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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT  
From : Walter J. Stoessel, Jr.  
Acting Secretary of State

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1. Refugee Hunger Strike at US Embassy in Moscow.  
Augustina Vashchenko, one of seven Pentecostalist refugees in the US Embassy in Moscow (who have been there since 1978) told Embassy officers she began a hunger strike on December 25. She was apparently inspired by the earlier success of the Sakharovs. On December 28, Augustina's oldest daughter also declared she was joining the fast. Augustina wants the US government to force the Soviets to grant permission to her and her family to leave the USSR, and to provide facilities within the Embassy to operate on the cancer she believes she has. (The Embassy doctor has examined her and has noted no deterioration in her health; Embassy officers believe she has been secretly taking nourishment.) The American press corps in Moscow is aware of all this, but has decided not to report it for the time being. The Embassy is attempting to persuade the Pentecostalists to end the fast and we will pay close and continuing attention to the situation.
2. Consultations Begin for Second Security Council Session on Golan Heights. We met yesterday with the British Ambassador and the French Charge to present our ideas about the probable second Security Council session on the Golan Heights. We outlined the general features of an outcome that we would accept, stressing the need to avoid a resolution calling for sanctions. Both the British and the French agreed to help and asked us for suggested elements of a resolution. We gave them today an informal illustrative list of elements which (a) omits sanctions; (b) reaffirms that the Israeli measure has no international legal effect; and (c) highlights the importance of UNSC resolutions 242 and 338 in the peace process.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JAMES W. NANCE

SUBJECT: Acting Secretary Stoessel's Evening Report

Attached is Walter Stoessel's Evening Report for December 29, 1981.

cc: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
James Baker  
Michael Deaver

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