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WASHINGTON

January 15, 1982

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

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1. Security Council Postpones Consideration of Golan Issue. Last-minute contacts in Panama and New York enabled us to regain the wavering Panamanians and preserve our seven-vote blocking group against Syria's extreme resolution in the Security Council on the Golan Heights. Faced with this, the Syrians called for a postponement of today's session at which they had planned to press for a vote. The Council will meet at an unspecified time next week. In the meantime, Syria has indicated that it might seek a Special Session of the UN General Assembly in place of action by the Council; however, Syria would need the concurrence of a majority of the Assembly's members in order to convene such a session.

2. Pentecostalists in US Embassy Moscow. The text of your letter to Brezhnev in support of the Pentecostalists at our Embassy in Moscow was delivered to the Soviet Ministry of Foreign Affairs this morning. The Soviet representative who accepted the letter was unyielding in his personal comments (claiming the US would probably be publicizing it anyway), but said it would be brought to Brezhnev's personal attention. Former President Carter spoke this morning by telephone with the Pentecostalist hunger-strikers. The two women did not agree to end their strike, as Carter asked, but did promise to consume liquids, which may stave off the worst effects of their hunger strike for some time. We understand that Carter agreed to telephone Soviet Ambassador Dobrynin on behalf of the Pentecostalists.

3. Further Repression in Nicaragua. La Prensa, the only remaining free newspaper in Nicaragua, has been occupied by Sandinista Army units. This Nicaraguan Government (GRN) action follows a January 13 incident in which a hostile, pro-Sandinista mob demonstrated outside the La Prensa building and was fired upon by jittery private guards. Pedro Joaquin Chamorro, editor of La Prensa, met with GRN Interior Minister Tomas Borge today. He agreed with Borge that the army units should remain in the building until "tempers cool," but said that he expected the paper to reopen soon. Meanwhile, mobilized militants have attacked the homes of Chamorro and other opposition leaders.

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JANUARY 16, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK

SUBJECT: Acting Secretary Stoessel's Evening Report

Attached is Walter Stoessel's Evening Report for  
January 15, 1982.

cc: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
James Baker  
Michael Deaver

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