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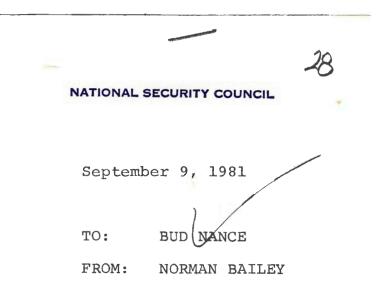
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WHITE HOUSE CONSIDERING SPECIFIC STEPS TO PREVENT EUROPE'S USE OF SOVIET GAS

In an effort to get Western Europe to drop its plans to participate with the Soviet Union in the Trans-Siberian natural gas pipeline, the Reagan Administration is studying the possibility of intervening with domestic coal producers to assure the region -- West Germany, in particular -- of continued and reliable energy supplies, the DAILY has learned.

Investigating the avenues open for federal cooperation with U.S. coal companies is at the top of a list of suggested actions that were recommended this week for further study in the Reagan Administration. In addition to looking at coal, working groups under a White House task force are also examining the possibility of supplying nuclear technology and deregulating domestic natural gas prices to make more world energy supplies available as alternatives to Soviet natural gas, the DAILY has learned through documentary and other sources.

That many of these recommendations would take years to implement reflects a dominant feeling within the Administration that there is little the U.S. can do to prevent West Germany's decision -- probably due by year's end -- to import gas supplies from the first phase of the Soviet project, one source close to the decisionmaking process told the DAILY. A select group of senior White House-level policymakers -- primarily from within the defense and national security establishment -remain unconvinced of this inability, however, and are currently considering separate options which would entail putting more punitive pressure on the West Europeans, the DAILY was told. One informed source said that Administration discussions are beginning to break down into a "carrot-versus-stick" philosophical battle.

In coal, U.S. is considering: (1) easing the Administration position on port users fee legislation, as well as other government policies which might hamper U.S. exports to the region; (2) providing subsidies to private coal producers that enter into long-term supply contracts with the region; (3) giving the region more "absolute" guarantees of supply, including exemptions from restrictions imposed on exports during !!! Tabor strikes and national emergencies.

In nuclear, group is considering providing the region with additional waste disposal technology, as well as temporary and/or long-term disposal sites in this country. Task force is also looking at ways to free up world oil and non-Soviet gas supplies by deregulating U.S. gas industry or promoting the domestic development of alternative energy -- specifically synfuels -- technologies.

In addition to urging Western Europe to reexamine its own energy demand estimates -- claiming the 15% growth figure through 1990 is "probably too high" -- Administration may ask the region to slow its oil-to-gas industrial conversion program, and push Western Europe to further develop its own subsurface energy supplies.

While other suggestions could be offered, sources told the DAILY that some clear Administration direction should be developed by November.

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