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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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

BY CV NARA DATE 7/3

1. German Briefing on Brezhnev Visit to Bonn.

Berndt von Staden, the German Foreign Office State Secretary, met with the Secretary and me today to provide a detailed briefing on the Brezhnev visit to Bonn. The Secretary said that you were grateful for Chancellor Schmidt's strong support both after your speech and during the Brezhnev visit, and he stressed the need to maintain close contact as East-West issues become more active. Von Staden agreed and suggested that the Chancellor's main goal in his talks with Brezhnev had been to stress German solidarity with the US and the West; he thought that Brezhnev had begun to understand this point. Von Staden said that the Soviets seem also to have been impressed with the Chancellor's description of the strength of our interest in making progress on military security issues. The overall impression of the Germans was that the Soviets did wish to make progress, but that they were not yet ready to abandon any of their long-held positions in order to do so.

2. The Arab Summit and the Saudi Eight Principles.

The breakup of the Arab Summit because of disagreement over the Saudi "eight principles" as the basis of a Middle East peace initiative dramatizes the deep divisions in the Arab world toward this issue. It is too early to assess whether Saudi or radical Arab prestige and influence will be more damaged, or whether and when the Saudis might try to revive their initiative. This check to the Saudi initiative gives us at least temporary respite from pressure to bring forth alternatives to the Camp David approach.

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November 28, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Acting Secretary Stoessel's Evening Report

Attached is Walter Stoessel's Evening Report for  
November 27, 1981.

cc: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
James Baker  
Michael Deaver

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