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18 July 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: 15 July 1986 HPSCI Briefing

CIA Briefers:

DDI Kerr

Congressmen Present:

Hamilton, Brown, Daniel, Dwyer,
Kastenmeier, McHugh, Stump, Ireland,
Hyde, Livingston, McEwen

Subjects Briefed:

USSR: Demarche to Pakistan
Regarding Nuclear Weapons
Development

South Africa: Impact of Sanctions
Against South Africa

Regional
Vulnerabilities to
South African
Imposed Sanctions

The ANC's Communist
Ties

Iran/Iraq: Iran's Improving
Ground Forces

Mexico: Election Update

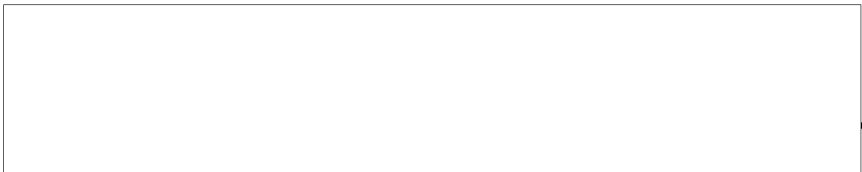
Financial Situation
Update

Questions Answered:

Hamilton

Will Mexican creditors
have to writeoff some
of the country's debt?

Rescheduling
will definitely
be necessary.



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Did Moscow say it would not tolerate Pakistan's development of the bomb?

Yes.

What are the implications of this threat?

Soviets can turn up the heat on Pakistan, but they really do not have any significant leverage.

Do Communists dominate the ANC?

That is difficult to say, but there are strong ties.

Does the Communist Party of South Africa look to Moscow for direction?

Yes.

How many people on the Executive Committee of the ANC are Communist?

About half.

Stump

Is unrest along the US/Mexican border rising?

It has been rising recently, but not to a major extent.

How do the South African's stockpile so much oil?

They have been working on it for 15 years. Mostly stored in above-ground tanks, some underground storage.

What would happen if South Africa imposed sanctions against its neighbors?

Could bring their economies to a halt. Only limited risk for South Africa.

Does South Africa act as a broker for these countries?

Yes, but in addition South Africa employs many workers from these countries.

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Would South Africa actually apply such sanctions?

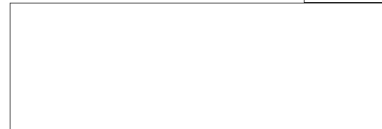
If the screws are turned on South Africa, it probably would resort to some sanctions.

Kastenmeier

Would the Soviets try to take out Pakistan's nuclear facilities?

We have looked at this and concluded that it is not likely.

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Pakistan's possession of a nuclear weapon would be more of a threat to India?

Yes.

Some Philippine missionaries have been kidnapped, do we know who did it?

Will get back to you.

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Ireland

What is the latest on Nicaragua?

Two interesting developments. Contras have been increasingly effective in the central part of the country, while the Sandanistas have been more aggressive in moving troops around.

Daniel

What is the size of US investment in South Africa?

About \$13 billion.

What is South Africa's investment in the US?

Don't know.

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Are we completely dependent on any South African commodities?

No, not completely. Chrome is important.

Any new developments in Bolivia?

Nothing I can recall.

What's going on in Libya?

Qadhafi is trying to rebuild his image. The presidents of North and South Yemen were in Libya recently. No significant signs of unrest.

Any activity above the Gulf of Sidra?

No.

Hyde

If South Africa falls into the Soviet orbit, would this be a major problem for the US?

South Africa definitely is important to the US.

Are key positions in the ANC dominated by Communists?

There are Communists in some positions.

How do we know that Marxist/Leninists won't do the same thing to the ANC that they have done to political groups in other countries?

The Communists are very effective; but there are uncertainties. If the ANC ruled South Africa, Communists would have a major influence on the government.

When the race war in South Africa starts, will it spill over into the US?

Don't know about the latter point, but a race war is possible.

