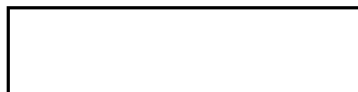


21 November 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Richard Allen

On 20 November the DCI asked me to discuss with Allen after the briefing session the story in the press that morning that Ambassador Silberman had resigned. Mr. Allen confirmed the story and told me that Ambassador Middendorf would be appointed, probably that day. (He subsequently was.) He said he was aware of the difficulties we were having with the junior members of the transition team and of the conflict of interest problem. He said we should be reassured that no one had major surgery in mind; the people on the transition team were just something we would have to put up with for a short period. He said he had read the riot act to our problem children and that Middendorf would have instructions to keep them under control. The general impression he gave was that we should view the transition team as a side show with our real effort being directed to Governor Reagan's immediate staff.



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Addendum:

He confirmed that Mr. Casey was Director-designate. I told him that the sooner that could be announced the better off everyone would be. He said that he planned to raise that issue with Governor Reagan in the next few minutes.

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