


For May 2, 1980

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May 1, 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: Denis Clift 

SUBJECT: Foreign Policy Breakfast, Friday, May 2, 1980,
7:30 a.m.

Iran

Immediately following the breakfast, Zbig will chair a meeting of the SCC which will be looking at US strategy and tactics toward Iran, e.g., how we posture ourselves prior to the May 17 deadline for allied sanctions, possible secondary boycott of food and medicine, claims legislation, actions to keep up morale of hostage families. At the Tuesday SCC meeting there was informal agreement that we should not get out in front of the allies between now and the 17th.

Saudi Arabia

State is now giving policy level attention to the problems we face with the "Death of a Princess" film, and Warren Christopher should be prepared to discuss some of the options they are considering recommending to the President. These include:

- The possibility of a letter from Ambassador West to the board of PBS.
- The possibility of a Saudi letter to the United States at the government-to-government level which we could then convey to the board of PBS.

In the meantime various people in the Administration close to the board are quietly taking soundings; it is my understanding that the PBS board is quite anxious about the problem.

Autonomy Talks

You have seen Sol Linowitz' telegram reporting on his first meeting with Begin and on Begin's very rigid position. Clearly, Begin will reserve any flexibility until 11:55 p.m., May 25.

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Lebanon

The Defense Intelligence report at Tab A reviews Haddad's renewed harassment of UNIFIL. The report includes information to the effect that Haddad was taken by Israeli helicopter to Haifa for treatment following injury in the field on April 29. It is hard for the Israelis to say that they do not have influence over him with reports such as this.

Cuban Refugees

You have seen the White House Directive setting up a domestic task force to deal with the refugee problem in Florida. We have had indications from the Cubans in Havana that they are now looking for a way to defuse this -- after Castro gives us a May Day blast.

Service Academy Commencement Addresses

As the President has announced that he is resuming scheduling of appointments outside of Washington, I should think that the Air Force Academy Commencement on May 28 would be an excellent event to include on his schedule.

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LEBANON: A NEW ROUND. (U)

(C/NOFORN) THE RELATIVE CALM BETWEEN MAJ HADDAD'S FREE LEBANON MILITIA (FLM) AND UNIFIL SINCE 19 APRIL MAY HAVE ENDED. ON THE 29TH, HADDAD ANNOUNCED NEW MEASURES AGAINST UNIFIL THAT WILL HAMPER ITS OPERATIONS, SAFETY, AND EFFECTIVENESS. MOREOVER, HADDAD WAS RECENTLY WOUNDED BY A MINE, AND THIS WILL PROBABLY FURTHER INCREASE HIS ANTI-UNIFIL MOVES.

(C/NOFORN) ON THE 29TH, HADDAD ANNOUNCED HE WAS RECLOSING ALL ENCLAVE ROADS TO UNIFIL PERSONNEL. HE ALSO SAID HE WILL NO LONGER RECOGNIZE THE AUTHORITY OF UNIFIL HEADQUARTERS AT NAQOURA BUT WILL DEAL DIRECTLY WITH INDIVIDUAL BATTALION COMMANDERS BASED ON THEIR PERFORMANCE.

(C/NOFORN) THE ROAD CLOSURES INDICATE HADDAD WILL AGAIN BESIEGE THE FIVE OBSERVATION POSTS AND UNIFIL HEADQUARTERS, ATTEMPTING TO FORCE THEIR ABANDONMENT. HADDAD'S SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO NAQOURA SUGGESTS IT WILL BE A FUTURE TARGET. ALTHOUGH THEY RECOGNIZE THAT NAQOURA IS AN EASY TARGET FOR HADDAD, UNIFIL CONTRIBUTORS APPEAR UNITED IN OPPOSING A MOVE FROM THERE -- ZHARANI, LOCATED SOUTH OF SIDON, HAS BEEN SUGGESTED AS A SITE BY GEN ERSKINE.

(C/NOFORN). ACCORDING TO HADDAD, HIS CURRENT ACTIONS ARE RELATED TO THE IRISH CONTINGENT'S FAILURE TO MEET DEMANDS OF LOCAL SHIA VILLAGERS FOR MONETARY COMPENSATION AND CEREMONIAL APOLOGY FOR THE DEATH OF A SHIA DURING RECENT FIGHTING. HOWEVER, HADDAD MORE LIKELY BELIEVES THE RECENT FUROR HAS FADED ENOUGH TO ALLOW RESUMPTION OF HIS NORMAL ACTIVITIES.

