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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: Alexander M. Haig *(B)*
SUBJECT: Meeting with Acting Bangladesh President
Abdus Sattar

I. THE SETTING

The late President Ziaur Rahman was a crucial figure in Bangladeshi hopes for economic development and democratic reforms. Inspired by his intense commitment to orderly yet constitutional development, Bangladesh has made measurable economic progress and has experienced five years of unprecedented political stability. The recent assassination of this energetic and popular President has been a profound shock to the nation and has presented a formidable challenge to the representative institutions which were evolving under his leadership. Acting President Abdus Sattar has pledged to continue the reforms begun by the late President and in accordance with the constitution has scheduled a Presidential election for November 15. Sattar has been nominated for the Presidency by Zia's political party and despite strong opposition is favored to win.

Our bilateral relations remain excellent. Bangladesh has been supportive of U.S. positions on issues such as Afghanistan and Kampuchea. The Bangladeshis share with us a deep concern over Soviet expansionism and we have common friends in China, Pakistan, and the Arab moderates. On North-South issues, Bangladesh has been a public supporter of the prevailing G-77 line while quietly backing efforts at compromise. In the recently concluded Paris conference on the least developed countries, Bangladesh was singularly effective as a conciliator of diverse viewpoints. Since Zia's death, we have sought opportunities to demonstrate support for continued civilian rule and for the interim government's attempts to maintain development momentum. Acting President Sattar is likely to seek further reassurances of our support for his government.

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II. OBJECTIVES

1. To offer assurances of our support for the orderly and constitutional transfer of power presently underway.

2. To demonstrate our continuing concern for the special needs of the least developed countries.

III. ISSUES

1. Support for the Interim Government

Since the May 30 assassination of President Ziaur Rahman, the interim civilian and military authorities have expressed gratitude for our public expressions of support for democracy and for continued economic development. Your condolence message which was seen as supporting the constitutional transition at a time of grave crisis was deeply appreciated. As further indication of our continued support to the orderly transition and to development, we have recently signed with deliberate fanfare an agricultural research agreement and a nuclear cooperation agreement. You should offer our continued encouragement for an orderly and constitutional transfer of power.

2. Aid Resources for Least Developed Countries

Bangladesh does not have a strategy as such for Cancun and has declared its main objective to be maintaining the momentum of the North/South dialog. However, as a spokesman for the least developed countries, Bangladesh has generally been concerned with maximizing aid resources. Zia was courageous in balancing his pleas for Western assistance with similar calls for more OPEC and communist aid. You should assure Sattar of our continued concern for the special needs of the least developed countries and cite our continuing support for the multilateral institutions, and, in particular, our commitment to the IDA-6 replenishment. You should also encourage the Bangladeshis to continue their pragmatic approach towards private sector involvement in their development program.

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BANGLADESH

Background

During the five years of the late President Ziaur Rahman's administration, Bangladesh has made measurable economic progress. Foodgrain production has grown by almost 20 percent, assisted by an increasing reliance on private sector distribution of agricultural inputs--chiefly water and fertilizer--and decreasing reliance on government controlled foodgrain distribution systems. Acting President Abdus Sattar has publicly pledged to continue these economic reforms. However, the Bangladesh Government has been confronted by severe budgetary problems brought on by declining foreign commodity assistance, continuing losses in public sector industries and depressed international demand for jute, which accounts for 70 percent of Bangladesh's exports. As a result, Bangladesh has been unable to comply with the terms of the IMF's Extended Fund facility agreement to provide \$1.6 billion in balance of payments assistance during 1981-84. The IMF suspended disbursements in early August. Bangladesh has subsequently made some progress in meeting the IMF guidelines. Negotiations with the IMF will resume in November following the Presidential election. Without the IMF inputs, Bangladesh will soon have less than three weeks of foreign exchange coverage.

Questions

- WHAT IS THE OUTLOOK FOR YOUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE IMF?
- HOW HAS THE PRIVATE SECTOR RESPONDED TO YOUR GOVERNMENT'S ATTEMPTS TO INVOLVE IT IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS?
- IS THERE ANYTHING THE MULTILATERAL INSTITUTIONS OR OUR OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION CAN DO TO ASSIST YOU IN ATTRACTING PRIVATE CAPITAL?

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Tanzania

THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: Alexander M. Haig, Jr. *(H)*
SUBJECT: Cancun Bilateral: President Julius Nyerere
of Tanzania

I. THE SETTING

Despite its small and weak economy, Tanzania has long played an important and vocal role in North-South issues. Tanzania's influence on Third World positions derives principally from President Nyerere's personal stature and determination and from the steady commitment of his government to socialist ideals. Nyerere's role as leader of the Front Line States in the negotiations for Zimbabwe's independence typified his leadership position and style--outspoken and persevering but also flexible; he is displaying a similar combination of attributes in the current negotiations on Namibia.

