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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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April 2, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: DENNIS CHAPIN/JIM RENTSCHLER

SUBJECT: French Wheat Sale to the Soviet Union

The attached cable reports that we have given our permission to the French to sell 600,000 metric tons of grain to the Soviet Union. Our last word to State on this subject was, "Not only no, but hell no." This was at the DAS level. Can you shed any light on our change of position on this one?

cc: Tim Deal

*Yes. I can shed much light if asked.
RVA
5/4/81*

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TAGS: EAGR, EEC
SUBJ: EC WHEAT SALE TO USSR

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2. SENIOR COMMISSION OFFICIAL PHONED CHARGE WEDNESDAY (4/1) TO REPORT THAT EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT THORN HAD BEEN INFORMED BY A HIGH-LEVEL FRENCH OFFICIAL THAT FRENCH AMBASSADOR DE LABOULAYE HAD CONSULTED WITH U.S. ON THE FRENCH DESIRE TO SELL 600,000 M/T OF GRAIN TO THE SOVIET UNION AND HAD BEEN TOLD THAT U.S. WOULD NOT RAISE OBJECTIONS TO SUCH A SALE. HE ASKED IF CHARGE COULD CONFIRM. CHARGE REPLIED THAT, ON THE BASIS OF A RECENT PHONE CONVERSATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT, HE COULD CONFIRM SUBSTANCE OF FRENCH REPORT TO THORN.
3. DEPARTMENT REPEAT IF AND AS DESIRED. LAMB
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TO ALLEN

FROM BLAIR

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INFORMATION

April 3, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: DENNIS C. BLAIR

SUBJECT: Cancellation of Visit by Jacques Baumel

In reply to my memo of March 27, you approved a short meeting with Jacques Baumel, due to visit here April 2 - 4. I was informed yesterday by State that Baumel had cancelled his visit due to the French elections.

You also inquired how State knew that you had agreed to attend Baumel's colloquium in Strasbourg in June. The answer is that Baumel told State.

OK
RVA
4-10-81

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March 27, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: DENNIS C. BLAIR *DCB*

SUBJECT: Request by Jacques Baume to Meet with You
April 2-4, 1981

Attached at Tab I is a memo from State which forwards a request by Jacques Baume, member of the French National Assembly and of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly, to meet with you. He has previously invited you to a colloquium on June 29-30 on Atlantic relations. In your reply, you said you would like to come, but the press of business might preclude your attendance.

Baume also wrote you a letter several weeks ago (Tab II), inviting you to a March 31 symposium in Paris. The reply I prepared for your signature told him you were unable to attend.

If you do not wish to meet with Mr. Baume now, since you may be going to his conference, Jim Rentschler or I would be glad to.

RECOMMENDATION

Schedule meeting

*Rentschler, plan to attend
Short mtg.*

Have Rentschler or Blair meet with him

No meeting at NSC

*How did State
know I agreed
to attend conf
in Strasbourg?
3/31/81*

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Review on March 26, 1987



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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March 23, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RICHARD V. ALLEN
THE WHITE HOUSE


SUBJECT: French Council of Europe Parliamentarian Requests
an Appointment, April 3, 1981

Jacques Baumel, member of the French National Assembly (RPR) and of the Council of Europe's Parliamentary Assembly, is visiting Washington April 2-4. As the Rapporteur on Atlantic Relations for the COE's Political Committee, he is preparing a report on the US-European relationship for general discussion during the May Assembly session. He has requested an appointment with you as well as with a number of Congressmen. At State he is meeting with Walt Stoessel, Paul Wolfowitz and Allen Holmes.

As you are aware, the COE and the Institute of Advanced European Studies in Strasbourg are co-sponsoring a colloquium on June 29-30 on Atlantic relations. You have accepted in principle. Other Americans invited are Paul Wolfowitz, Bruce Maclaury, David Abshire, Winston Lord and William Baroody.

In addition to the US-European relationship, the Council of Europe recently has been concerned about events in Turkey (whether to expel Turkey from the COE) and has been closely following the Madrid CSCE meeting. As the only Western European forum that includes the neutrals, Switzerland, Sweden and Austria, the COE provides a useful feedback to the 21 member states since all the assemblymen are also national parliamentarians. Finally, as a strong Gaullist in the past, Baumel has been critical of the US-European security relationship.

Attachment:
Baumel's bio


L. Paul Bremer III
Executive Secretary

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dennis Blair -

Comments, please.

