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9 December 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: William P. Clark, Acting *WPC*

1. Sakharov Hunger Strike Over -- Alekseyeva to Leave USSR. Liza Alekseyeva met with KGB inspector Baranov at 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, Moscow time. According to Liza, Baranov told her the decision had been made to grant her exit permission. Additionally, Baranov said the Sakharovs had been told of this decision, had ended their hunger strike, and were "feeling better." Baranov cautioned Liza to limit her contacts with foreigners, lest her exit application be withdrawn. This resolution of the Sakharov matter is consistent with Soviet interests, since other likely resolutions present more serious problems. We will monitor developments as closely as possible to ensure the Soviets comply with their bargain with Liza and the Sakharovs. (C)

2. UN Secretary General Race. Following Salim's withdrawal yesterday from Secretary General balloting, Security Council President Otunnu (Uganda) compiled a list of candidates to be considered by the Council. On the list are Ortiz de Rozas of Argentina, Perez de Cuellar of Peru, Commonwealth Secretary General Ramphal of Guyana, former UN High Commissioner for Refugees Sadruddin Agha Khan and Panamanian Foreign Minister Illueca. The Council will meet informally December 11 to conduct a confidential straw poll in which all 15 members will indicate those candidates they can support and the 5 permanent members will indicate those candidates they cannot support. Lack of this preliminary support would allow candidates to withdraw gracefully. A date has not been set for formal balloting. We will be willing to support the Argentine, the Peruvian or Sadruddin Kahn. (C)

3. Martin Arrest in Benin. Mr. William Martin, a Telecommunications Officer temporarily assigned to Cotonou, Benin, was arrested by the Beninese Government (GPRB) twelve days ago. Despite our strenuous efforts to arrange for his release, he is still detained. The Secretary has asked Foreign Ministers of governments with representatives in Benin to intervene on Martin's behalf. We have a plan to increase pressure on the GPRB -- cutting off our modest bilateral assistance, sending Peace Corps Volunteers home, and reducing the size of our Embassy. It will be implemented in stages, beginning this Thursday. (S)

4. UNGA Plenary Vote on Chemical Weapons Investigation. The UN General Assembly voted this evening in plenary session to renew the mandate of the expert group established last year to investigate chemical weapons use. The vote on a resolution for an investigation was 86 in favor, 20 against, and 34 abstaining, compared to the 78-17-36 plenary vote for the similar 1980 resolution. The increased vote on this resolution reflects growing international concern over chemical weapons use by the Soviets in Afghanistan and the Vietnamese in Kampuchea, and represents a significant victory for U.S. and western interests. (C)

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December 10, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JAMES W. NANCE

SUBJECT: Acting Secretary Clark's Evening Report

Attached is Bill Clark's Evening Report for December 9, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker
Michael Deaver

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