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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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

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1. Soviet Military Exercise/Poland. The Soviets today began a large military exercise in their western military districts. It appears that the exercise will be one of the largest of its kind and could involve as many as 100,000 men. Although any exercise near the Soviet-Polish border can be politically intimidating to the Poles, there are no indications at this time that the exercise is a cover for an imminent military intervention. The Soviets notified the signatories of the Final Act of the Helsinki Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe about the holding of the exercise, but Moscow did not provide the number of participating troops, as required by the Act. The Department spokesman today made a statement expressing our concern over the omission of this information and noting the inconsistency with the Helsinki agreement. We are encouraging other countries to take similar positions.

2. Afghanistan Briefing Team. We are dispatching an inter-agency briefing team to eight European capitals in order to enhance our program of challenging the Soviets on Afghanistan. The team will consult with host governments on the situation inside Afghanistan and on diplomatic strategy. The team will also concentrate its attention on influential non-government figures, e.g. key parliamentarians, journalists, labor and religious figures. The objective is to raise the level of public consciousness in Europe on the continuing Soviet aggression in Afghanistan.

3. Bolivia. Bolivian army commander Torrelío today succeeded in having himself named president after several days of maneuvering to oust his fellow junta members. Torrelío appears to owe his position in large part to former president Garcia Meza and his narcotics-tarnished group. This bodes ill for producing either political stability or badly needed economic reforms. Torrelío knows of our concerns about narcotics and the need for economic reform. We will be watching his cabinet appointments and actions in these areas as we determine the kind of relationship with his government which best meets US interests.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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September 5, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Richard V. Allen

SUBJECT: Acting Secretary Stoessel's Evening Report

Attached is Acting Secretary Stoessel's Evening Report
for September 4, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker
Michael Deaver

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