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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

29 September 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: William P. Clark, Acting *WPC*

1. Stoessel's Appearance on the Hill on Refugees. Continuing our consultations on refugee problems, Walt Stoessel led a battery of Administration witnesses today before the House Judiciary Committee. The process requires both houses to comment on Presidential recommendations for refugee admissions by October 1, and indications are such comments will dispute your figures. Congress is primarily concerned over budgetary problems and the impact of refugees (particularly those from Indochina) on local communities. In response, Walt offered a compromise by stating our intention to hold actual admissions below your proposed ceiling of 173,000. We hope this offer and our backstage lobbying will persuade Congress to support your ceiling if we are to maintain confidence among first asylum countries. (C)

2. Poland. Walesa was sharply criticized at today's session of the Solidarity Congress, and several radicals announced their candidacy for Union leadership. Most observers feel Walesa will win the upcoming election, although odds against him are increasing. A Polish Embassy contact advises that the Embassy has today received a cable from Warsaw expressing concern over the "challenge" to Walesa and stating that victory by radicals would force the government to move against Solidarity, perhaps by declaring it illegal. (S)

3. Meeting with Jean-Pierre Cot. I met with French Minister of Cooperation and Development Jean-Pierre Cot yesterday to review matters relating to Libya and Africa. Cot requested that we use our influence to help reduce Habre's anti-Libyan and anti-government activities in Chad. He maintained that giving President Goukouni a few months breathing space to consolidate his control will put him in a better position to request Libyan withdrawal. Cot also expressed skepticism about our southern Africa policy, but noted that French Foreign Minister Cheysson is more optimistic. (S)

4. Pakistan-Afghanistan Talks in The UN. The first round of talks at the UN between Pakistan Foreign Minister Shahi, UN SYG Waldheim and Afghan Foreign Minister Dost on the Afghan conflict have ended inconclusively. The Pakistanis claim they stuck firm to their previous position, refusing to participate in face-to-face talks with the Afghans without the participation of Iran. Dost reportedly urged face-to-face talks, but agreed he would study the Pakistani position further and would delay his departure from the UN. He may meet again with Waldheim. Neither we nor the Pakistanis see these talks as leading anywhere. They do permit Pakistan, which is again leading efforts to obtain a strong UNGA resolution on Afghanistan, to appear flexible on the issue. This is important to gain third world support for the resolution. (C)

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September 30, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN *Allen*

SUBJECT: Acting Secretary Clark's Evening Report

Attached is Acting Secretary Clark's Evening Report for September 29, 1981.

cc: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
James Baker  
Michael Deaver

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