[Signature]
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RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE

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PARIS, le 18 FEVRIER 1981

*Staff
comments
please*

Dear Sir,

Owing to the increased tensions throughout the world and the new policy of the Reagan Administration the "Fondation du Futur" has decided to organize a meeting scheduled next March 31 st, 1981 at the French "Assemblée Nationale", to deal with "the misunderstandings in the Western World".

This conference will be led by Mrs Simone VEIL, Président of the European Assembly.

This meeting will emphasize the perceptible differences of opinions and concepts about the problems of Defense and Economy.

Our guests will briefly outline their opinions and statements which will allow all participants an open discussion on these matters.

Several American and European personalities have already confirmed their willingness to attend this meeting.

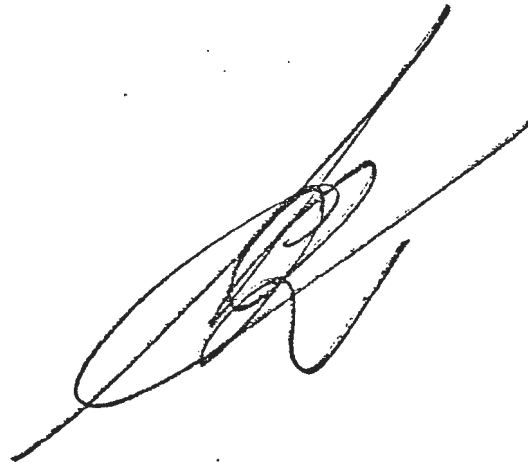
As you are an expert we would very much appreciate your willingness to make an address on one of the topics to be dealt with :

- Political and diplomatic relations between Western Europe and the United States
- The economic and monetary relationship
- Strategic and military relationship
- Energy issues

- The relationship between Western Europe and the United States with a view to handling common priorities (relations with the Third-World, situation in the Gulf, etc.)

I shall be honored to greet you at this occasion.

Yours sincerely.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JB' with a large flourish extending upwards and to the right.

Jacques BAUMEL

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FROM BREMER

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BAUMEL, JACQUES

SUBJECT: BAUMEL OF FRENCH COUNCIL OF EUROPE PARLIAMENTARIAN REQUESTS MTG W/
ALLEN ON APR 3

ACTION: PREPARE MEMO FOR ALLEN DUE: 25 MAR 81 STATUS S FILES

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E.O. 12065: XDS-1 4/3/81 (EAGLEBURGER, LAWRENCE S.)

TAGS: WENT, PEPT, EEC, FR, US
SUBJECT: FRENCH GRAIN SALES TO THE USSR

REF: MARESCA-CHAPMAN SECURE TELCON 4/2
FOR AMBASSADOR HANTRAN FROM EAGLEBURGER

1. ~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. FRENCH YESTERDAY ASKED EC GRAIN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR PERMISSION TO SELL 600,000 MT WHEAT TO USSR. CHAIRMAN (FROM THE COMMISSION STAFF) AGREED TO "TAKE IT TO THE COMMISSION." NORMALLY, FRENCH REQUEST WOULD BE CONSIDERED AT REGULAR WEDNESDAY (4/8) MEETING OF FULL COMMISSION. USEC IS CHECKING TO SEE IF THERE IS POSSIBILITY THAT COMMISSION WILL HANDLE THIS REQUEST SOONER.

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3. YOU SHOULD APPROACH GDF IMMEDIATELY TO DETERMINE FRENCH INTENTIONS ON TIMING OF POSSIBLE SALES OR ANNOUNCEMENTS, IN VIEW OF CURRENT CRITICAL SITUATION IN POLAND. WE NEED TO BE CONSISTENT IN THE SIGNALS BEING CONVEYED TO THE SOVIETS. HAIG

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E.O. 12065: XDS-1 4/4/01 (CHAPMAN, CHRISTIAN A) DR-M
TAGS: EEW, PEPT, EEC, FR, US
SUBJECT: FRENCH GRAIN SALES TO USSR
REFERENCE: STATE 084891

1. DCM TOOK OCCASION OF DELIVERING LETTER FROM SECRETARY (STATE 085273) TO RAISE WITH AMBASSADOR VIOT, MINISTER'S DIRECTOR OF CABINET, THE SUBJECT OF REPTEL. VIOT READ FROM AMBASSADOR LABOULAYE'S REPORTING TELEGRAM IN WHICH THE AMBASSADOR MADE CLEAR THAT ANY SALE OF GRAIN TO THE USSR WOULD BE AFFECTED BY THE POLITICAL SITUATION. VIOT ALSO CALLED ECONOMICS DIRECTOR PAYE. VIOT THEN CONFIRMED THAT REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE TO COMMISSION, BUT THE FRENCH HAVE NO INTENTION OF ACCELERATING PROCEDURE. THEY ARE ALSO LOOKING AT ALTERNATIVES TO SELLING TO THE USSR, INCLUDING MOROCCO, BUT VIOT MADE CLEAR THEY NEED TO EMPTY THEIR SILOS. EVEN IF COMMISSION CONSIDERS FRENCH REQUEST ON WEDNESDAY, VIOT CONTINUED, THERE SHOULD BE NO ANNOUNCEMENT OF DECISION.

