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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Cyrus Vance CV

1. Christopher Meeting with Ecevit: Warren has reported to us on his talks with Ecevit earlier today about the overflight of our U-2s to verify the SALT II agreement. Warren found Ecevit deeply torn. On the one hand, Ecevit wants to be helpful to us because he values good relations with the US and believes in the value of the Treaty. On the other hand, Ecevit's government is hanging by a thread and he fears that an adverse Soviet reaction to the overflights could alienate the left-wing of his party and bring down his government.

Ecevit finally decided that he needed some kind of Soviet "acquiescence" in the U-2 overflights. We have authorized Warren to inform him that we are prepared to inform the Soviets that we are planning to overfly Turkey and warn them that any interference by Moscow could have serious repercussions with respect to verification and to our ability to obtain ratification. We would also tell the Soviets that we are not asking for Moscow's approval, but we expect that they will raise no objection nor bring pressure to bear on the Turkish Government.

2. Iran/The Shah: Our Charge had a friendly meeting with Bazargan yesterday. Bazargan saw no problem with letting the Shah's children come here for their education, although he reiterated there would be a serious problem in our relations if the Shah or Shahbanou came. Bazargan also welcomed US information on external threats to his government, and we are preparing papers on Soviet activities in neighboring countries to supplement material already sent to Tehran.

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Last Saturday Ambassador Schwartz met with the Shah to answer the message to you regarding the children's education. The Shah said he appreciated our response and noted that the US was still his first choice for resettlement. He also asked whether the Shahbanou could visit the US, perhaps for medical treatment. We will be instructing Schwartz to tell the Shah that the same factors that make it difficult for him to come also apply to the Shahbanou.

She can come for medical treatment - I was concerned that she would endanger the children

3. Namibia: South Africa Rejects Contact Group Proposals:

South Africa today advised the Contact Group that our clarifications of Waldheim's February 26 report were insufficient to overcome their "major objections." The note also stated that it had agreed to a request by the Namibian "Constituent Assembly" to establish a "National Assembly" in the territory, which will have the power to repeal existing legislation but not to initiate new laws. Its major function will supposedly be to dismantle the structure of apartheid. The South African note claims that this action does not change the status of Namibia and reiterates the SAG's readiness to implement the "original" Contact Group Proposal. The South Africans advised us that their note will be published tomorrow. We anticipate that there will be immediate African demands for Security Council action against South Africa and a meeting before the end of this week is a distinct possibility. The Contact Group will be working on a common approach, with the position of the new UK Government, the major question mark.

4. Rhodesia: Subsequent to my meeting with Hayakawa,

Helms and others on Rhodesia today, Helms announced on the Senate floor that he would offer a sanction-lifting amendment within "the next two or three days." Bob Byrd has agreed to offer a tabling motion and argue that you need time for a deliberate decision. My trip to London may buy us a little leeway as well. My staff think we have a fair chance of beating Helms, but we'll have a better estimate by tomorrow night.

5. My Meeting with Sharaf: I met for an hour today

with Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf, Chief of Jordan's Royal Court. I stressed our commitment to seeing the peace process through

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They've assigned Sharaf to do this

to a comprehensive settlement and listened to a description of Jordan's present stance. The most encouraging note was Sharaf's commitment that Jordan has not and will not discourage West Bankers and Gazans from participating in the negotiating process. Sharaf did not raise the subject of the date of the King's postponed visit, nor did I. I will be seeing Sharaf again before he leaves Washington on Thursday.

We should explore ways to encourage them toward Israel

6. Soviet Jewish Emigration: The rate of Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union continues to increase, and we expect between 45,000 and 50,000 will leave this year, some 70 percent of whom wish to settle in the United States. Despite the fact that large numbers have come to the United States in the past two weeks, about 12,000 refugees are now in Rome awaiting travel here; and we understand that the Italians are upset by the growing numbers of refugees in and around Rome. Our refugee supplemental, once passed by the Congress, will just cope with the problem. As I told you on Friday, Congress may not complete final action on our supplemental until just before it recesses for the 4th of July. Between the end of May and the date you sign the appropriations bill, the only funds to bring refugees to the US from Rome or to care for them there will be those provided by the voluntary organizations which are ill equipped financially to do so.

7. USSR/Iran: Deputy Assistant Secretary Barry protested today to Soviet Minister-Counselor Vasev about Soviet media allegations of CIA involvement with those responsible for the assassination of Ayatollah Motahhari. Barry said such false and misleading reports endangered the welfare of Americans in Iran and, if continued, would have a negative effect on our overall relations.

8. Meeting with Carrington: I spoke this morning with Peter Carrington, and he said the first day he can really be free is May 21st. I have told him I will fly to London on the 20th to meet with him, Mrs. Thatcher and other Cabinet members on the 21st and 22nd. Peter is very enthusiastic about our meeting. Both of us are looking forward to working together.

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9. Javits Trip to Sudan: Jack Javits is enthusiastic about the proposed trip to Sudan, but believes it would be most effective if he went as a Presidential emissary. He would like to go the last week of May, would only visit Sudan, and would plan to take three other Senators. Because of our interest in Sudan, and Jack's helpful attitude, I believe the emissary proposal is okay. If you concur, we will arrange for an appropriate letter for Jack to carry from you to Nimeiri. George McGovern has told us that he has no problems with this plan.

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