(C/NOFORN) ONE YEAR AGO, AFTER A HEAVY ATTACK ON NAQOURA, HADDAD KIDNAPED UNIFIL TROOPS AND THREATENED TO KILL THEM UNLESS HE WAS COMPENSATED FOR THE DEATH OF ONE OF HIS MILITIAMEN. GEN ERSKINE'S AUTHORIZATION OF AN \$8,000 PAYMENT MAY HAVE SET WHAT HADDAD SEES AS A PRECEDENT.

(C/NOFORN) HADDAD CLAIMS HE CAME UNDER IRISH SNIPER FIRE ON THE 28TH. ON THE 29TH, HIS JEEP STRUCK A MINE, CAUSING HIM SLIGHT INJURY AND EVACUATION BY AN ISRAELI HELICOPTER TO HAIFA FOR TREATMENT. THESE TWO INCIDENTS WILL INCREASE THE PROBABILITY OF RETALIATION AGAINST UNIFIL, ALTHOUGH PALESTINIAN REJECTIONISTS HAVE CLAIMED CREDIT FOR THE MINING.

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(C/NOFORN) THE 10 CONTRIBUTING NATIONS TO UNIFIL WILL MEET IN DUBLIN, IRELAND, ON 2 MAY TO DISCUSS THEIR PROBLEMS. THEY MAY ATTEMPT TO CHANGE UNIFIL'S RULES OF ENGAGEMENT TO ALLOW THEIR TROOPS TO RETURN FIRE IN MORE CIRCUMSTANCES. WHENEVER UNIFIL TROOPS HAVE ENGAGED HADDAD IN THE PAST, HIS PRESSURE AND ATTACKS DIMINISHED SIGNIFICANTLY.

(C/NOFORN) IN THE MEANTIME, UNIFIL AND INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTORS TO UNIFIL CONTINUE TO APPEAL TO ISRAEL TO CONTROL HADDAD'S ACTIVITIES. ISRAEL, HOWEVER, WILL MOST LIKELY REMAIN UNSYMPATHETIC UNLESS UNIFIL GUARANTEES THAT PALESTINIAN TERRORIST RAIDS INTO ISRAEL WILL NOT PASS THROUGH ITS ZONE. UNIFIL'S ARGUMENT THAT SUCH ASSURANCES CANNOT BE MADE AS LONG AS IT MUST SPEND VAST AMOUNTS OF TIME ENGAGING HADDAD CONTINUES TO FALL ON DEAF EARS. (DECL 30 APR 86)

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Memo No. 445-80

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May 29, 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: Denis Clift 

SUBJECT: Foreign Policy Breakfast, Friday, May 30, 1980,
7:30 a.m.

While I know that you are not scheduled to attend tomorrow's breakfast, I thought you might find it helpful if I were to review briefly some of the principal issues that I have been advised will be raised.

Venice Summit

The US, as you know, has been trying to include a political dimension to the Venice Summit. You were advised by the French and the Germans in Belgrade that it would be difficult 1) to expand the participants beyond four and 2) to include a political section in the Communique. The President is still trying to sort out with Secretary Muskie the best way to tackle this. The Italians have advised in blunt terms that they will not stand for their being excluded from political talks taking place in Italy. While no one has mentioned it, Pierre Trudeau has a bit of pride and temper as well, as do the Japanese. Given the anticipated blandness of any political language in the Communique, even if such language were to materialize, I think we gain more by a strong Communique in which all seven participants are agreed rather than continuing this disagreement over the political talks. As Francois-Poncet said in Belgrade, Giscard is dug in on this for domestic political reasons and should not be expected to budge. We expect that he will budge slightly. *

Visits of French Opposition Leaders

The heads of the two principal French opposition parties, Rocard of the Socialists and deLipkowski of the Guallists, are scheduled to visit Washington next week. State with Secretary Muskie's concurrence is planning to have them received by Deputy Secretary Christopher. However, a French journalist who interviewed you some weeks ago, Franz-Olivier Giesbert, writes for one of the Socialist papers and is spreading the word around Washington that

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*Warren Christopher is currently scheduled to go to Paris this coming Tuesday at the head of the US team working on the political consultations problem.

you told him you wanted to meet with Rocard. With the Venice Summit coming up, and with our recent bristling over Giscard's talks with Brezhnev, the French press will give high level attention to the reception the French political leaders receive -- a meeting at the White House will be played as a slap at Giscard -- a meeting with the Socialist but not with the Guallists will be played still more elaborately. We have had no formal request for a meeting from either political leader. Needless to say, however, both would be delighted to be received at the White House. My recommendation is that you discuss this with Secretary Muskie, given its impact on the Venice Summit.