On international economic issues, Tanzania advocates a radical restructuring of the present international economic order, which it considers unfair and exploitive of the poor. At the recent Commonwealth Summit in Melbourne, Nyerere called for a "new Bretton Woods conference to examine...proposals...and design a new financial order on the ruins...of the old." Nyerere views the West, especially the U.S., as an economic culprit who will reform only under constant pressure and embarrassment. Tanzania, therefore, advocates strong Third World unity and aims at internationally organized mechanisms for transferring wealth to poorer countries and for insuring "fair" values and opportunity for Third World products. Nyerere's overriding concern at Cancun will be his belief that the U.S. does not take seriously the South's positions on economic issues. Tanzania feels the Summit should center on the "political will" question and should have as its objective a consensus on the next step in the international negotiations on the basic issues.

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II. OBJECTIVE

Reaffirm with the Tanzanians that the U.S. remains committed to financially assisting economic development in the LDC's and that we take North-South issues seriously.

Reiterate the sincerity of our effort on Namibia and our intention to do everything possible to bring about an internationally acceptable settlement.

III. ISSUE

Namibia

No meeting with Nyerere can fail to include reference to the Namibia question. Although Nyerere is not playing as central a role in discussions between the Front Line States and the Western group as was the case during the Zimbabwe negotiations, he is deeply committed to a successful outcome and could play a key role in inducing other Africans to accept the inevitable compromises and to take the related steps necessary to bring about the removal of Cuban troops and internal reconciliation in Angola. No detailed discussion of the Namibia issue is necessary, but it will be important to reiterate the sincerity of our effort and our intention to do everything possible to bring about an internationally acceptable settlement.

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TANZANIA

Background

Like many of its neighbors, Tanzania is currently in the throes of an economic crisis caused by the combined effects of the costs of petroleum imports and two years of drought, a crisis compounded by economic mismanagement. Tanzania spends over half its earnings on crude oil and petroleum imports. Drought conditions have forced Tanzania to use scarce foreign exchange to purchase foodgrains commercially. Tanzania's economic straits are further compounded by mismanagement of its socialist economy--especially the role of its often inefficient state-owned corporations. International prices for many of Tanzania's agricultural exports have declined recently, adding another strain on Tanzania's finances. Tanzania also had to absorb the burden of providing much of the security in Uganda following the ouster of the Idi Amin regime.

Tanzania negotiated a standby agreement with the International Monetary Fund earlier this year, but in a vigorous speech on July 7 Nyerere rejected many of the IMF's recommendations for economic reform and recovery, leaving in doubt in what direction Tanzania will turn to solve its serious economic difficulties. There is a continuing internal debate on whether Tanzania's socialist economy can indeed provide the best route to economic development. Nonetheless, Tanzania has taken some preliminary steps toward increasing incentives for agricultural producers, especially in the export sector. The American private sector participation in Tanzania is very small, yet has received a good welcome. An American chemical company has recently signed a joint venture to develop newly-found natural gas deposits on Tanzania's southern coast.

Questions

-- DO YOU EXPECT EVENTUALLY TO REACH AN AGREEMENT WITH THE IMF?

-- WHAT ARE THE PRINCIPAL PROBLEMS TANZANIA MUST OVERCOME TO BE SELF-SUFFICIENT IN FOODGRAINS?

-- WHAT KINDS OF INCENTIVES ARE YOU TRYING TO PROVIDE TO YOUR PEOPLE TO INCREASE PRODUCTION?

-- WHAT KINDS OF INCENTIVES COULD THE DONOR STATES-- AND THEIR PRIVATE SECTORS--HELP YOU PROVIDE?

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TANZANIAN PRESIDENT JULIUS NYERERE

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MAIN OBJECTIVE

Begin a dialogue with this important Third World statesman.

BEAR IN MIND

1. Nyerere believes deeply in his version of African socialism for the economy of Tanzania, despite Tanzania's deep economic problems.
2. He believes the developed countries have a moral obligation to provide developmental resources to the LDCs, ... "a just international order."
3. Nyerere is pushing hard for election of his Foreign Minister, Salim Salim, as UN Secretary General. We have expressed no preference between Salim and Waldheim.

CHECKLIST

1. Assure Nyerere that we are serious about the North-South dialogue.
2. Assure Nyerere that we are sincere on a Namibia settlement. Assistant Secretary Crocker will discuss this with him in Tanzania in early November.

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: Alexander M. Haig Jr. 
SUBJECT: Your Meeting with Guyanese President
Burnham in Cancun, October 23.

I. THE SETTING

The Government of Guyana, headed by President Linden Forbes Burnham, is socialist, anti-democratic, racist and controls 80 percent of the country's economy. Other than limiting Cuban/Soviet influence on the government, we have minimal interests in Guyana. We maintain correct relations with Guyana. The people of Guyana, are favorably disposed towards the U.S., and immigration to our country remains a goal for many both Indo-and Afro-Guyanese.

