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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

March 19, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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

1. Buckley Mission. Eagleburger called in the French Charge today to stress the need for prompt and concrete action on restraint of credits to the Soviet Union in response to Jim Buckley's present mission to Europe. The Charge responded that the US message was clear, and mentioned the French preference for the Summit preparatory group to look at the issue. Eagleburger agreed that the subject would surely be discussed at the Summit, but stressed the need for a broader group, including the European Community Ten, to be involved. Our Embassy in Bonn has been instructed to make these same points to the Germans. In addition, Al sent letters on credit restrictions to his counterparts in Bonn, Paris, London and Rome, in order to affect consideration of this issue at the meeting of European Community Foreign Ministers on March 22-23.

2. Meeting with New Zealand Foreign Minister. The New Zealand Foreign Minister, Warren Cooper, met with me this morning. He emphasized that he is a true supporter and ally of the US, openly welcomed visits by our nuclear powered ships to New Zealand, and indicated that the US could count on his government's support on most issues.

3. Briefing for Religious Leaders. I hosted a briefing this morning on your Caribbean Basin plan for some forty American religious leaders from around the country. Bill Brock, Peter McPherson and Tom Enders joined me in briefing the group. Our presentation was well received, and several representatives of large denominations expressed their support for the program. The group had some tough questions on Central America, but the general tone of the meeting was very positive.

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MARCH 20, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK

SUBJECT: Acting Secretary Stoessel's Evening Report

Attached is Walter Stoessel's Evening Report for March 19, 1982.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver