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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Secretary Haig, 5 Feb 81

In the course of briefing Secretary Haig this morning, he made several points that he asked me to bring to the DCI's attention. They seemed to be triggered both by the current intelligence I showed him and by the agenda of tomorrow's NSC meeting.



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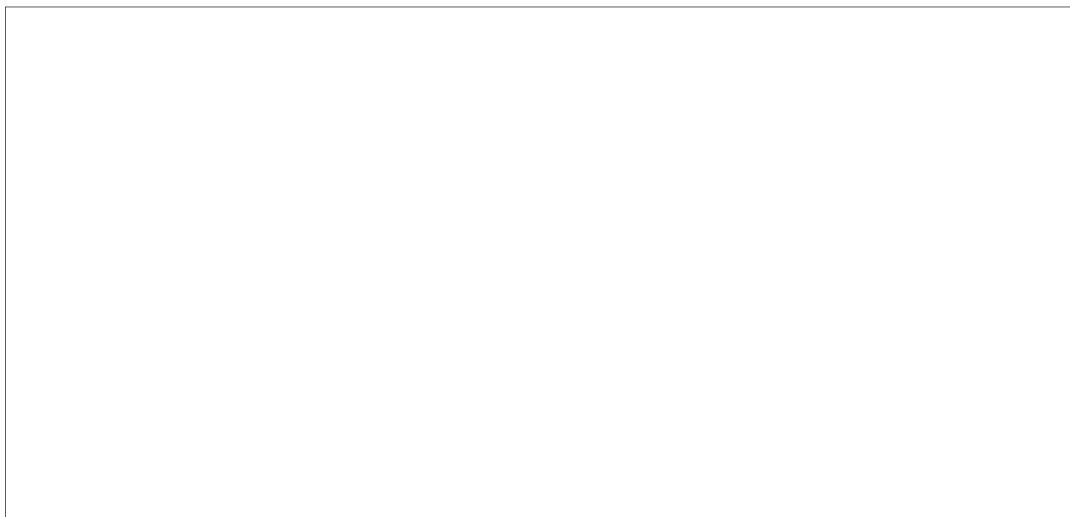
Supplementary Talking Points

Political Situation

- A. Central committee and parliament sessions and Supreme Court decision on farmers union, all next week, will provide indicators of results of leadership debate on moderate policies, particularly whether to use force.
 - Moderates win: political continuation of existing pattern of alternating periods of tension or crisis and short periods of relative calm until Soviet patience runs out.
 - Hardliners win: eventual Polish use of force likely to provoke general strike and possibly uncontrollable violence.
- B. Soviets pressing Kania; may be considering pushing for his replacement. Want a clear line to emerge from next week's decisions.
 - Barring large scale breakdown of order, Soviets probably do not want to intervene before Party Congress (23 February - 4 March)
 - After Congress, maneuvering room broadens; still rather the Poles take coercive measures themselves.

Military Situation

- A. Soviet forces opposite Poland have achieved a level of military preparedness that will permit them to react to events in Poland with speed and flexibility.



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- D. We continue to believe that if the Soviets decide to intervene in Poland with a force of some two dozen divisions, they probably would take one to two weeks to prepare.

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- E. If the Soviets decide to intervene with only a few divisions, preparations could be accomplished in two to three days.

Economic Situation

- A. In 1980, national income declined by 4 percent, agricultural production by 12 percent, industrial production stagnated. Hard currency debt stands at about \$25 billion; the debt service about 100 percent.
- B. Outlook in 81 for the growth of national income, industry and agriculture is again bleak.
- C. Larger trade deficits expected to improve the supply of food and assure supplies of vital raw materials.
- \$12 to \$13 billion needed to cover repayment of principal and interest and cover the current account deficit, exclusive of interest.
 - Will require large scale aid from East and West: not only debt relief but new funds.
 - Negotiations underway to obtain debt relief from Western banks and governments; moving slowly.
 - Unless substantial aid forthcoming quickly, Poland could default within the next few months.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Bruce C. Clarke, Jr. *BC*
Deputy Director, National Foreign Assessment

FROM : Robert M. Gates
National Intelligence Officer for USSR-EE

SUBJECT : NSC on Poland

1. We understand from the NSC staff that Dick Allen will open the discussion on Poland with a briefing on the current situation and several of the key judgments of the SNIE published last Monday (at Tab A). The talking points at Tab B would supplement what we understand Allen will be presenting, should you be asked or wish to comment.

2. Secretary Haig will then summarize the status of the Interagency Group's work on contingency measures against the USSR should they invade Poland, as well as the status of consultations with the Allies on such measures. The Secretary has approved the memorandum at Tab C which reviews the political and economic measures already under consideration and it presumably will serve as the basis for his briefing. In this connection, the paper you requested on Western economic leverage is at Tab D. As you are probably aware, there is some interest at the upper levels of State and Defense in the development of more far-reaching economic measures than yet identified should the Soviets intervene. The British list of economic measures may be discussed; it is at Tab E.

3. I recommend you read the SNIE (if you have not) and Secretary Haig's memorandum, as background for Friday's meeting. The salient points in each are underscored.

4. Finally, in the discussion of possible contingency measures, you may want to point out that to the extent planned sanctions are selective and kept under wraps, their deterrent effect is significantly diminished. Maximum deterrence would result from comprehensive, far-reaching measures, agreed by the Allies, and well-publicized in advance (an approach the Allies probably would not countenance).

