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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: Walter J. Stoessel, Jr., Acting

1. Brezhnev's Speech. The preemptive and quick reactive measures which we took to defuse the Brezhnev "freeze" proposal have had the desired effect. Both US and European media gave full and generally supportive play to our perspective on the Brezhnev proposals. Key European governments also took supportive stands. Brezhnev's latest freeze initiative, like his earlier one, will continue to receive a certain amount of play here and in Europe, but will not threaten the firm alliance consensus behind our current negotiating approach. At my luncheon meeting today with the Nordic Ambassadors, they said their governments felt that the Brezhnev speech had backfired on the Soviets, being seen in their countries as the phony ploy it really is.

2. India. In a meeting today with Larry Eagleburger, Indian Ambassador Narayanan emphasized Mrs. Gandhi's interest in a more constructive dialogue with the US. He noted that now may be the time for closer consultations between our two countries. Recent statements by Indian officials have come out in favor of better communications with the US, and have not repeated their critical rhetoric about our arms to Pakistan. You have agreed to invite Mrs. Gandhi to visit Washington in July. This should help considerably to lessen Indian concerns and enable us to get our relations with India back on a more positive course.

3. Human Rights and AID Programs. Congressman Bonkers held a one-hour hearing today on the use of the AID program to increase adherence to internationally recognized standards of human rights. Bonkers was joined only by Congressman LeBoutellier. The single contentious issue in the hearing was the use of \$200,000 of the AID Human Rights fund for election observers in El Salvador. Bonkers characterized the effort as an extraordinary project about which his subcommittee should have been consulted in advance. (Bonkers' complaints focused on propriety, rather than the legality of the use of the Human Rights fund.) After extensive discussion, Bonkers indicated he did not plan to fight the issue, but suggested he might ask for a GAO report.

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March 18, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK

SUBJECT: Acting Secretary Stoessel's Evening Report

Attached is acting Secretary Stoessel's Evening Report for March 17, 1982.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker
Michael Deaver

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