2. VIOT TOOK NOTES OF DCM'S CENTRAL POINT, THAT SALE OF THIS MAGNITUDE TO USSR AT THIS PARTICULAR JUNCTURE WOULD SEND A VERY WRONG SIGNAL, AND POSSIBLY UNDERMINE THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE DECLARATIONS BEING ISSUED BY WESTERN CAPITALS ON THE SITUATION. VIOT ASSURED DCM THAT HE

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WOULD INFORM THE MINISTER OF OUR DEMARCHE. WE SHALL KEEP
ABREAST OF DEVELOPMENTS.

3. DEPARTMENT PASS BRUSSELS FOR USEEC. HARTMAN

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

April 4, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: JAMES M. RENTSCHLER

SUBJECT: Your Meeting with General Roger Rhenter, Secretary-General for National Defense (Monday, April 6 - 4:30 p.m.) (U)

A full air force general who has had some top assignments (e.g., Chief of Staff for the French Strategic Air Command), Rhenter occupies a position which is roughly analogous to - or a mixture of - the functions performed by Paul Wolfowitz and the staff director for the JCS. He is attached to the Prime Minister's office and directs the preparation of strategic studies, primarily related to force levels. (U)

My French Embassy contacts have very little idea about what will be specifically on Rhenter's mind when he calls on you but suggested that he would probably be interested in your views concerning the East-West balance and the steps we are taking to redress and restore our defensive posture. I recommend the following areas where an exchange of ideas will be useful:

- TNF. Despite the tacitly positive but hands-off attitude the French have on this subject, suggest that French influence will be useful in holding the FRG firm on deployments. (C)
- Gulf/Southwest Asia. What are the French working on in terms of specific force-projection for that area of the world? Can we improve our cooperation? If so, how? (U)
- Libya/Chad. What is Rhenter's assessment of Qadhafi & Company at the present time? Any new developments from their perspective? (U)
- North Africa. How does Rhenter size up the balance of forces in the Maghreb? Are the Polisario any closer to negotiating a political settlement of the Western Sahara conflict? Is Hassan? Has French thinking about this issue evolved in recent months? (C)

By Monday, of course, all of the above may be overshadowed by events in Eastern Europe - in which case you'll have either a ready-made subject for discussion or no time for a meeting with Rhenter. Or both.....

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5. ACCORDING TO PAYE'S OFFICIAL VERSION, FRENCH EMBASSY'S INTENTION WAS TO INFORM THE USG OF FRANCE'S PLAN TO ASK FOR EC AUTHORIZATION TO EXPORT GRAIN TO THE SOVIET UNION. WHILE THE QUESTION OF GRAIN EXPORTS IS PURELY AN INTERNAL COMMUNITY MATTER THIS GESTURE WAS MADE IN DEFERENCE TO US INTERESTS IN THE SUBJECT AND FRANCE'S FRIENDSHIP WITH THE US.

6. PAYE THEN LISTED THE ELEMENTS AND MECHANISMS OF THE EC'S CAP WHICH LED THE COM TO REQUEST EXPORT AUTHORIZATION FOR SALES TO THE USSR AT THE PRESENT TIME. MANY OF THESE ELEMENTS DERIVE FROM THE COMMUNITIES' POLICY OF USING EXPORTS AT VARIABLE PRICES AS THE MEANS OF REGULATING THE INTERNAL EC MARKET. ESTIMATED "EXPORT NEEDS" (THE AMOUNT OF GRAIN NOT NEEDED FOR INTERNAL CONSUMPTION WHICH MUST BE EXPORTED TO ENSURE EMPTY SILOS ON AUGUST 1) ARE MADE THROUGHOUT THE CROP YEAR. BECAUSE EC RESTITUTION CERTIFICATES ARE VALID FOR SIX MONTHS, THE EXPORTS NEEDS MUST BE RECALCULATED PERIODICALLY ON THE BASIS OF ACTUAL AND EXPECTED EXPORTS. THE DECISION TO REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR ADDITIONAL EXPORTS WAS BASED ON FRENCH ESTIMATES OF EXCESS GRAIN.