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Also, the NSC should know that the Soviets almost certainly believe that any sanctions would last no more than a year or two and that there would be at least some loopholes -- a view reinforced by their experience after the invasion of Czechoslovakia and with the post-Afghanistan sanctions. This assessment is in fact probably realistic and will weaken the impact of any planned sanctions as a deterrent.


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THROUGH: P - Mr. Newsom

FROM: EUR - George S. Vest *GSV*

SUBJECT: Polish Contingency Planning: Allied Consultations

Issue

Approval of contingency political and economic measures to be decided by NATO Foreign Ministers in the event of Soviet intervention in Poland.

Discussion

At Tabs A & B are lists of political and economic measures which could be taken in the event of Soviet intervention in Poland.

The list of political measures (Tab A) was forwarded to capitals by NATO permreps on December 11. In the event of a Soviet intervention, NATO ministers are to meet in emergency session and decide which ones are to be implemented in the light of the actual circumstances of Soviet action. The list of political measures has been subsequently discussed with the British, French and Germans with relevant comments indicated in indented paragraphs.

The list of economic measures (Tab B) are the product of ad referendum work among the Four which refines the list of possible economic measures submitted by the British following the December NATO ministerial. You already agreed that we can continue discussing this list with the Four.

At the January 30 interagency meeting on Poland chaired by David Newsom there was unanimous agreement that this Administration should endorse this earlier contingency planning as a basis for further allied consultation and for eventual action by NATO ministers in the event of Soviet intervention. We

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would like to be in a position to have Walt Stoessel convey this to the British, French and German Ambassadors when he meets with them on February 9. Early next week Bob Hormats and Mike Rashish will be discussing the economic program with economic Cabinet members not involved in David Newsom's meeting.

Recommendation

That, assuming that the talks with the economic agencies go well, you authorize us to inform the British, French and Germans that the new Administration endorses the political and economic contingency planning which has gone on to date on Poland as a basis for further consultations and action in the event of Soviet intervention. We may also subsequently wish to inform other allies, but that depends upon the tactics we work out with the British, French and Germans.

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Attachments:

- Tab A List of Political Measures
- Tab B List of Economic Measures

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Possible Political Measures

Since December 23, 1980 discussions in the Alliance, in smaller groups, and bilaterally have drawn on the list circulated by the NATO International Staff and which NATO PermReps agreed should form the essential elements for a menu to be studied further in capitals and then decided by Foreign Ministers at an emergency Ministerial following soon after any intervention. Wording of and the numbering of measures below follows the form in that NATO document. Indented comments reflect the conclusions on meetings of the Washington group (the French, British and German Ambassadors plus the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs).

1. Make protest demarches where and as appropriate.
2. Call for emergency UN Security Council Meeting and, if appropriate, a meeting of the General Assembly.

This measure has been discussed among Allied UN PermReps in New York.

3. Conduct intensive campaign of public condemnation
4. Recall Ambassadors from Moscow and, perhaps other Warsaw Pact capitals for consultations.

From Moscow

A) Ambassadors should be recalled at as close to the same time as possible so that a signal of unity is preserved and it does not appear that any Allies are dragging their feet

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B) Make clear that they are recalled for consultations rather than as a permanent measure.

C) Before they are sent back to Moscow there should be consultations among the interested countries so that the return does not signal disarray.

From Other Warsaw Pact Capitals

A) As with other measures involving the other Eastern Europeans, including the GDR, whether and how to act will depend upon the actual nature of the governments' participation. (It is understood that the FRG has special interests where the GDR is concerned.)

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5. Suspend participation in the CSCE Madrid meeting following condemnation of Soviet actions on the basis of the Helsinki Final Act.

Further consultation is required to agree upon a scenario that would make clear that the NATO Allies left the Madrid meeting because of a most serious Soviet violation of the Final Act and that a resumption of these talks would require actions by the Soviet Union to restore confidence.

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In addition to making clear that the Soviets are to blame, the Allies should reaffirm their support for the Helsinki Final Act, the continuation of the CSCE process, and try to make it possible for the neutrals to support our position.

6. Suspend participation in arms control and disarmament negotiations such as MBFR, CTB, CD, CDE.

(See Note under #7)

7. Review with the United States SALT and LRTNF negotiations.

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The US suggested that the record show that there had been no consensus regarding the public suspension of the following arms control negotiations: MBFR, SALT, CTB and TNE.

It was agreed that further work was required on these measures, and it was noted that the new US administration is presently reviewing these issues.

8. Impose additional restrictions on Soviet, and possibly other Warsaw Pact Embassies, including limits on travel and staff at all levels.

Needs further work on what agreed measures would be.

9. Suspend all exchanges of high-level visits with Warsaw Pact States participating in the intervention.

It was agreed that such a measure should be immediately implemented and that consultations would be undertaken before any high-level visits were subsequently undertaken.

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10. Suspend major cultural, academic, scientific and athletic exchanges and, if applicable, the execution of cultural agreements.

In general there are very serious problems with formally announcing the non-implementation of bilateral governmental agreements -- including in the cultural field.

Perhaps a distinction can be drawn between those culture, art and sporting exchanges that can be stopped at little cost, and those in the educational and scientific fields that enhance Western influence in the East.

Further refinement required.

11. Urge like-minded and other countries to emulate Allied measures.

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