Middle East Speech

As mentioned in an earlier note, the President has indicated to Secretary Muskie that it would be good if the Secretary were to give the Middle East speech no later than June 2. You earlier had informed Muskie of your view that we should wait a while for the speech given the situation in Israel, Sadat's call for initiatives by the US, and the fact that we have no initiatives to announce at present.

Ethiopia-Somalia

Muskie will provide an update on the indicators in the Horn. A recent report from the Sudan based on a conversation between President Nimeiri and Mengistu of Ethiopia indicated that Ethiopia is not planning an attack.

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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
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Memo No. 460-80

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June 5, 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: Denis Clift 

SUBJECT: Foreign Policy Breakfast, Friday, June 6, 1980

Possible Foreign Travel

As we have been consulting with State and the NSC on any recommendations they may have for overseas visits by you, Secretary Muskie may raise the subject during the course of the breakfast. In my opinion, the strongest candidates are Greece and the Peru inauguration at the end of July, with the possibility of related stops in South America and the Caribbean. You have my paper (Tab A) taking a first look at the possibilities.

Middle East

Secretary Muskie is scheduled to address the Washington Press Club on Monday, June 9. The President has been pressing Linowitz to mount a new mission to Egypt and Israel to keep the Camp David process alive. (Quite frankly, and perhaps incorrectly, I feel that Sol Linowitz' enthusiasm has diminished tremendously with the passing of the May 26 date, and with being passed over for Secretary of State.)

Your lunch with Teddy Kollek confirmed the domestic political gap between Kollek and the Begin government. Of note, he expressed his grave concern over mounting violence on the West Bank and saw little opportunity for a positive turn under the Begin government, saying that Begin is not capable of political action, that he is capable of no more than police action.

Venice Summit

Secretary Muskie can be expected to provide a more detailed briefing on the result of the consultations Warren Christopher

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and David Aaron had on the political dimension of the Venice Summit. These consultations worked out better than expected with David offering view that the political section of the Communique can include a condemnation of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and a call for restoration of Afghanistan independence and nonalignment following Soviet withdrawal -- Aaron said that we have the basis for a politically successful summit "if we keep our expectations low."

Iran

During the Principals Only section of the most recent SCC the issue of what the US will do if trials of US hostages begin in Teheran was raised, and it was agreed that the discussion should continue at the Friday breakfast. The breakfast will also touch on what should be done with the Ramsey Clark delegation upon its return.

Cuban Refugees

Secretary Muskie can be expected to brief on the diplomatic aspects of the refugee problem. Lloyd Cutler has been working on the options available to the President in terms of dealing with undesirables who have arrived in the US as part of the Cuban refugee flood.

Non-Proliferation

Muskie may raise the subject of US nuclear non-proliferation policy. It is my understanding that he has accepted Gerry Smith's view that the US must have a bit more latitude in dealing with nuclear non-proliferation, that different countries and different cases may require slightly different approaches.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: Denis Clift 
SUBJECT: Foreign Travel

In the 7-week period between now and August, the President and his senior foreign policy team have a number of overseas missions already scheduled:

- The President -- The Venice Summit with Japan, Great Britain, France, West Germany, Italy, Canada and the EC, as well as trips to Yugoslavia, Spain and Portugal;
- Secretary Muskie -- The Venice Summit, followed by the NATO Ministerial meeting in Ankara, Turkey followed by a US-ASEAN meeting in Kuala Lumpur;
- Secretary Brown -- Just concluded a NATO meeting in Norway, with travel planned to Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf;
- Ambassador Linowitz -- A nearly trip can be expected to Israel and Egypt.

The above do a good job of covering Europe, the Middle East and Asia.

