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UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS
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July 31, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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

1. Africa: The Coup Attempt in The Gambia. The attempted overthrow of the government of The Gambia, a small west African nation, is being countered by troops from neighboring Senegal. We are in close touch with the government of Senegal, which assures our embassy there that it will make every effort to provide security for Americans who are stationed at our mission in Banjul, the capital of The Gambia.

2. Senate Testimony on Mass Emigration from Cuba and Haiti. Assistant Secretary Tom Enders testified today before Senator Simpson's Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Refugee Policy. The only confrontation came in a series of questions by Senator Kennedy as to why we do not grant "voluntary departure" status to Salvadoreans. Enders rejoined by insisting that most Salvadoreans have come here for economic reasons, have no grounds to fear persecution on their return, and will not be singled out for violence by either side. Senator Simpson asked about Haitian refugees and Enders said that we are working with Haiti to prevent any further mass exodus of those who -- for the most part -- seek to enter the US for better economic conditions.

3. First Vice President of the Sudan Appeals for Security Assistance. Sudanese Vice President (and Defense Minister) Magid is in Washington on a week-long visit at the invitation of Cap Weinberger. He met today with me and others and fervently urged us to provide more and quicker security assistance to counter the Soviet-backed threat from Libya. Specifically, he is seeking a multi-year procurement authorization, and additional support with Saudi Arabia in putting together a quarter billion dollar air defense package. We were sympathetic and will consider weighing in with the Saudis again, but we cited budgetary and Congressional problems.

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August 1, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Acting Secretary Stoessel's Evening Report

Attached is Acting Secretary Stoessel's Evening Report
for July 31, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

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