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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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

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1. Hunger Strike by Sakharovs. The Soviet press reported today that the Sakharovs have been placed in a hospital for "precautionary medical aid" relating to their hunger strike. Our Embassy in Moscow is attempting to verify this report. Meanwhile, in Madrid, a Soviet delegate to the security and cooperation conference there told one of our delegates that Soviet authorities will force-feed the Sakharovs rather than let them die. He also said that the Soviets would under no circumstances let the Sakharovs' daughter-in-law emigrate from the USSR. Meanwhile, journalists here tell us they are aware from "White House sources" that a US statement is being considered for release during the next twenty-four hours.

2. Sinai Force and Observers. Israel today transmitted the US-Israeli Joint Statement to France, the UK, Italy and the Netherlands, under cover of a letter asking that they acknowledge their acceptance of the principles contained in the statement. Although the Europeans would have preferred to avoid a formal response, the British have already drafted a reply and are coordinating it with the other three. Once they have agreement we understand they will share it with us prior to sending it on to the Israelis by the middle of next week. We are working with both sides to ensure that this exchange of letters will be the final chapter in this particular diplomatic saga.

3. Meeting with Kampuchean Resistance Leader. I met today with Kampuchean resistance leader Son Sann. This and other US meetings with him are part of our efforts to heighten the standing of the non-communist Kampuchean nationalists opposing the Vietnamese occupation of Kampuchea. Son Sann appealed anew for US material assistance. He was told that our political and humanitarian support would continue and that, in close consultation with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, we are considering other ways to help.

4. Chemical Warfare. By a vote of 74 to 18, with 30 abstentions, the UN General Assembly voted this evening to extend the mandate of the UN experts' group investigation of chemical weapons use. The Soviet Union opposed this action unsuccessfully. Continuation of the investigation is a high priority issue for us since it keeps international attention and pressure focused on Soviet activities in Kampuchea, Laos and Afghanistan.

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DECEMBER 5, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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FROM: JAMES W. NANCE *but*

SUBJECT: Acting Secretary Stoessel's Evening Report

Attached is Walter Stoessel's Evening Report for December 4, 1981.

cc: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
James Baker  
Michael Deaver

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