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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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

1. German State Elections in Hamburg. The results of the Hamburg State elections on June 6 are a defeat for both Chancellor Schmidt and Foreign Minister Genscher. Schmidt's Socialist Party lost its absolute majority in Hamburg, polling only 42.8% of the vote as compared to 51.5% in 1978. The opposition Christian Democrats won a plurality with 43.2% of the vote compared to 36.7% in 1978. Genscher's Free Democratic Party, which polled 4.8% on Sunday, again failed to enter the State Parliament because of the 5% minimum rule. The net result in Hamburg is likely to be a minority Socialist Government since Hamburg constitution provides that an existing government can be removed from office only when a majority exists for another. The negative impact of the Hamburg elections will weaken the Federal coalition government still further. First, Schmidt's domestic difficulties will not make him easier to deal with during the NATO Summit and bilaterally; secondly, Genscher may be further inclined to quit the coalition with Schmidt in an effort to shore up his party's image and future prospects.

2. Chad: Habre Takes N'Djamena. In a quick and effortless operation, rebel leader Hissene Habre captured the capital city of N'Djamena on June 7, climaxing an impressive two-week drive from the east and north. Resistance in the capital was minimal and city residents turned out to greet the victors with jubilation. (There are unconfirmed reports that former president Goukouni has been killed.) Our Embassy and all Americans in N'Djamena had been safely evacuated to Cameroon the previous day. Habre has been consistent in his support for the Organization for African Unity (OAU) peace plan which calls for an end to the fighting and a process of political reconciliation. We plan to send a diplomatic representative back into N'Djamena as soon as it is safe to do so to establish contact with Habre and urge his continued support for the OAU plan.

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June 8, 1982.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK.

SUBJECT: Acting Secretary Walter J. Stoessel's Evening Report

The following is Walt Stoessel's Evening Report for Monday, June 7, 1982.

cc: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
James Baker  
Michael Deaver

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