Candidate Trips

Greece -- With the election of Karamanlis to the Presidency and Rallis as Prime Minister, and with the recent signing of the US-Greek Cooperation Agreement (coupled with the fact that Muskie will be visiting Turkey, causing State to see no need for symmetry in any high level visit), we have an uncommonly good occasion for a bilateral visit to Greece with the stated purpose of consultations between good friends and allies following the formation of the new Greek government.

The Greeks, through their Ambassador in Washington and recently to Senator Biden, have indicated that they feel neglected and that they would like a visitor. Ambassador McCloskey would

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strongly favor a visit by you. Such a visit would be very well received by the Greek-American community. Such a visit could be timed to the 4th of July period, for example, and could involve a speech to a very suitable forum such as the Propeller Club or the Greek-American Chamber of Commerce emphasizing our ties and the value we place on democracy, as well as praising the Greek leadership. Leon Billings advises that Muskie very much favors your going to Greece with the understanding that it will be a bilateral trip in praise of Greece, that clearly we will not be able to do anything about the major Greek-Turkish issues and that clearly we will have to avoid traps relating thereto.

Looking at negative aspects, it is not at all likely that the fact of the visit would bring about any progress either on Greek reintegration into NATO or the Cyprus problem, and these issues would have to be noted in any contacts with the press before your visit stressing that the purpose of your visit is not to solve these problems but to consult on them and on other aspects of our relationship. George Vest, I should note, has grave doubts about our chances of avoiding being trapped in some embarrassing way by the Greeks.

State Under Secretary Nimitz will be in Greece for consultations on June 23 and would be in position to set the ground rules for a visit by you. Given the heavy travel through Europe by the President and other advisors, the task of finding related stopovers is not easy, and my initial recommendation would be for you to make the trip to Greece, spending at least two or three days there, with a good delegation and then return to the United States. However, possible candidates for additional stops on a trip to Greece might include Tunisia, a democracy looking for attention from the West, a country which has just received military assistance from the US and is not looking for a large handout, a stop that would greatly please Sadat (and irritate Kadafi). Luxembourg has traditionally been the unvisited member of the NATO Alliance. On July 1 Prime Minister Werner, Foreign Minister Thorn and the government of Luxembourg take over the EC leadership for the second half of 1980 giving Luxembourg political significance that might warrant a 24-hour stopover -- your reception would be superb, needless to say, you might meet every single Luxembourger.

Romania -- State has noted that Ceausescu still is looking for a political level US visitor. I would not recommend any stop in Eastern Europe. You have just met with Ceausescu. None of the other Warsaw Pact countries should be visited, given the current state of East-West relations -- post-Afghanistan and pre-Moscow Olympics.

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Nigeria/Western Africa -- A visit to Nigeria could follow the visit to Greece or could be made independent of a visit to Greece. In terms of trade interests, Nigeria is the most important country in Africa (we have a 11.5 billion-dollar trade deficit this year). On July 22-24 the US-Nigerian Commission is scheduled to meet in Lagos. (This Commission was created during Secretary Kissinger's era. We have similar commissions with Brazil, Saudi Arabia and other countries designed to help us coordinate our bilateral programs and policies in a number of fields.) The Nigerians have been disturbed by the low rank of the head of the US delegation to the commission meetings. Ideally the Secretary of State leads the US side, often it has been Dick Cooper, State is presently trying to persuade Christopher to head the US side. If you were to head the delegation for the commission it would provide a strong, substantive reason for your travel to Nigeria, and you would not be required to sit in on all the commission meetings -- this could be turned over to Christopher or the second ranking member of your party. A visit to Nigeria could be accompanied by visits to Francophone West African nations such as Senegal and the Ivory Coast. It might also include a visit to Niger, in the Sahel. The principal con to any western African visit is the disarray in Liberia. Given the current state of Master Sergeant Doe's government, we could not recommend that you go to Liberia. But were you to avoid Liberia we would risk damage to very important interests there, a number of facilities that receive little publicity and that have been hanging in the balance ever since the Doe coup. This would have to be carefully evaluated. A visit to the region could also include a refueling stop in the strategically located Cape Verde Islands where the Prime Minister has been acting very much in US interests, fending off repeated approaches by the Soviets.

