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MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI

SUBJECT:

Daily Report

Information

Dayan Urges Talks with Burg to Block Move of Begin's Offices:  
In private comments to Ambassador Lewis on Monday, Dayan claimed Begin had promised that prior to moving the prime ministry offices to East Jerusalem, he would bring the issue before the cabinet. Dayan believes Burg is the key element to stopping Begin's ill-conceived idea, primarily because: his NRP holds the balance as to when the next elections will take place; his personal prestige is tightly wound up in his role in the autonomy negotiations; and, Burg is a pragmatist and a moderate, especially sensitive to the need to maintain reasonable relations between Israel and the U.S., and between Israel and American Jewry. Dayan urges that Burg be told at a high-level while in Washington of just how serious the consequences would be were Begin to go forward with this plan. (S)

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State Department review completed

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Cuban Support for Central American Insurgencies: In its periodic report on "Cuban Support for Central American Insurgencies," the CIA points to clear indications that Castro is accelerating his involvement in every Central American country. The Cuban president is focusing primarily on El Salvador, which he is reported to have said is "the next to be liberated." But he is also getting much more deeply involved in urging the unification of guerrilla factions in Guatemala and Honduras, and in the training of guerrillas. Whereas we had received reports in the past of Castro's effort to urge restraint by guerrilla groups and aim for the long term, he seems now to be encouraging immediate "armed struggle" much more vigorously. (S)

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Cuba: [redacted] members of the Communist Party of Cuba are increasingly concerned that Castro is selecting new administrators on the basis of personal loyalty, no matter how bad the appointee's reputation may be, and not on the basis of honesty or integrity. A glaring example was last month's appointment of Armando Acosta Cordero as the new general coordinator of the committees for the defense of the revolution. Acosta had been in charge of Communist Party activities in Oriente Province in the 1960s, but was dismissed when the extent of his corruption became known. (S)

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