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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

April 10, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: William P. Clark, Acting ^{WPC}

1. Poland: Prime Minister's Speech. Following two weeks of increased Soviet pressure, which continues to be marked by threatening military activities, Prime Minister Jaruzelski delivered a somber speech this morning in which he called for a mandatory two-month ban on strikes, a freeze on wage increases and further price rises and rationing. Another "sharp collision" between Solidarity and the Government, he warned, would mean "death." He again threatened to resign if not granted the powers to deal with the crisis. His speech, more realistic than tough, fell short of a call for a state of emergency -- a call that had been rumored earlier in the week and for which the Soviets may have been pressing. The Parliament is still debating Jaruzelski's proposals, and the Solidarity national leadership, which is currently meeting in Gdansk, has yet to react. We, too, are withholding comment, pending receipt of further clarification of Jaruzelski's proposals and some indication of popular response to them.

We will be watching closely for the reactions of Solidarity and of the Soviets, both of whom must have been offered some preview by Jaruzelski. The time frame for implementation of a strike ban is uncertain, since the basis for such a ban is contained in the new draft labor legislation, which has not yet been acted upon by the Sejm. (C)

2. Meeting With South African Ambassador. I met with South African Ambassador Donald Sole April 9. Sole stressed that whatever the differences between the United States and South Africa we need to communicate better. Sole said that the unauthorized visit of the military intelligence officers represented a communications breakdown. Similarly, according to Sole, the failure of the meetings in Paris (March 30-31) to resolve the issue of South Africa's adherence to the Non-Proliferation Treaty stemmed from a failure to state clearly in advance the positions of South Africa and the United States. We agree with the Ambassador; better communications are needed to avoid any misinterpretation of Reagan Administration policy by the South African Government. Assistant Secretary Crocker's visit to South Africa next week and the planned visit to Washington by South African Foreign Minister Pik Botha next month will give us an opportunity for dialogue with Pretoria. (S)

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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April 11, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Deputy Secretary Clark's Evening Report

Herewith Deputy Secretary Clark's Evening Report of April 10, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker
Mike Deaver

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