7. PAYE SAID THAT THEIR LATEST ESTIMATES SHOW THAT EVEN IN A BEST CASE SITUATION WITH BOTH MOROCCO AND POLAND BEING ABLE TO PAY FOR AND TAKE DELIVERY OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF GRAIN THEY WISH TO PURCHASE, FRANCE WOULD STILL HAVE BETWEEN 450,000 AND 500,000 MT OF GRAIN TO EXPORT BEFORE AUGUST 1. HE REPEATEDLY STATED THAT FRANCE HAD NO WISH TO EXPORT GRAIN SPECIFICALLY TO THE SOVIETS IF OTHER MARKETS COULD BE FOUND AND DENIED ANY OFFICIAL DISPOSITION TO DO SO. HOWEVER, FRANCE DOES NOT WANT TO EXCLUDE A MARKET THE SOVIET MARKET. PAYE'S INSTRUCTIONS TO THE FRENCH PERMDEL ARE TO REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPORTS TO ALL DESTINATIONS EXCEPT THOSE WHICH MUST BE EXCLUDED BECAUSE OF UNDERSTANDINGS ON MARKETING, E.G. LATIN AMERICA. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE US HAS LONG-TERM GRAINS AGREEMENTS, SUCH AS WITH THE USSR, SOMETHING THAT FRANCE WANTS THE EC TO HAVE AS WELL BUT IS BLOCKED FROM OBTAINING IN THE COMMUNITY BY OTHER MEMBERS WHO INSIST THAT THE EC SHOULD NOT ACT AS A REGULAR, LONG-TERM EXPORTER.

8. PAYE NOTED THAT SOME EC MEMBERS HAD OBJECTED TO THE LEVEL OF EXPORTS THE FRENCH WERE SEEKING, BECAUSE THEY EXCEED THE AMOUNTS FIXED BY THE EC COUNCIL IN JANUARY 15, 1980 DECISION. THE HISTORICALLY VOLATILE NATURE OF FRENCH-SOVIET GRAIN TRADE RENDERS THE BASIS FOR CALCULATION QUESTIONABLE, PAYE SAID.

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9. WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE UPCOMING FRENCH ELECTIONS
IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO EXPLAIN TO THE FRENCH PEOPLE,
PAYE SAID, THAT FRANCE WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE
GRAIN EMBARGO EVEN WHEN STOCKS ARE OVERFLOWING WHILE
AUSTRALIA, ARGENTINA, CANADA AND SPAIN INCREASE THEIR
SALES TO THE SOVIETS AND EVEN THE WEST GERMANS SELL THEIR
FLOUR, SOME OF WHICH HE UNDERSTOOD IS MADE WITH US WHEAT.

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IT IS WITH THIS IN MIND, I.E., TO PRE-EMPT WHEAT SALES
TO THE USSR FROM BECOMING AN ELECTION ISSUE IN FRANCE,
THAT FRANCE IS ASKING FOR EXPORT AUTHORITY.
10. RAYE CLOSED HIS DISCOURSE WITH THE STATEMENT THAT IF
FRANCE HAD A CONTRACT WITH THE SOVIETS AND THE SOVIETS
INVADDED POLAND, FRANCE OF COURSE WOULD SUSPEND THE
TRANSACTION. HARTMAN

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SUBJECT: MY VISITS TO PARIS AND BONN
FOR THE PRESIDENT FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

1. I HAVE JUST COMPLETED RUSHED VISITS TO PARIS AND BONN WHERE I MET WITH PRESIDENT GISCARD AND FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER. ALL FOUR WISH YOU WELL.

SCHMIDT WAS PARTICULARLY ELOQUENT, SAYING YOU HAD HIS SYMPATHY AND RELIEF AT THE "THE OUTCOME OF SOMETHING THAT COULD HAVE GONE DISASTROUSLY FOR AMERICAN AND THE WEST." HE ADDED THAT "THE ENTIRE GERMAN NATION WAS DEEPLY SHOCKED AT YOUR WOUNDING AND EQUALLY DEEPLY RELIEVED AT YOUR RECOVERY."

2. ALTHOUGH I DID HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF BOTH GISCARD AND FRANCOIS-PONCET ON THE MIDDLE EAST TRIP (INCLUDING EMPHASIZING OUR CONCERNS ABOUT THE EUROPEAN MIDDLE EAST "INITIATIVE"), WE SPENT MOST OF OUR TIME PLOTTING A JOINT CAMPAIGN TO TRY TO KEEP THE LEBANESE SITUATION FROM EXCALATING INTO A MAJOR ARAB-ISRAELI CONFRONTATION. WE AGREED ON COMMON APPROACHES TO WALDHEIM AND THE SOVIETS, AS WELL AS REINFORCING ACTIONS IN THE U.N.

