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June 3, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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

1. Japanese Ambassador Reviews Groundwork for President's Meeting with Suzuki. In a call on me this morning, Japanese Ambassador Okawara confirmed that he anticipated, as we did, that trade and defense would be featured in Suzuki's bilateral meeting with you. He said that Suzuki hoped the recent trade package would be appreciated as it was the best he could do in the circumstances, and was intended to stave off protectionist measures. He said that defense, like last year, would be exempted from stringent budget guidelines; however, the budget situation remained tight and the final result might not meet the expectations of all US officials concerned with defense. Okawara indicated the Prime Minister intended to be supportive on credit controls on the Soviets, but still hoped for a favorable decision on US licenses for Sakhalin oil and gas exploration.

2. El Salvador: Ambassador Hinton's Meeting with Congressional Officials. Our Ambassador to El Salvador, Deane Hinton, met today with Members and staffers of the House Foreign Affairs Committee here in Washington. Human rights, the status of land reform revision actions by the new government, and progress toward prosecution in the nuns' murder case formed the basis for most questions. Ambassador Hinton did an excellent job presenting the Administration's case, but the Committee still seems intent on imposing assistance conditions on El Salvador based upon the outcome of the new government's handling of the land reform issue.

3. Spanish Coup Plotters Sentenced. A military court in Madrid today sentenced two of the ring leaders of the 1981 coup attempt (Civil Guard officer Tejero and army general Milans del Bosch) to severe prison terms of 30 years each. However, other participants either received light sentences or charges were dropped. General Alfonso Armada, a former confidant of the King, received a surprisingly mild sentence of six years. Prime Minister Calvo Sotelo already has criticized the terms as too light, but any appeal by the government would raise constitutional questions of military vs. civilian justice and risk further alienating the armed forces.

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June 4, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK

SUBJECT: Secretary Stoessel's Evening Report

Attached is Walt's Evening Report for Thursday, June 3, 1982.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

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