UN Secretary General stating their willingness to negotiate their differences with Syria absolutely without precondition and reaffirming their support for 242 and 338. This is a forthcoming response to our insistence that Israel take action to ameliorate the situation. It vindicates the wisdom of your decisions. In response to a request, I made clear our commitment to the Camp David process and your intention to press for early progress on the autonomy talks, while stressing that this would require greater realism and flexibility by Israel. Kimche seemed very reassured by the exchange. In the weeks ahead we will watch carefully to see whether the contrition and good will reflected by the Kimche visit will be translated into reality on the difficult agenda before us. (SECRET/SENSITIVE)

2. Poland: My Meeting with EC-10 Ambassadors. In a meeting on Poland with the 10 European Community Ambassadors today, I emphasized our collective obligation to raise directly with the Soviets their responsibility to stop repression in Poland. Underlining the importance we place on Allied solidarity, I told them that Brezhnev's negative response to your letter demanded measured US steps against the USSR. The Ambassadors were also encouraged to use their leverage in Poland to strengthen the Church and Solidarity. Finally, I said that we are seriously considering a meeting of NATO Foreign Ministers on Poland in early January and an emergency session of the CSCE to put the USSR in the dock. (C)

3. Japanese Defense Budget. The final Japanese defense budget increase of 7.75% is as much as we realistically could have expected, and far exceeds the average increase in the budget as a whole--domestic programs were cut back severely. The outcome was due to pressure from the governing Liberal Democratic Party, the personal intervention of PM Suzuki, and a vigorous demarche which I instructed Mike Mansfield to make directly with the Foreign Ministry. Ambassador Okawara told Under Secretary Stoessel this evening that Suzuki acted out of a sense of commitment reflected in his joint communique with you last May. (C)

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December 30, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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December 29, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
From : Walter J. Stoessel, Jr.
Acting Secretary of State

WHITE HOUSE
SITUATION ROOM

1. Refugee Hunger Strike at US Embassy in Moscow.
Augustina Vashchenko, one of seven Pentecostalist refugees in the US Embassy in Moscow (who have been there since 1978) told Embassy officers she began a hunger strike on December 25. She was apparently inspired by the earlier success of the Sakharovs. On December 28, Augustina's oldest daughter also declared she was joining the fast. Augustina wants the US government to force the Soviets to grant permission to her and her family to leave the USSR, and to provide facilities within the Embassy to operate on the cancer she believes she has. (The Embassy doctor has examined her and has noted no deterioration in her health; Embassy officers believe she has been secretly taking nourishment.) The American press corps in Moscow is aware of all this, but has decided not to report it for the time being. The Embassy is attempting to persuade the Pentecostalists to end the fast and we will pay close and continuing attention to the situation.

2. Consultations Begin for Second Security Council Session on Golan Heights. We met yesterday with the British Ambassador and the French Charge to present our ideas about the probable second Security Council session on the Golan Heights. We outlined the general features of an outcome that we would accept, stressing the need to avoid a resolution calling for sanctions. Both the British and the French agreed to help and asked us for suggested elements of a resolution. We gave them today an informal illustrative list of elements which (a) omits sanctions; (b) reaffirms that the Israeli measure has no international legal effect; and (c) highlights the importance of UNSC resolutions 242 and 338 in the peace process.

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December 30, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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

WHITE HOUSE
SITUATION ROOM

1. Polish Seamen Seeking Refuge. Six of the 11 Polish seamen who arrived in Kodiak, Alaska, on December 24 have filed asylum applications at the Anchorage office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. In line with Administration policy regarding foreigners in such status, the Polish seamen are under INS-directed supervision pending resolution of their cases. We expect favorable determinations in the next few days; in the meantime, the seamen are being quartered at a Catholic retreat offered to the INS District Director in Alaska by the Catholic Archdiocese there.

2. Jamming of Voice of America Broadcasts. Radio jamming of western broadcasts into Poland appears to be aimed only at US transmissions. Since Monday, December 28, Voice of America shortwave broadcasts have been intensively jammed in the prime period of evening programming. Our VOA countermeasures to this include repetition of headlines and lead news stories, and more frequent news programming. The fact that no jamming has been directed at the British or West German services suggests that VOA has been targeted as an American source of truth which particularly galls the Communist authorities.

3. Presenting US Views on Poland to the West Europeans. I taped an interview today with British, French and German correspondents, outlining our positions and principles in reaction to events in Poland. I particularly emphasized the imperative of exercising American leadership in responding to the trampling of human rights in Poland, building on the recent statements by you and Secretary Haig.

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December 31, 1981 DEC 31 P 9: 38

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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

WHITE HOUSE
SITUATION ROOM

1. Poland: Status of Responses to US Initiatives. Today's meeting of NATO's North Atlantic Council produced a consensus to hold a NATO Ministerial meeting, probably during the second week in January. French Foreign Minister Cheysson says he cannot attend on January 11 -- our preferred date -- and we will agree to hold the Ministerial on the 15th if the French are not able to reconsider making it on the 11th. There is also an emerging consensus to call for a special CSCE meeting on Poland, on the condition that the major European neutrals will also join in. The Swiss have agreed to support this initiative. On sanctions, the reaction remains mixed. Some Allies have pledged that they will not do anything which would undercut our measures, and support for concrete action may grow if the situation in Poland does not improve.

2. Poland: Implementation of Sanctions Against the USSR. The Department gave formal diplomatic notification to the Soviets on the new status of three areas hit by our sanctions: Maritime relations and negotiations; suspension of Aeroflot service; and termination of the Soviet purchasing commission. On maritime, AFL-CIO president Kirkland has told us that he and Gleason (Longshoremens' Union) would like to block all cargoes for the USSR, including grain. On Aeroflot, the CAB action required to process and issue the suspension order means that the last flight will be on January 3. On the Soviet purchasing commission, we have told the Soviets that the commission should close its doors by January 13 and have the Soviet personnel and families leave the country by January 20.

3. Coup in Ghana. A coup attempt is in progress in Ghana and the situation is fluid. The coup leader, former lieutenant Jerry Rawlings, continues to control the government radio and is broadcasting in the name of the "Provisional Military Council." The Council has closed the country's borders and imposed a curfew. All Americans are safe and there has been no violence against foreigners. (Rawlings previously led a successful coup in 1979, but yielded power to the present civilian government after a brief rule.)

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