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of a Soviet intervention.

THE PRESIDENT

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l. NATO Contingency Responses to a Soviet Intervention in Poland. NATO permanent representatives in Brussels finished on March 13 a major review of the contingency lists of political and economic counter-measures. These would serve as the basis for discussion and decision by Allied Foreign Ministers at an emergency NATO meeting in the event

The key economic measure listed is an embargo of trade with the Soviet Union except where there are legally binding existing contracts, accompanied by a concomitant reduction in government credits and credit guarantees.

While the discussion revealed some differences, it established a good foundation for counter-measures with bite should the Soviets dramatically intervene in Poland. The consultations themselves have helped promote Alliance unity and the ability to work together on sensitive problems. They are also a good first step in a long-term US effort to build a Western consensus for a more careful economic relationship with the Soviets. (S)

2. Polish Debt Discussions. The March 9-11 meetings of the task force on Polish debt made substantial progress. The U.S., U.K., Germany and France pressed the Poles for details on their proposed economic reform program and for precise data on their financial situation. The Poles agreed to provide the needed information in two weeks. We stressed firmly that the Soviets must take a significant share of the burden of meeting Polish financial needs.

Given the momentum the Europeans have given this exercise and the probability the Poles will default without a rescheduling, we will need decisions next week on whether to join the Europeans in rescheduling, and on what conditions. Don Regan, John Block, Dave Stockman and I will prepare a memo for you. (S)

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