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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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MEMORANDUM FOR: ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI
FROM: EUROPE ✓
SUBJECT: Evening Report (U)

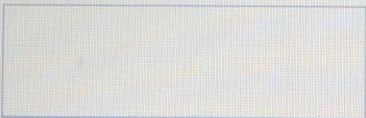
Western Europe

Tokyo Summit. Digested Mrs. Thatcher's rather bleak letter to the President and prepared weekend summary and revised talking points in time for the President's Saturday afternoon departure. (C) (Rentschler)

Vienna Summit. Unsurprisingly, Tap Bennett anticipates trouble getting the French on board for a positive NAC statement concerning the results of the Vienna Summit (initial June 19 skirmishing on this project coincided with Giscard's stand-offish remarks in his press meeting). In line with both Francois-Poncet's promises to the President and Giscard's press conference indications we can still expect a unilateral French statement at least grudging support once they have gone through the motions of reading the "fine print." In the meantime, the FRG Federal Cabinet has weighed in with a strong pro-SALT statement reinforcing Schmidt's earlier and very positive declaration. (C) (Rentschler)

State Dept. review completed

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FBI REVIEW COMPLETED

NLC Review Completed.

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Eastern Europe

Yugoslavia/Emigré Activities. State has received formal request from Justice Department to seek expulsion from Paraguay of two Croations (Baresic and Vujecivic) sought in recent West Coast murders. Evidence against suspects is strong. Suspects entered Paraguay under false passports and have been indicted for visa fraud in that they obtained passports from US using false names. FBI is prepared to send agents to escort suspects back to US. With Pastor, cleared cable for Ambassador to approach President of Paraguay, to ask for expulsion of suspects. (C) (Larrabee)

Poland/Church-State Relations. In a recent interview in the West German weekly Der Stern, Polish Minister for Religious Affairs, Kazimierz Kąkol raised the possibility that the Polish government might consider televising church services for Catholics who are sick and unable to attend church -- a concession which Polish Catholics have long sought. There is little doubt that the Pope's visit strengthened the hand of the church vis-a-vis the state and in the coming months the church is likely to quietly press for other of its long-sought goals. (U) (Larrabee)

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Romania/Warsaw Pact.

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at the last Warsaw Pact Foreign Ministers' meeting in Budapest, May 14-15, the Romanians presented three proposals:
-- a standing Pact Secretariat with "independent authority"
-- twice-yearly Foreign Ministers' meetings
-- recommendation of some overtures of reconciliation with Peking

All three proposals were rejected by Moscow. (S) (Larrabee)

Bulgaria/Possible Leadership Change. There are unconfirmed reports that Stanko Todorov, Chairman of the Council of Ministers, is on his way out and that he will be replaced either by current Foreign Secretary Petur Mladenov or Party Secretary Ognyan Doynov. Should the reports prove true and Mladenov get the nod, this could have important policy implications, especially for US-Bulgarian relations. Mladenov is leading representative of younger, pragmatic faction in Bulgarian leadership and favors improved relations with West, especially US, as well as gradual expansion of Bulgarian autonomy in foreign policy. (S) (Larrabee)

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USSR

Pope/USSR. One of the most interesting and most important aspects of Pope's trip to Poland is Pope's interest in fate of Catholic Church in the USSR. Pope is alleged to have said at private dinner in Czestochowa that he expects to receive a representative of Soviet government to discuss fate of Lithuanian Church. Pope is also spending a great deal of time on question of Ukrainian Church, which he expects to raise with Soviets sometime in the future. There are also reports that Pope will appoint a Lithuanian or a Czech as next Cardinal. (S) (Larrabee)

25X1 Sino-Soviet Talks. Talked with [] CIA re Sino-Soviet
25X1 relations and upcoming Sino-Soviet talks. [] citing
25X1 recent Hua speech at NPC and other evidence, [] convincingly
confident that Chinese will make no change in their overall
policy and that no unexpected results will ensue. (C) (Bremont)

Embassy Negotiations. Reaffirmed to State our view that Soviet Embassy here should not open until ours is ready in Moscow. (C) (Bremont)

Politburo Statement re Summit. Statement was a measured and sober approval of the Summit which stressed the "fair balance of interest" contained in the treaty and stated that "no departure" from the treaty "can be regarded as permissible". It characterized the Vienna exchanges on non-SALT issues as "frank and useful". (U) (Bremont)

Calls. Called on McGiffert and Slocombe in the Pentagon. (U) (Bremont)

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Shcharanskiy Case. Marshall Shulman called to say that Tip O'Neill has been in touch with White House speechwriter Bernie Aronson to tell him that he thinks Mrs. Shcharanskiy should be informed that the President raised her husband's case with Brezhnev during their private conversation. (O'Neill was evidently informed by the President about this.) Marshall thinks we should stick to the line of expressing general concern and probably not be specific about this since it might become public, but would like your guidance on how we should respond. (C) (Brement)

Mrs. Ginzburg's Son. Shulman also informed me that, in response to Ribicoff, he told the Senator that you had been in touch with Dobrynin about Mrs. Ginzburg's son. (U) (Brement)

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