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MISSION TO CERTAIN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES CONCERNING
OIL AND GAS EQUIPMENT EXPORTS TO THE SOVIET UNION AND
RESTRICTING CREDITS TO THE SOVIET BLOC COUNTRIES

Pursuant to the decisions reached at the meeting of the National Security Council of February 4, 1982, the State Department is directed to lead a delegation made up of high-level officials of the Departments of State, Treasury, Defense and Commerce as well as of the National Security Council staff to negotiate with the governments of Italy, France, the Federal Republic of Germany and the United Kingdom with reference to the export to the Soviet Union of oil and gas equipment manufactured in their territories by subsidiaries and/or licensees of U.S. companies, as well as the question of restricting and/or raising the costs of credits to the countries of the Soviet Bloc and preliminary consultations on measures of mutual assistance in case of widespread Bloc default on external debt.

Preliminary planning for the trip will be done by a working group chaired by Norman A. Bailey, Director of Planning, National Security Council staff. Proposed terms of reference for the mission should be submitted by the Chairman (State) to the President for approval no later than February 11, 1982.

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