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3. ON A MATTER CLOSELY RELATED TO THE MIDDLE EAST, GISCARD TOLD US THAT WE CANNOT MUSH LONGER TOLERATE THE (QADDAFFI) THREAT. HE SAID THAT ONCE HE HAS HIS REELECTION CAMPAIGN OUT OF THE WAY FRANCE WILL BE READY TO ACT. THE U.S. HE SAID NEED NOT DO ANYTHING NOT TO DO ANYTHING DIRECTLY, BUT HE WILL BE TO "CONCERT TOGETHER" ON WHAT SHOULD BE DONE.

4. OUR BONN TOLKS WERE SHARPLY FOCUSED ON BASIC ALLIANCE-RELATED ISSUES. I, BRIEFED ON THE MIDDLE EAST, BUT THE GERMANS ARE CLEARLY NOT AS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT EVENTS THERE AS ARE THEIR BRITISH AND FRENCH COUNTERPARTS.

5. SCHMIDT GAVE ME A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF POLISH EVENTS AS HE SEES THEM. IN SUMMARY:

---THE WEST MUST DO MORE TO HELP MEET THE POLISH ECONOMIC COLLAPSE TO TRIGGER INTERNAL VIOLENCE FOLLOWED BY A SOVIET INTERVENTION. WHILE NEVER BLUNT ABOUT IT, SCHMIDT WAS GENTLY CRITICIZING US FOR OUR DECISION NOT TO OFFER FURTHER CREDITS TO POLAND AT THIS TIME.

--THE POLISH COMMUNIST PARTY AND GOVERNMENT ARE DIVIDED BETWEEN A LARGE MODERATE WING (JARUZELSKI) AND A SMALLER, MORE HARD-LINE (THOUGH STILL NATIONALIST) FACTION (OLSZWSKI). IT IS IN THE WESTS INTERESTS TO DO WHAT IT CAN TO SUPPORT THE MODERATES, WHO MAY BE ABLE TO GUIDE POLAND THROUGH THE PRESENT DIFFICULT DAYS WITHOUT A BLOW UP. THE HARD-LINERS, ON THE OTHER HAND, WOULD ALMOST ENSURE AN INTERNAL EXPLOSION AND A SUBSEQUENT SOVIET INTERVENTION IF THEY COME TO POWER.

6. ON THE BROADER QUESTION OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS SCHMIDT WAS AT ONCE STRONGLY SUPPORTIVE AND MILDLY CRITICAL. HE ARGUED THAT ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTORS THAT HAS KEPT THE USSR FROM INTERVENING IN POLAND IS MOSCOWS REGOGNITION THAT TO DO SO WOULD END ANY HOPE OF SUMMITS OR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE U.S.A. THUS, SCHMIDT CONCLUDES WE MUST KEEP ALIVE THE PROSPECT OF TALKS; WHEN THE SOVIETS DECIDE THAT OPTION IS FORECLOSED WE WILL HVE LOST A MAJOR INCENTIVE FOR MORE RESTRAINED BEHAVIOR ON THEIR PART.

7. GENSCHER REMARKED THAT HE HAD THE IMPRESSION--GAINED FROM HIS MOSCOW VISIT TWO WEEKS AGO--THAT BREZHNEV HAS BECOME SOMEWHAT ISOLATED FFO HIS POLITBURO ASSOCIATES, WHO ARE BEGINNING TO QUESTION WHETHER HIS "DETENTE" PLLICY HAS ANY FUTURE HNOW THAT THE U.S. IS TAKING A HARDER LINE.

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SCHMIDT CHIMED IN TO AGREE THAT AMONGST THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP BREZHNEV WAS THE MOST "BENIGN." THUS, WE HAD BETTER "PUT U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS ON TRACK BEFORE BREZHNEV GOES", SINCE HIS SUCCESSOR IS LIKELY TO BE MUCH MORE DANGEROUS, PARTICULARLY IF HE MUST SEPARATE HIMSELF FROM THE "FAILED" POLICY OF HIS PREDECESSOR. THE CHANCELLOR EMPHASIZED THAT HE WAS NOT ARGUING FOR A CHANGE IN OUR EASTERN POLICY; HE SUPPORTS THE APPROACH. BUT, HE SAID, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT OUR CONCEPT OF LINKAGE BE SET POSITIVELY, I.E. THAT IF THE SOVIETS BEHAVE THEMSELVES WE WILL BE READY TO CONSIDER RESUMING THE DIALOGUE. WE MUST KEEP THE BAIT DANGLING. AT THIS POINT SCHMIDT VIRTUALLY ECHOED THATCHERS COMMENT OF YESTERDAY: "WE MUST NOT DO BUSINESS AS USUAL UNTIL THE SOVIETS GET OUT OF AFGHANISTAN."

