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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

May 14, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT 
From: Walter J. Stoessel, Jr.
Acting Secretary of State

1. Soviet Comment on START. At Secretary Haig's request, today we called in the Soviet Embassy's number two official (Bessmertnykh) to talk about START. He said that the Soviets do not yet have an official reaction to your proposals and are not yet ready to set a specific date for negotiations. On a "personal" basis, the Soviet diplomat criticized our proposals as one-sided; however, he asked several questions which indicate that the proposals are being carefully studied. Soviet Ambassador Dobrynin is returning to Moscow on Monday, in part to participate in high-level discussions on the START issue. His deputy indicated to us that Brezhnev will be making a public speech later this month, and he left the impression that Brezhnev might use this occasion to address START issues in this public forum.

2. Visit of FRG Bundestag Deputy Horst Ehmke. FRG Bundestag Deputy Horst Ehmke (Social Democrat), who is close to Chancellor Schmidt, met with me and Larry Eagleburger this week. Ehmke said that your May 9 speech has had a major positive impact in the Federal Republic. Nonetheless, he also noted (as have other Germans) that if arms control talks, especially the INF negotiations, drag on for many months with no results, we shall collectively face a public relations problem in Germany. He added that we should be aware of this problem now and plan for handling it effectively. Ehmke also expressed the view that Schmidt's party has emerged strengthened from the recent congress in Munich, and said the Schmidt-Genscher coalition is likely to last until 1984.

3. Falklands and the United Nations. The UN Security Council, meeting this afternoon in informal consultations, heard a perfunctory report from Secretary General Perez de Cuellar on his mediation efforts, and encouraged him to continue. British UN Permanent Representative Tony Parsons leaves New York this evening for London (as does British Ambassador Henderson in Washington), where they will attend a special cabinet meeting on Sunday.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK

SUBJECT: Acting Secretary Stoessel's Evening Report

Attached is Walt Stoessel's Evening Report for May 14, 1982.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

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