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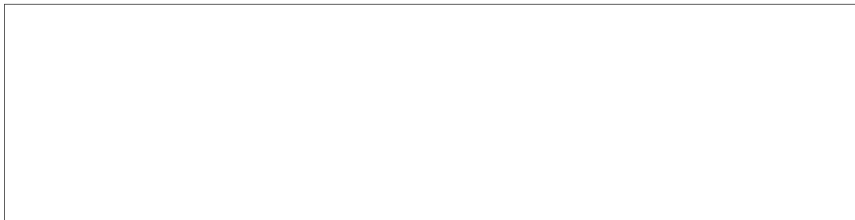
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Brown

What is the US strategy for dealing with the ANC?

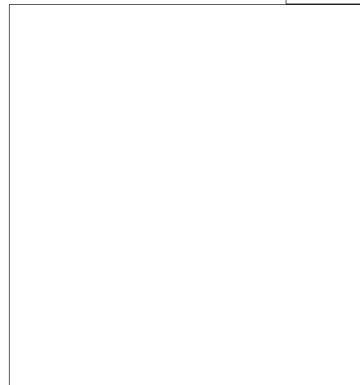
I'm afraid you're asking the wrong person.

What is Pakistan's nuclear capability and what would they do with a nuclear weapon?

They are capable of producing a number of weapons over the next several years. I don't know the exact number, perhaps a dozen or so.



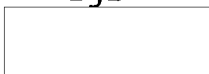
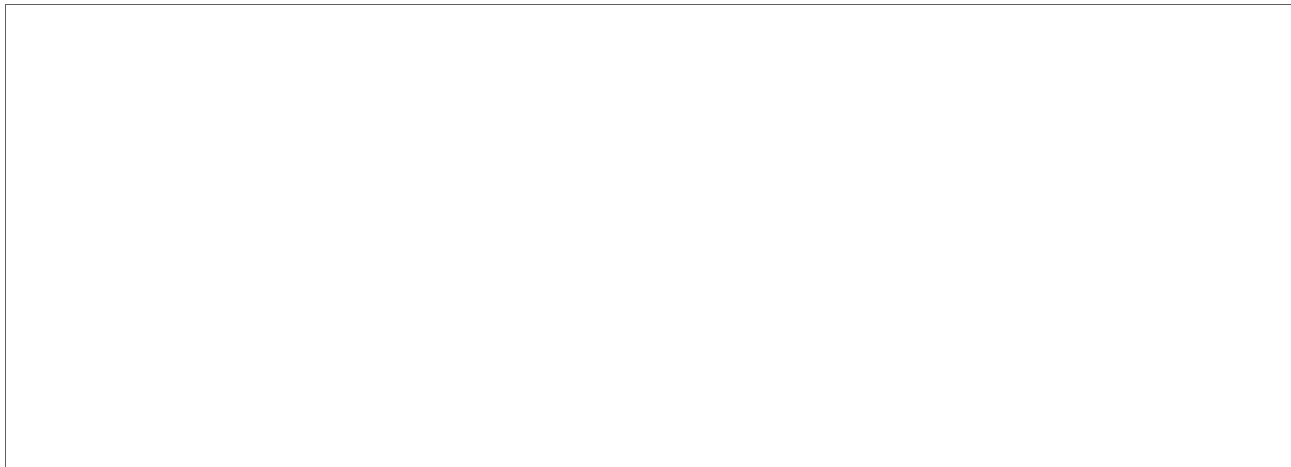
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The Indians also have a nuclear weapon?

Have had one for a while, maybe ten years.

