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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON
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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
THE VICE PRESIDENT
FROM: William P. Clark, Acting *WPC*

1. Meetings with German State Secretary van Well. Walt Stoessel and I met today with FRG State Secretary van Well, who briefed us on Genscher's visit April 2-4 to Moscow. He stated the Soviets are extremely anxious to resume dialogue with the United States, including a summit meeting. The Soviets refused to discuss Poland in formal meetings, but Gromyko told Genscher at the airport 4 April he would not be "disappointed." (C)

2. Demarche to Soviets on Lebanon and Possible Caribbean Naval Deployment. Larry Eagleburger called in Soviet DCM Bessmertynkh today to press the Soviets to again use their influence with the Syrians to calm the situation in Lebanon and to prevent its becoming the source of a wider conflict. Bessmertynkh related the problem to the broader Palestinian issue. He questioned whether we had changed our policy toward Israeli hot pursuit incursions into Lebanon. We assured him that we had not and referred him to the April 3 White House Statement.

Eagleburger also told Bessmertynkh that we had noted the possibility of a Soviet naval deployment toward Cuba. We wanted to ensure that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs knew of the deployment and appreciated its political sensitivity in the current situation.

Bessmertynkh used the occasion to criticize leaks of our communications to the Soviets, referring specifically to your communication to Brezhnev on Friday. (S)

3. El Salvador. In a meeting with Salvadoran Catholic Bishop Rivera, I emphasized this administration does not support the right wing in El Salvador, but it backs the Duarte government as the best hope for a democratic solution. The Bishop stressed the Church does not support the Marxists, though the Marxists at times exploit the coincidence of goals. (C)

4. Nicaragua. Following five relatively uneventful days during which there has been no evidence of preparations for demonstrations against our Embassy in Managua, we began to "stand down" our contingency emergency forces. The Nicaraguan Government has kept its pledge that, though it would respond strongly through public statements, it would not permit a move against our Embassy. (C)

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