8. ARMS CONTROL AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC MATTERS TOOK UP THE REST OF OUR TIME. ON THE LATTER, SCHMIDT REVIEWED THE DIFFICULT STATE OF MOST WESTERN EUROPEAN ECONOMIES, ADMITTING THAT GERMANY WAS IN BETTER SHAPE THAN MOST. HE SAID HE THOUGHT THE WORST WAS YET TO COME IN EUROPE WITH NO HOPE OF "BOTTOMING OUT" BEFORE JANUARY OR FEBRUARY OF NEXT YEAR HE ADMITTED THAT HE HAD NO RECIPE FOR BETTER DAYS, BUT THOSE INVOLVED IN DEVISING THE WEST'S STRATEGY MUST NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE MAJOR-- AND OFTEN UNPREDICTABLE--CONSEQUENCES, INCLUDING SOCIAL UNREST THAT RECESSION WILL STIMULATE. SCHMIDT ASKED THAT I "MAKE SURE THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF TREASURY KNOW HOW STRONGLY I FEEL THAT ANY WESTERN GRAND STRATEGY MUST EMBRACE THE ECONOMIC COMPLEXITIES WE NOW FACE. I CANT OFFER ANY SOLUTIONS BUT IF WE WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER WE MAY AT LEAST BE ABLE TO AVOID MAKING SOME MISTAKES."

9. HE ALSO SAID WE AMERICANS MUST REMEMBER THAT OUR ECONOMY IS SO HUGE THAT ANYTHING WE DO HAS A HEAVY IMPACT ON THE WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION. OUR HIGH INTEREST RATES, FOR EXAMPLE, ARE CAUSING GREAT PROBLEMS FOR ALL WESTERN COUNTRIES.

10. SCHMIDT SAID HE WOULD WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT ALL THESE PROBLEMS WHEN HE VISITS WASHINGTON (MAY 20-22, 1981) AND WILL WANT TO DEVOTE TIME AT THE OTTAWA SUMMIT TO POLITICAL AS WELL AS ECONOMIC QUESTIONS, AND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THEM.

11. ON ARMAMENTS AND DISARMAMENT SCHMIDT WAS AT HIS MOST ANIMATED. HE BEGAN BY REMINDING ME THAT IT WAS HE WHO FIRST

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CALLED FOR THE MODERNIZATION AND EXPANSION OF NATOS LONG RANGE THEATER NUCLEAR FORCES (LRTNF) IN EUROPE, SINCE WE WERE SO FAR BEHIND THE SOVIETS. HE ASSURED ME IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS THAT THE FRG WOULD STAND FIRMLY BEHIND THE DECISION TO STATION PERSHING 88 AND CRUISE MISSILES IN GERMANY, "NO MATTER HOW MUCH THE FAR LEFT MIGHT YELL." THE WEAPONS "ARE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY; WE MUST HAVE THEM," HE SAID. BUT WE MUST ALSO HAVE THE SECOND TRACK--THE OFFER TO NEGOTIATE LRTNF REDUCTIONS WITH THE SOVIETS. WITHOUT THIS, HE CLAIMED, HE FRGS POLITICAL PROBLEMS SURROUNDING NUCLEAR WEAPONS MODERNIZATION WOULD BE UNMANAGEABLE. WE MUST OFFER TO NEGOTIATE REDUCTIONS, HE ARGUED, IN ORDER TO PROVE THAT THE RUSSIANS ARE NOT READY TO REDUCE TENSIONS. AND SHOULD THEY REALLY GET SERIOUS, THEN WE OUGH TO FIGHT FOR AN OUTCOME THAT WOULD BRING THE TWO SIDES INTO BALANCE AT REDUCED LEVELS. BESIDES, ANY NEGOTIATIONS WOULD TAKE FROM FIVE TO SIX YEARS TO COMPLETE. I ASKED ME TO THANK YOU FOR PUBLICLY REAFFIRMING OUR "TWO TRACK" POLICY DURING THE THATCHER VISIT.