Peru and Latin America -- On July 28, Fernando Belaunde Terry will be inaugurated as President of Peru, marking another return to a democracy success story in Latin America. State attaches very great importance to having high level US representation at the inauguration (with initial thinking having focused on Secretary Muskie and Mrs. Carter). The inauguration would permit consultations not only with Terry but also with the other presidents of the Andean Group, including Herrera of Venezuela and Turbay of Columbia. The Andean Group is of increasing political importance to us, and it wants to be treated as an entity worthy of regular political consultations with the United States. Thus -- given in particular Venezuela's importance to us and the relative success story we have with Venezuela -- a visit to Peru would be of substantive importance

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to our hemispheric relations (and this, in turn, is an issue that will be of importance in the United States this fall). Bill Bowdler strongly endorses the possibility that you might go to Peru. He notes that were you and Mrs. Mondale to go you would have the opportunity while in Peru to fly to Cuzco to tour the pre-Columbian site at Machu Pichu (one of the Wonders of the World).

Columbia has not had a high level visit for years, and Bogota and talks with Turbay could also be included on the itinerary.

Enroute to or from Peru you might wish to stop in Caribbean countries, the Dominican Republic for example where President Guzman has done a good job as a democratic leader -- Guzman has hoped to visit the United States, but this has not yet been possible to arrange. William, of course, summered in the Dominican Republic last year and this would give such a stopover personal meaning and significance and would further highlight press attention. Additionally, Bill Bowdler would recommend the Barbados, another young democracy and relative success story in the Caribbean.

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The above represent the most likely candidates. There are pros and cons to Greece and to western Africa, pros and few visible cons to Peru and other stopovers in the hemisphere.

Candidates Considered But Not Recommended

Southern Africa -- Earlier this year we had very much favored your attending Zimbabwe's Independence Ceremonies. With those ceremonies now behind us, a visit to Zimbabwe and Southern Africa does not present itself favorably. Zimbabwe and the front line states want US aid. Our pockets are almost bare. A visit to the region this summer would come at a time when Mozambique and Zambia are joining Angola as major recipients of Soviet arms -- we would have little with which to counter this adverse development. A visit would come at a time of increased racial tension in South Africa and a time of relative stalemate in Namibia and while producing little positive on either front could well serve to fan political flames both in the front line states and in South Africa.

Kenya and Oman -- With the new US strategic emphasis on the Indian Ocean and the Persian Gulf, and with Kenya's support not only in terms of access to base facilities but also in terms of the Olympic boycott, these countries initially

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presented themselves as candidates. However, while we are moving ahead on the base access front, both have asked us to give it as little publicity as possible, a visit would therefore confront you with the dilemma of trying to duck the most important reason for our new found friendship. (And of course we would have to deal with the question of why Somalia had not been included on your itinerary.)

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Richard Moe
Michael Berman

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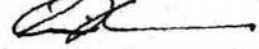
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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
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Memo No. 484-80

June 19, 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: Denis Clift 
VIA: Mike Berman/Penny Miller
SUBJECT: Meeting with Acting Secretary of State

In the past when the President has been overseas, you have invited Acting Secretary Christopher to your office for an informal briefing of international developments.

Warren has called to let you know that he is available should you wish such a meeting. He will be on Capitol Hill this morning testifying.

He could rearrange his schedule to have lunch with you should you wish _____, brief you late this afternoon _____, or brief you Friday morning _____.

I recommend that you schedule a meeting with Christopher for today or tomorrow. We would also include David Aaron.

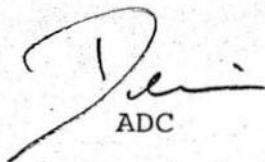
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Penny:

If it is to be lunch today, Christopher will have to shift his schedule (he has said he will be pleased to do so).



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NOTES FOR MEETING WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT

MIDDLE EAST

- EC-9 Declaration
 - Shares US goal of comprehensive peace, Israel right to exist and resolution of Palestinian problem.
 - PLO must be "associated" with talks; Security Council should provide "guarantees."
 - Call for Palestinian self-determination carefully hedged.
 - US position is that it does not undercut Camp David and we are moving ahead.
 - Hope to influence follow-up contacts to prevent disruption.
- Meeting on Autonomy Talks Announced
 - Washington July 2-3
 - Linowitz/Burg/Ali
 - To review negotiations and reach understandings for quick resumption.
- Hussein Visit
 - Frank but warm talks cleared the air.
 - Progress in understanding how approaches might converge in future.
 - Reaffirmation of common commitment to comprehensive peace.
- US offer of medical assistance to one of West Bank Mayors accepted.

