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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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

1. Visit of Bavarian Minister-President Franz-Josef Strauss. Strauss also met separately today with me and Eagleburger. His principal theme was similar to what he said to you -- that the West must develop a new strategy toward the Soviet Union, relying on greater assertiveness. He believes the Soviets take aggressive steps only in areas where the West shows weakness, e.g. Angola in 1974 (although Strauss does believe that the Soviet position in Africa is now vulnerable and should be exploited). Strauss expressed concern over US-West German relations, although he is stressing to the US media that the leftists in Germany are a small minority. Finally, Strauss believes that Schmidt's Socialist Party is in rapid decline and he indicated his clear belief that a new (CDU/CSU) government cannot be far in the future.

2. Middle East: Working Session of Autonomy Negotiations Delayed. Still smarting from Mubarek's refusal to go to Jerusalem, the Israelis now insist that at least a portion of next week's working level session be held in that city. The Egyptians have refused and the session is postponed until the issue is resolved. We tried to finesse the issue by inviting both parties here, but the Israelis would not agree. We doubt that either side wants the talks to founder on this issue and will wait to see if Israel's Cabinet meeting on Sunday produces a compromise. If not, we will have to weigh in again.

3. Anti-Terrorism Training Program. We have begun formal consultations with the Congress on the Administration's proposed anti-terrorism training program for foreign law enforcement officials. The reaction has been positive and we are optimistic that the Congress will authorize and fund the program in order to begin the training this coming October.

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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 Thursday March 18, 1982.

cc: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
Jim Baker  
Mike Deaver

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