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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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

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1. Brezhnev Response to Your Letter. Soviet Ambassador Dobrynin today delivered Brezhnev's response to your November 17 letter. (We forwarded the text to you this morning via the NSC.) Brezhnev responds as much to your recent foreign policy speech as to your actual letter. The introductory language is relatively upbeat, noting satisfaction with your expressed interest in businesslike cooperation with the USSR, but the core of the letter restates standard Soviet views on intermediate-range nuclear forces, strategic arms negotiations, Afghanistan and Cuba. We will provide you soon with our recommendations on responding to Brezhnev's communication of these Soviet views.
2. Poland. We are closely following developments in Poland in the wake of this morning's action by Polish authorities to remove forcibly the cadets who were staging a sit-in at a firefighters' school in Warsaw. It is unclear whether the Solidarity forces will choose to protest the government action via strikes or other measures. We will be updating our intelligence assessment and contingency planning to take account of this latest event in the troubled Polish situation.
3. Congressional Notification on Sale of F-16 Aircraft to Venezuela. We are consulting with Chairmen Zablocki and Percy prior to submission of the 30-day formal notification of the F-16 aircraft sale to Venezuela on December 3. If the Chairmen wish, we are prepared to split the notification and complete it following the recess to all 30 days while Congress is in session. But our objective is to move as quickly as possible in order to protect the Venezuelans' preferred delivery date (early 1984).

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December 3, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: James W. Nance

SUBJECT: Acting Secretary Stoessel's Evening Report

Attached is Acting Secretary Stoessel's Evening Report for December 2, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker
Michael Deaver

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