12. SCHMIDT SADDEN THAT UNDER ONLY TWO CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD THE FRG BACK AWAY FROM IS COMMITMENT TO MODERNIZE LRTNF. FIRST, "IF THE U.S. PUTS ITS OWN MX ON SHIPS OR SUBMARINES, THEN I WILL DEMAND THAT THEATER NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN THE FRG ALSO BE PUT AT SEA. WHY SHOULD WE BE A HIGHER RISK TARGET THAN THE U.S.? WHY SHOULD A NATION THE SIZE OF OREGON WITH 60 MILLION PEOPLE BE A TARGET, WHILE THE UNITED STATES WANTS TO REDUCE THAT RISK? WHY ARE YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS ANY MORE COMPELLING THAN OURS?"

13. WERE GERMANY TO BE THE ONLY COUNTRY IN MAINLAND EUROPE TO ACCEPT LRTNF

[REDACTED] MAY YET DO SO), THAT, TOO, WOULD FORCE SCHMIDT TO BACK DOWN. GERMANY MUST NOT GET HERSELF IN A POSITION WHERE THE SOVIETS CAN SINGLE HER OUT FOR SPECIAL PRESSURE; THE GERMAN PSYCHE IS NOT, EVEN SO MANY YEARS AFTER THE WAR, YET UP TO THAT WHAT IS NEEDED IS A GERMANY LINKED TO THE WEST; A GERMANY THAT SEES ITS FATE AND ITS FUTURE TO THAT OF ITS WESTERN EUROPEAN ALLIES AND THE UNITED STATES. PRESSURE ON THE FRG, STANDING ALONE, FROM EITHER EAST OR WEST "WOULD BE ESTREMELY BAD FOR ALL OF US."

14. DESPITE ALL THE REPORTS I HAVE SEEN OF LATE OF SCHMIDTS BLACK MOODS AND DEPRESSIONS I FOUND HIM RELAXED FRIENDLY, AND OFTEN WITTY. HE GAVE NO LECTURES AND LISTENED INTENTLY WHEN I RESPONDED TO HIS POINTS. HE WAS

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FRANK, BUT NEVER UNNECESSARILY SO; HE WENT OUT OF HIS WAY MORE THAN ONCE TO CONFIRM HIS DEVOTION TO THE WEST, TO NATO, AND TO U.S. LEADERSHIP. AND, WHEN HE SPOKE OF YOU AND HIS HOPES FOR YOUR RAPID RECOVERY, HE WAS OVVVIOUSLY WHOLLY SINCERE.

15. IN SHORT, WE HAVE STAUNCH ALLIES IN SCHMIDT AND GENSCHER, BUT ALLIES WHO LEAD A TROUBLED LAND BESET, STILL, BY THE FEELINGS OF GUILT, INFERIORITY, AND SEPARATENESS THAT HAVE FOR SO LONG AFFECTED THE COURSE OF IS HISTORY. THE FRG IS, AND WILL BE A DEVOTED BUT DIFFICULT ALLY. WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO FIND WAYS TO LIVE AND WORK WITH HER, FOR IT WE LOSE GERMANY WE LOSE WESTERN EUROPE. IT IS AS SIMPLE AS THAT.
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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT FROM
 MADAME GEORGES POMPIDOU (8110431)

1. FYI: DEPT HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING MESSAGE OF
 CONDOLENCE FROM MADAME GEORGES POMPIDOU TO THE PRESIDENT:

BEGIN TEXT: I WAS APPALLED BY THE NEWS OF THE ATTEMPT
 ON YOUR LIFE AND WISH TO EXPRESS MY HEARTFELT WISHES
 FOR A PROMPT RECOVERY. AFFECTIONATE REGARDS TO YOU AND
 MRS. REAGAN. MADAME GEORGES POMPIDOU. END TEXT.

2. FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN SHOULD BE
 DELIVERED TO MADAME POMPIDOU:

QUOTE: EAR MRS. POMPIDOU,

NANCY AND I WERE DEEPLY TOUCHED BY YOUR KIND EXPRESSION
 OF CONCERN. WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE KNOWING THAT YOU
 ARE THINKING OF US AND THAT I HAVE YOUR HEARTFELT WISHES
 FOR A PROMPT RECOVERY. WITH WARM REGARDS, RONALD REAGAN.

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END QUOTE.

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT
WISHES TO DO SO. HAIG

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SUBJECT: GRAIN EMBARGO

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2. EMBASSY SHOULD DELIVER THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM SECRETARY HAIG TO FOREIGN SECRETARY FRANCOIS-PONCET ASAP REQUESTING THAT THE LETTER BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL U.S. ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE.