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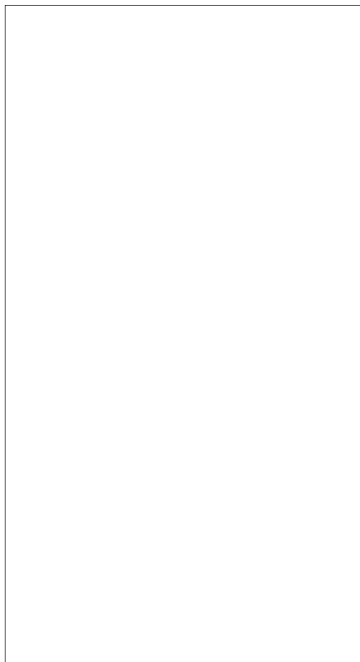
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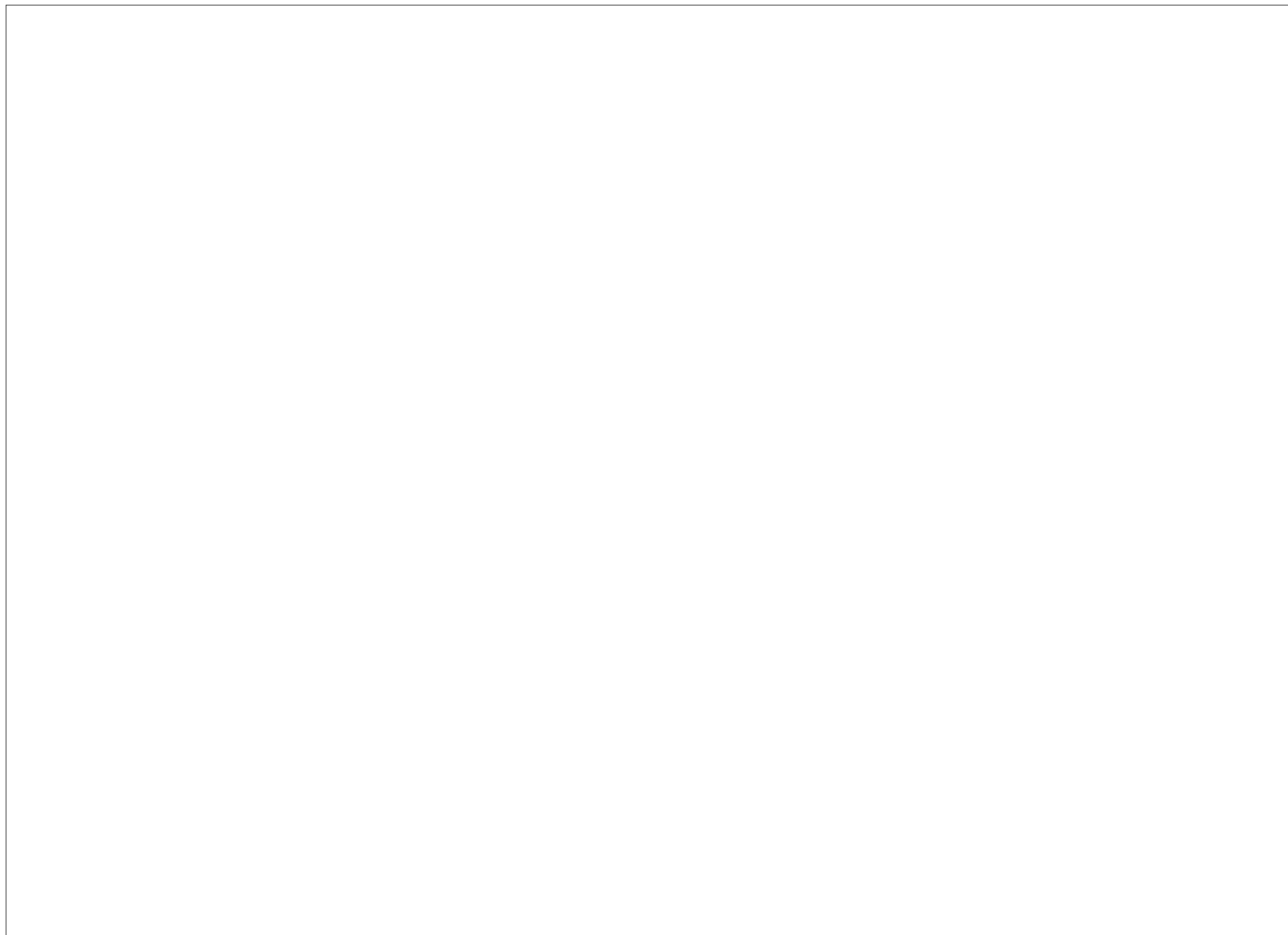


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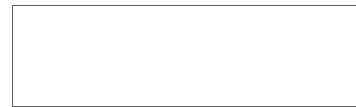
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Dwyer

Any evidence of foreign advisors in Iran now?

There have been some in the past, but recent military advances probably due to internal improvements in the military.

McEwen

No questions.

Followup:

At the close of the briefing, the DDI showed Congressman Kastenmeier the NID of 15 July that included the latest information we had on the missionaries kidnapped in the Philippines. OEA provided additional analysis of the hostage-taking that OCA telephonically relayed to the Committee on 17 July.



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