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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT  
FROM: William P. Clark, Acting *WPC*

1. Poland. The situation is tense. A Polish Government spokesman has stated that the Government is no longer interested in talking with Solidarity. However, we know that Kania has privately asked the Polish Primate to mediate with the Union and to emphasize that the Poles are under extremely heavy Soviet pressure. Solidarity's National Coordinating Committee is meeting today and we may soon have a better readout as to whether the Union will step back from some of the positions taken at the first part of the Union's national congress which the authorities consider extreme. The Polish Parliament session scheduled for September 24-25 may also help illuminate matters. We do not exclude the possibility that the authorities may take extraordinary measures this week, such as declaring martial law. However, we have no indication that they have made such a decision, and the second half of the Solidarity Congress is still scheduled to begin Saturday. The Soviets are continuing a vitriolic propaganda campaign, claiming that the Union may try to seize power. (C)

2. US-Canadian Pipeline. The Department strongly recommends that there be submitted to Congress by September 25 the package of waivers for the US-Canadian gas pipeline supported by Senators Stevens, McClure, Jackson and Murkowski. Without the waivers, necessary private financing will not be obtained. Unless immediate executive action is taken, congressional action will be impossible this session, delaying and possibly killing the project.

Prime Minister Trudeau has gone ahead with the Canadian segment of the pipeline on the basis of earlier U.S. assurances that we would facilitate private financing of the remaining sections. (C)

3. Zurich: Namibia Talks. Chet Crocker met in Zurich with Pik Botha's Deputy Fourie at the South Africans' request to clear up several points in the Namibia negotiations, particularly coordination of implementation of the last stage of the Namibia settlement with the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola. The talks were frank, straightforward and friendly. Fourie said he was satisfied with our clarifications. He has returned to Cape Town to present the package to the Cabinet, saying that he would press hard for a commitment to move forward with us. We may have a South African response before the Secretary's Thursday meeting with Contact Group Ministers. (C)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN *Allen*

SUBJECT: Acting Secretary Clark's Evening Report

Attached is Acting Secretary Clark's Evening Report for September 22, 1981.

cc: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
James Baker  
Michael Deaver

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