3. BEGIN TEXT DEAR JEAN: I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL ANNOUNCE, IN THE NEAR FUTURE, HIS DECISION TO LIFT THE PARTIAL GRAIN EMBARGO AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION. AS I KNOW YOU ILL UNDERSTAND, THIS DECISION HAS NOT COME EASILY TO THE PRESIDENT, WHO REALIZES FULL WELL ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR OUR CLOSEST ALLIES. HE HAS, THEREFORE, PERSONALLY ASKED ME TO SEE THAT YOU, AND THROUGH YOU PRESIDENT GISCARD, ARE THE FIRST TO BE INFORMED OF HIS DECISION AND THE REASONS FOR IT.

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THE PRESIDENT HAS LONG BEEN OPPOSED TO THE GRAIN EMBARGO, WHICH HE BELIEVES HAS IMPOSED UNEQUAL AND THEREFORE UNFAIR SACRIFICE ON ONE SECTOR OF THE AMERICAN ECONOMY. HE CAMPAIGNED AGAINST THE EMBARGO; HE MADE A FIRM COMMITMENT TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO REMOVE IT.

NEVERTHELESS, FOLLOWING HIS INAUGURATION THE PRESIDENT RECOGNIZED THE SUBSTANTIAL FOREIGN POLICY CONSIDERATIONS THAT MILITATED AGAINST LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO. HE HAS FIRMLY AND COURAGEOUSLY STOOD AGAINST THE POLITICAL FORCES WITHIN THIS COUNTRY THAT HAVE SOUGHT, FROM THE MOMENT HE TOOK OFFICE, A REVERSAL OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S EMBARGO DECISION.

IN ALL FRANKNESS, JEAN, THOSE FORCES HAVE NOW BECOME SO STRONG THAT THE PRESIDENT FEELS HE CAN NO LONGER SUSTAIN HIS POSITION. TO MAINTAIN THE EMBARGO NOW WOULD SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZE AFFIRMATIVE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON HIS ECONOMIC PROGRAM IN GENERAL AND HIS FARM BILL IN PARTICULAR. THE PRICE, IN TERMS OF THE ABILITY OF THIS ADMINISTRATION TO REESTABLISH A HEALTHY AND PRODUCTIVE NATION, IS TOO MUCH TO PAY. THUS, ALBEIT RELUCTANTLY, THE PRESIDENT HAS DETERMINED THAT HE MUST ACT NOW IF HE IS TO CARRY FORWARD THE DOMESTIC REFORM PROGRAMS THAT ARE SO IMPORTANT TO US AND, IN THE LAST ANALYSIS, OUR ALLIES.

LET ME EMPHASIZE THAT THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO DOES NOT INDICATE ANY CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY VIS-A-VIS THE USSR, OR U.S. ACCEPTANCE OF THE STATUS QUO IN AFGHANISTAN. THE UNITED STATES REMAINS DETERMINED TO RESIST SOVIET AGGRESSION WHEREVER IT OCCURS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK FOR A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IN AFGHANISTAN WHICH INCLUDES THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET TROOPS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO SCRUTINIZE ALL OUR COMMERCIAL TIES WITH THE SOVIET UNION CAREFULLY; WE OF COURSE URGE OUR ALLIES TO DO THE SAME. NOR DOES OUR ACTION ON THE GRAINS EMBARGO AFFECT OUR BELIEF THAT POLAND CONTINGENCY PLANNING IS VITAL TO ENABLE THE WEST TO TAKE CONCERTED ACTION IF THE SOVIETS SHOULD INTERVENE IN POLAND. IN THAT REGARD, LET ME ALSO ASSURE YOU THAT SHOULD THE SOVIETS INTERVENE MILITARILY IN POLAND WE WILL TAKE THE MOST STRINGENT MEASURES TO LIMIT ECONOMIC

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RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE USSR;
THESE MEASURES WILL NOT BE RESTRICTED TO THE AGRI-
CULTURAL SECTOR ALONE.

THE PRESIDENT AND I HAVE GREATLY APPRECIATED THE
SUPPORT WE HAVE RECEIVED OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS
FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE; WE HAVE SOUGHT TO
RECIPROCATATE WHEN WE COULD. WE ASK NOW FOR UNDERSTANDING
FROM YOU AND YOUR PRESIDENT FOR THE REASONS THAT LED
PRESIDENT REAGAN TO THE DIFFICULT DECISION HE HAS TAKEN
SINCERELY, ALEXANDER M. HAIG, JR. END TEXT HAIG

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