Burnham and his Afro-Guyanese-based People's National Congress (PNC) have dominated Guyana's political life since independence in 1966. Last December Burnham was elected to another five year term of office. An international team of observers termed the election blatantly fraudulent.

Guyana's two most serious problems are its miserable economic situation and the border dispute with Venezuela, which claims three-fifths of its territory. High energy costs, low productivity, mismanagement and government interference all have contributed to the economy's poor performance. Production of the three key exports, bauxite, sugar and rice, is down.

Burnham's prime objectives in meeting with you will likely be to establish a positive personal relationship, which he hopes will lead to continued U.S. economic assistance, and a reversal of our position of neutrality in the territorial dispute. He believes the Summit should lead to a resumption of global negotiations.

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II. OBJECTIVES

Develop a personal relationship with Burnham, reassuring him of U.S. interest in the people of Guyana, and emphasize the positive US program for addressing the problems of developing countries.

(If raised) Reiterate our policy of strict neutrality in the territorial dispute.

III. ISSUES

1. U.S. understanding of development problems.

We need to impress Burnham with our sensitivity to economic development problems of developing countries. The U.S. has a positive record as outlined in your speech in mid-October.

Burnham does not like our message that, while Guyana is free to follow the economic policies of its choice, the U.S. should not be expected to support and help pay for those which do not make sense. He views our efforts to encourage Guyanese economic reforms as interference and our using the funds in the AID pipeline before committing substantial new funds as a lack of approval. He holds these views in spite of the fact that the U.S. has provided approximately \$415 million in bilateral and multilateral assistance to Guyana since its independence in 1966. Burnham sees our willingness to sell F-16s to Venezuela as a tilt toward Venezuela in the territorial dispute.

2. (If raised) Neutrality in the territorial dispute.

If Burnham raises this matter, our policy of neutrality should be reaffirmed, along with our hope that the parties will reach a peaceful and mutually acceptable solution.

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GUYANA

Background

High oil prices, poor management, low productivity, nationalizations and government interference have all contributed to Guyana's economic woes. Production of bauxite, Guyana's chief source of foreign exchange earnings, is roughly half of what it was 10 years ago, and production of sugar and rice, the other two main exports, also has dropped. The Gross National Product declined throughout the 1970's. Preliminary reports indicate the government has failed to meet the targets for its next IMF drawing. Guyana views the construction of a major hydroelectric project in the area claimed by Venezuela as the solution to its economic problems. The World Bank is conducting studies on the feasibility of the project, which Venezuela opposes. Although the government recently has sought U.S. business expertise to assist the state-owned bauxite mining company, there seems to be little realization that the government's socialistic policies reduce incentives and create other obstacles to development.

Questions

-- WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF GUYANA'S AGRICULTURE?

-- WE BELIEVE THAT THE PRIVATE SECTOR HAS A KEY ROLE TO PLAY IN DEVELOPMENT. WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO PROMOTE AN ACTIVE ROLE FOR GUYANA'S PRIVATE SECTOR?

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Saudi Arabia

Background

Saudi economic development has accelerated dramatically since 1974 with the growth of oil revenues. Government spending has been the motor of economic development. Budgetary expenditures are expected to reach \$89 billion in 1981/82 against expected revenues of \$101 billion. Development plans aim at establishing a modern industrial economy based on downstream petrochemical processing while maintaining Saudi Arabia's traditional Islamic society.

Implementation of development plans depends on heavy imports of capital goods. The small Saudi reservoir of skilled and even unskilled labor requires the Kingdom to rely on foreign labor from countries in the region and as far away as India, Korea and the Philippines. This is a potentially destabilizing trend that the Government hopes to turn around in the current development phase through increased emphasis on Saudi manpower training. The high dependence on imported factors of production, as well as food and consumer goods, enables the Saudis to expand petrodollar recycling through accelerated development spending. This approach, along with substantial foreign assistance and investment has helped bolster Saudi Arabia's relations with both developed and developing countries. The U.S.-Saudi Joint Commission on Economic Cooperation has provided technical expertise and assistance to the Saudi Government on a fully reimbursable basis since 1974. However, U.S. anti-bribery and anti-boycott laws are impediments for U.S. firms competing for contracts in the Kingdom.

Questions

-- I UNDERSTAND MANPOWER CONSTRAINTS ARE A PRINCIPAL CONSTRAINT ON THE PACE OF YOUR DEVELOPMENT. HOW CAN TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS AND INVESTMENT FROM THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES HELP FILL THE GAP FOR YOU?

-- WHAT IS YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES' DOMESTIC ENERGY CONSERVATION AND PRODUCTION EFFORTS? ARE THEY DOING ENOUGH TO ASSIST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THIS EFFORT?

-- ARE THE CONCESSIONAL ASSISTANCE EFFORTS OF THE INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES BEING CARRIED OUT IN THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND BENEFICIAL WAY TO PRODUCE SELF-SUSTAINING GROWTH?

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