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-- Begin says ten new settlements will be last but thickening of existing will continue.

-- UNSC Resolution on West Bank
- US abstains

-- Saudis request F-15 modifications for offensive capability.

-- 90-day deployment of F-4s to Egypt.

-- OPEC meeting
- \$32 p/barrel ceiling and \$5 surcharge set.
- Saudis to keep \$28 price/no reduction in production.

SOUTHWEST ASIA

IRAN

New Parliament

-- Checking of credentials progressing well. Selection of new prime minister estimated within 1-2 weeks. Hostage issue could be taken up before July 20.

Internal Struggle

-- Bani-Sadr and the secular leadership squaring off against Beheshti and religious party. Experience suggests continuing unresolved conflict.

-- Khomeini's recognition of the Iranian origin of problems and his scolding of the revolutionary guards for lack of discipline seem to suggest that even he now recognizes something must be done to stop drift towards chaos.

Prospects for Hostage Release

-- Several prominent Iranians have called for release of hostages. Militants have been strangely quiet during recent weeks and hardly anyone mentions return of the Shah. Threat of a trial has receded somewhat. Current idea seems to be to put the US on trial. But still little grounds for optimism.

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Daoudi Mission

-- Daoudi has met with McHenry and Saunders. Little prospect for continuation of UN Commission or publication of its report, despite Ghotbzadeh's insistence. We would want definite link to release of hostages.

Location of the Hostages

-- We have heard from nine hostages since rescue mission. All but one of the letter writers are apparently in the Embassy.

Sanctions and the Economy

-- Clear the US, European and Japanese sanctions having an effect. Many spare parts are in critically short supply. Reduction in Iranian oil sales, together with the freeze of assets, is affecting the available revenues and forcing an austere budget. Inflationary pressures building. Unemployment remains high. Iranian moderates working to relieve problem.

Afghanistan Meetings

-- Ghotbzadeh, Agah Shahi and Chatti meeting this weekend in Geneva with Afghan Freedom Fighters and possibly representatives of the Babrak government.

AFGHANISTAN

-- Fighting reported between combined Afghan/Soviet forces and nationalist insurgents in Kabul suburbs and in Paghman mountains of Parwan. Still no confirmation that Soviets have increased troop levels above the 85,000 previously reported.

-- Soviets are rumored to be looking for replacement for Babrak Karmal. Those most widely mentioned are members of current regime.

-- We have no confirmation of possible suicide attempt by Babrak Karmal, which reportedly was thwarted by his Soviet chief. Karmal has been seen in public since the story appeared.

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-- Political feuding between Khalq and Parcham factions increasing. Assassinations of low-level Khalqi and Parchamist workers averaged over ten a day last week in Kabul alone. Three more cabinet ministers from Amin government probably have been executed.

-- Standing Committee of the Islamic Conference plans to meet in Geneva June 20 with Afghan nationalist representatives. Babrak regime continues to insist that it will not meet with committee unless it is recognized as legitimate government of Afghanistan.

EUROPE

GERMANY

-- Schmidt to go to Moscow 6/30. Promises to discuss Afghanistan and TNF along Western lines. Genscher to brief EC in Brussels and come to US in early July.

-- Schmidt upset over President's letter warning him on understanding with Soviets on LRTNF decision by NATO.

-- Senator Biden's meeting with Schmidt (6/11) - you have received report.

SOVIET UNION

-- Muskie met for first time with Ambassador Dobrynin on June 16. Expressed disappointment with Gromyko's negative reaction to letter on Afghanistan, which Ambassador Watson had delivered the week before. Secretary emphasized President's continued interest in SALT ratification but said votes were just not presently available. Dobrynin asked if that meant ratification is unlikely before next year -- Secretary said that was realistic view. Dobrynin said there would be problems with timing of Protocol if ratification came after Spring 1981.

-- Secretary reassured Dobrynin about false NORAD alert which Gromyko had raised with Watson. Dobrynin expressed interest in Soviet role in solving Middle East problems and regret that no formal response had been made to Brezhnev's proposal for TNF negotiation other than the NATO deployment decision.

