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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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

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1. Sakharov Hunger Strike. The hunger strike of Sakharov and his wife continues into its twelfth day and concern is mounting over their physical condition. Alexander Bessmertnykh (the number two at the Soviet Embassy here) responded to my demarche of last week by calling today to inform us that, regarding the Sakharov case, "there is no such issue in US-Soviet relations." In light of this Soviet refusal to discuss the matter with us, we are urgently working up other approaches to take in this immediate period which we will present for your consideration and approval.

2. Election of UN Secretary General. The present president of the UN Security Council told the Council today that a split term between Waldheim and Salim was unworkable and that both candidates would continue to be vetoed. On this basis, after being asked, Waldheim announced today that he was withdrawing from the race. Salim said that he would have to discuss the issue with his group of sponsors before giving a definitive response. If he should also withdraw, there will be a wide-open race among the half-dozen other interested candidates.

3. Savimbi Visit. I had a productive exchange of views today with Jonas Savimbi, leader of the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA), who is in the US for a private visit. We briefed Savimbi on the Administration's southern Africa strategy, emphasizing our view of UNITA as a legitimate political force which must play an important role. Savimbi expressed support for our policy on Angola and Namibia and reiterated his desire for a political settlement in Angola. He believes that popular unrest, deteriorating morale in the Angolan armed forces, and Angolan desire for a Namibia settlement may force the Angolan leadership to reach a settlement with UNITA.

4. Spain and NATO: Continuing Problems with Greece. Greek President Papandreou implied to the German Ambassador in Athens today that Greece might abstain instead of signing the accession protocol at the NATO North Atlantic Council Ministerial meeting on December 10. Greek abstention could derail the process and would severely embarrass the Spaniards. We plan to make a forceful joint Allied demarche (US, FRG, France, United Kingdom and Italy) to Papandreou on Friday, telling him directly that the Alliance expects Greece to sign the Spanish accession protocol.

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December 4, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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FROM: JAMES W. NANCE

SUBJECT: Acting Secretary Stoessel's Evening Report

Attached is Acting Secretary Stoessel's Evening Report for December 3, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker
Michael Deaver

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