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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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May 4, 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI

FROM: WESTERN EUROPE

SUBJECT: Evening Report

Tories Triumphant. Worked on Presidential messages to Thatcher (congrats) and Callaghan (condolences) following outcome of yesterday's UK elections. Also responded to a passal of press inquiries and attempted to spike the idea that we were "troubled" by a Tory win. The WE cluster has prepared an updated analysis of the foreign policy implications likely to flow from the Tories' victory (ready to go forward as soon as Mrs. Thatcher names her government's Foreign Secretary -- there could be some differences in nuance, depending on whether Pym or Carrington gets the nod). (Rentschler) (C)

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Portugal. Met with Portuguese First Vice President Alvaro Monjardino for a fairly instructive review of Portugal's continuing experiment in democratic government. Monjardino is Azorean and has done much to bridge the gap between the islands and the central government. He is cautiously optimistic about the future of the parliamentary system in Portugal but does not underestimate the seriousness of "Presidentialist" tendencies should the present government fail to sort out the country's economic situation. Monjardino's visit provided timely background to our continuing attempts to deal with the MAP close-out problem in Portugal (which the stop-gap gimmick Harold Brown reportedly raised in today's VBB lunch will not, in our view, resolve). (Rentschler) (C)

Mrs. Carter. Conducted briefing for the First Lady last evening on her trip to Geneva and Rome starting tomorrow. She asked good questions, clearly seems on top of her material. Coincidentally, met with President Pertini's foreign affairs adviser at Pansa's last evening (with Minister Stammati leading a trade delegation), who told me the aging but vigorous Socialist President can hardly wait to see Mrs. Carter ("He fell in love with the President's mother, you know -- it was a coup de foudre"). (Rentschler) (C)

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