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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Cyrus Vance CV

1. French Withdrawal from Bonn Meeting. I told the French Charge this morning that we wanted De Laboulaye and Francois-Poncet to know that we found the French statement and backgrounding inaccurate, deplorable and offensive. I will go over the ground in more detail with De Laboulaye on Monday.

I am suggesting that your letter to Giscard be held until after my session with De Laboulaye. Your letters to Schmidt and Thatcher are going forward.

2. Afghanistan in the U.N. I spoke with Kurt this morning about Afghanistan. He said that he has established contact with Babrak Karmal. Kurt will suggest that he send a team to Afghanistan to investigate the situation and report back to him. Kurt told me that this would reflect the General Assembly vote which instructed him to follow the situation closely and report back to the Assembly.

Pakistan agrees with us that the Afghanistan issue should be kept alive in the U.N., and the Paks will circulate the Islamic Conference resolution on Afghanistan as Security Council and General Assembly documents. Pakistan is also working with Yugoslavia to put together a NAM/ Islamic Conference demarche to Waldheim to urge implementation of the General Assembly resolution. At the UN Human Rights Commission in Geneva, Pakistan has encountered some resistance to adoption of a resolution as strong as that which emerged from the Islamic Conference, but we are optimistic that the Commission will take some action on Afghanistan.

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3. Ship Visits to Kenya and Somalia. You asked for early naval visits to Kenya and Somalia to follow the Bartholomew mission. The frigate KOELSCH will visit Mombasa for maintenance and crew rest February 13-14 and 18-29. The KOELSCH will participate in bilateral exercises with the Kenyan Navy before, during and after the in-port period. The next ship scheduled to visit Somalia is the destroyer BYRD, which will visit Berbera March 23-25. DOD will identify a ship to make an earlier visit to Mogadiscio, and we will advise you of the timing.

4. Taiwan at Winter Olympics. In response to the New York state court decision to permit an athlete from Taiwan to use the flag, anthem and name of the "Republic of China" at Lake Placid, the PRC Embassy has officially complained and asked us to try to get the ruling reversed. The defendant in the suit, Lake Placid 1980 Olympic Games, Inc., is appealing the decision, and a hearing is scheduled this Monday. We are filing through the Justice Department a Statement of Interest with the appellate court, stating that the court decision seriously interferes with the U.S. ability to host such international sporting events (by interfering with the right of the International Olympic Committee to determine criteria for participation), and that the Committee's decision regarding China is not unreasonable (since the vast majority of countries, including the U.S., recognize the PRC as the sole legitimate government of China, and since the Committee's decision permits participation by athletes from both Taiwan and the mainland of China).

5. Pakistan. [redacted] a German arms dealer planned to sell the Pakistanis surplus guidance components from Pershing missiles, we made strong representations to the Germans and the Pakistanis to cancel the deal. The Pakistani Foreign Secretary said he knew nothing about such a deal but would inform Zia. We have gotten nothing more from the Pakistanis. The Germans are reacting positively and are trying to locate the components and to prevent their export.

6. Confirmation of Ambassador to Turkey. You had asked where we stood on Jim Spain's nomination as Ambassador to Turkey. The SFRC reported the nomination out last Thursday.

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Jack Javits was concerned about Senate action on the nomination until the Turks had time to receive the sensitive information that the Committee asked us to pass on to them. I discussed this with Jack yesterday, and he agreed that Jim would be confirmed on the 18th, soon after the Senate returns. He has cleared this with Bob Byrd.

7. World Food Program. State, Agriculture, and IDCA are developing a recommendation to you on the level of our pledge to the World Food Program (WFP) for the biennium 1981-82. At issue is whether our contribution, now \$200 million for the current biennium (about 29% of total contributions), should be lower if WFP continues to provide non-U.S. supplied food to Cuba and Vietnam. The WFP Executive Director will be here February 19 to discuss the issue. A pledging conference is scheduled in New York for February 21, but the U.S. may not be able to announce a precise figure at that time.

8. MIAs. I had a letter on the MIA situation delivered to the Vietnamese UN Mission yesterday for Ha Van Lau. I asked for a full investigation of the charges that 400 remains, which have not been accounted for in our previous exchanges, are in Hanoi's possession. Lester Wolff raised this issue in Hanoi on January 15; Vietnamese authorities subsequently denied the charges. I also urged the Vietnamese to permit our MIA experts to travel to Hanoi to exchange information and suggested that Ambassador Lau meet with Deputy Assistant Secretary Negroponte as soon as the Ambassador returns in March. In accepting the letter the Vietnamese Charge agreed that a meeting could take place, when Ambassador Lau returned, and that our respective foreign ministries should continue to discuss the MIA and other issues. The Charge urged the U.S. to avoid reliance on Chinese-inspired rumors, and pledged that Vietnam would demonstrate humanitarian concerns on the MIA question and would facilitate the exchange of information.

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