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-- Defense Minister Ustinov reported to have cancer.

-- Instruction sent to "Novosti" to step up anti-US propaganda.

Venice Summit

-- To review policies for dealing with energy, inflation, slow growth, rising protectionist pressures. Political discussion for first time. First collective meeting of leaders since Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

Ankara NATO Ministerial

-- Want to gain support of allies of accomplishments at Venice. Convince Allies that we have long term strategy in dealing with Soviets. Reach agreement on Western position for Madrid CSCE. (Our cautious position towards French CDE has us isolated within Alliance.)

LATIN AMERICA

Bolivia

- Military/far right anti-US campaign escalates.
- Santa Cruz Consular Agency gutted
- Ambassador Weisman's removal demanded by military

El Salvador

- Encouraged by reforms
- Right/left violence continues
- Christian Democratic Party asks for US assistance

Nicaragua

-- Encouraging developments: two moderates on Junta, municipal/national elections promised, private sector reforms accepted, La Prensa re-opens.

- FMS arrearages paid

Cuba

- Boat flow ceases
- 114,126 arrivals to 6/18
- 65,388 relocated

- Castro rejects US note alleging hardened criminals sent to US. Says "patriotic undesirables" may stay.
- Working on excluding from US some hardened criminals.
- Impasse continues on 350 Cubans given temporary sanctuary in USINT.
- President Carazo agreed in principle to convene second conference on Cuban refugees in San Jose 6/27-28. Requests Tripartite group send letter requesting meeting before announcement. Awaiting British concurrence.

EAST ASIA

Japan

- Ohira death may help unify/strengthen LDP. Should not affect US/Japan relations.

ASEAN Meeting - 6/27 - 28

- To discuss regional security/Kampuchea refugee problems.

Korea

- Uneasy calm prevails throughout the country. Military group has moved to consolidate power through system of committees that cover all functions of government.
- We are working to determine how to persuade ruling group to move in a democratic direction without jeopardizing vital security interests.

AFRICA

South Africa

- Moose expressed to Ambassador concern over escalating cycle of violence and lack of policy restraint. Said repressive measures would inevitably affect relations.
- Unconfirmed police orders to "shoot to kill" matter of great concern.
- Largest South African attack on SWAPO in Angola in two years destroyed SWAPO headquarters and thirteen other bases.

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- US joined in Security Council unanimous vote condemning repression of opponents to apartheid. Provision for oil embargo dropped.
- Mondale met with Ambassador Edmonson 6/18.

Liberia

- New Government seems eager to have good relations with US.
- Has completed realistic budget, econ policy supports free enterprise, has severe payroll problem.
- Urging W. African governments to end Liberia's isolation.
- Tolbert's son removed from French Embassy and imprisoned - urging due process.

Angola

- Senate (Helms) attempting to remove teeth from Clark Amendment, modify to permit arms shipment. We wish to avoid any indication we are involved in arms shipments.

Famine in East Africa

- Aid to Uganda:

20,000 metric tons of emergency food this month and next.

Also financing air shipments of UN food.

Asking for \$1 million PL 480 supplement.

- Somalia: 11,500 metric tons in food aid to arrive in July. 10,855 tons to arrive in August. \$11.9 million in non-food aid to date.

BASES

Diego Garcia - British accepted all US proposals for FY 82-85 expansion and greater flexibility in using island. PM Thatcher to give formal agreement to President at Venice.

Have signed agreement with Oman. Expect signature on agreement with Kenya by end of month. Negotiations with Somalia: You know status better than I.

Preparing positions for Fall negotiations with Spanish. Expect Greeks to ask for negotiations on security agreement shortly.

OLYMPICS

- 63 countries boycotting Moscow games. There will be no slippage among our major supporters (West Germany, Norway, Japan and Canada). Results of our boycott effort have been good in Asia and the Middle East, moderately good in Latin America and Africa and disappointing in Western Europe, where did better with governments than with Olympic committees.
- Schedule of post-Olympic games proceeding. Track and field, swimming, and gymnastics will be in the United States. Germans and Norwegians will host a shooting event. Boxing will be in Kenya and weightlifting in China.

NON-ALIGNED MINISTERIAL

- Extraordinary ministerial in Havana cancelled. 1981 ministerial moved up to January. Reflects Indian compromise.



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