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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT *JS*

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

1. Hunger Strikers at Embassy Moscow. The two hunger strikers at our Embassy in Moscow, Augustina Vashchenko and her daughter Lidiya, ceased taking any sustenance, including water, the evening of January 23. Our Embassy reports that both are now in serious condition. Our Embassy doctor estimates that, if they continue this new phase of the strike, the two Pentecostalist women will require hospitalization by Wednesday, January 27. The Embassy would then seek permission from the Soviet Government to transfer the two women to a hospital in Europe. Should the Soviets refuse, then the Embassy would seek medical assistance for them in a Soviet hospital in Moscow.

2. Poland: Jaruzelski's Speech. Jaruzelski's speech to the Polish parliament today was an anti-climax. His announcement that he "will" lift martial law by the end of February is so heavily qualified as to be almost meaningless. Jaruzelski promised nothing on the release of prisoners and presented no innovative program of economic reform or renewal. In sum, the speech left a strong impression that the Government remains unsure how to proceed, and it did nothing to point Poland's way out of the current situation.

3. Poland: Outcome of January 23 Meeting of the NATO Council. The NATO Council met Saturday, January 23, to continue work on Allied actions against the Soviet Union and the Polish authorities. The Allies agreed that the Polish situation is deteriorating and all but the Greeks said this called for further measures. Most are taking or considering a range of political steps. All Allied foreign ministers will go to Madrid for the reconvened CSCE meeting to denounce Soviet and Polish violations of the Helsinki Final Act. Predictably, progress on the economic side was slower, but several Allies are considering steps nationally or as members of the European Economic Community. Poland will be the subject of intensive NATO Council consideration again on February 3.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK

SUBJECT: Acting Secretary Stoessel's Evening Report

Attached is Walter Stoessel's Evening Report for January 25, 1982.

cc: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
James Baker  
Michael Deaver

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