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UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS
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June 12, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Walter J. Stoessel, Jr.
Acting Secretary of State

1. Polish Situation. Polish Party chief Kania has tried to mollify the Soviets and his own Party hardliners by (a) speaking toughly of Soviet concerns about Poland; (b) reshuffling the Party's media officials; and (c) sacking five Government Ministers as a signal of the Kania-Jaruzelski leadership's intention to tighten economic management. Solidarity leader Lech Walesa also made a conciliatory speech today. Notwithstanding, the Soviets are still very suspicious about the course of events in Poland. The next several weeks before the scheduled Polish Party Congress will be critical.

2. PLO Observer in IMF/IBRD. We won hands down today in the World Bank Executive Board vote on our resolution which effectively bars a representative from the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). All our major allies supported us, as well as the southern cone of South America. In all, our resolution got 62% of the weighted vote. The issue will be taken up in the International Monetary Fund Executive Board on Monday, and we would expect similar results.

3. Sale of Howitzers to Uruguay. Responding to Uruguay's willingness in principle to participate in the Sinai Multi-national Force, the Department has informed the Uruguayans and the Koreans that it will reverse the earlier disapproval of a sale to Uruguay of 32 howitzers, produced in Korea under U.S. license.

4. Meeting with Turkish Defense Minister Bayulken. I hosted a luncheon today for Defense Minister Bayulken of Turkey as part of his visit to the U.S. at Secretary Weinberger's invitation. Bayulken's main pitch was that the U.S. must provide more military assistance to enable Turkey to meet its NATO obligations. Bayulken also asked for U.S. support for an advanced fighter aircraft coproduction program. I made no specific commitments, but assured Bayulken that we see Turkey as one of our most important allies and that we recognize that Turkey will need assistance over the coming years.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Acting Secretary Stoessel's Evening Report

Attached is Acting Secretary Stoessel's Evening Report for June 12, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

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