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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director of Central Intelligence
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THROUGH : Chairman, National Intelligence Council


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SUBJECT : 17 August meeting with Secretary Weinberger

1. Present at the 17 August meeting were T.H. White, Harold Brown, Gaston Sigur, Rich Armitage and myself.

2. White stressed the generational change that confronted the PLA. Long-march veterans were retiring and a new, untested group was replacing them. He also emphasized the fragility of the succession to Deng: the chances of a smooth transition were only slightly better than even. Flattery did not work well with the Chinese, White said. But it was crucial to show respect and stress China's role on a global scale. This is the kind of recognition they wanted most. White thought that the visit would succeed if some advances could be shown in resuming a strategic dialogue and easing technology transfer policies.

3. Brown supported most of these points but stressed the need to place US-Chinese bilateral relation on a more solid foundation. He believed much had been lost in 1981 and to some extent in 1982. The Chinese should be urged to revive a strategic dialogue and the visit itself symbolized this. They should also be engaged in discussion on anti-tank, anti-air and surveillance radar hardware. Brown thought a renewed dialogue on global-shared interests was one pay-off the US should look for. Another was a muted Chinese tone in public statement about areas where we disagree, such as El Salvador and the Near East.


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