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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON  
April 8, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT  
THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: William P. Clark, Acting *W*

1. E. C. Commission Decision on French Wheat Sale to USSR. The preliminary report received on the meeting of the E.C. Commissioners to consider the French request for the sale of 600,000 M/T of wheat to the USSR is that the E.C. Commissioners decided not to authorize the sale. The Commissioners reportedly attached no conditions to this decision. The decision will reportedly be made public April 9. We may not have heard the last of the issue -- Paye stressed that in the context of the upcoming French elections, it will be impossible to explain to the French farmers how France can continue to support the grains embargo when stocks are overflowing and Australia, Argentina, Canada and Spain have increased their sales to the Soviets. (Actually, Australia has not increased its sales but this is due to poor crops.) (C)

2. Africa Trip. Chet Crocker, Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, is on the first mission by a senior official to Africa. In London today Crocker's talks with the British indicated that they expect the Administration to take the lead to obtain firm assurances from Pretoria in order to get the Front Line States on board for a revised Namibia settlement plan. While the British share our strategic concerns they disagree on how to achieve withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola and believe visible U.S. support for Savimbi will jeopardize African cooperation with the West in the region. (S)

3. African Refugee Conference. Ambassador Helman in Geneva reports that Israel and the African nations have tentatively agreed to a formula that will insure Israel's participation in the African Refugee Conference which opens tomorrow in Geneva. Ambassador Kirkpatrick informed Waldheim that any challenge to Israel's participation would lead us to reconsider our own participation. The African states (who are looking forward to our \$280 million pledge at the Conference) were also informed of our firm position. (C)

4. New Belgian Government and Theater Nuclear Forces. The Belgian Ambassador told Under Secretary Stoessel that he remains optimistic about progress towards deployment of cruise missiles in Belgium. He described the new Prime Minister, Marc Eyskens, as having a more forceful personality than his predecessor, Wilfried Martens. We would add that the continuation of Nothomb as Foreign Minister gives grounds for guarded optimism, given his performance to date in facilitating preparations for deployments. (C)

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 9, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Deputy Secretary Clark's Evening Report

Herewith Deputy Secretary Clark's Evening Report of April 8, 1981.

cc: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
James Baker ✓  
Mike Deaver

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