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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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November 7, 1979

NLC Review Completed.

MEMORANDUM FOR: ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI

FROM: USSR/EASTERN EUROPE ✓

SUBJECT: Evening Report (U)

DIA review completed.

GDR/Schmidt-Honecker Meeting. After much demurring, Schmidt appears to have agreed to meet with Honecker in January. The meeting, which apparently was arranged by Wehner through party channels, will be the first between the two heads of state in four years. Schmidt's decision can be seen as an attempt to mollify the left wing of the SPD, especially Wehner and Bahr, who are concerned about the stagnation of inner German relations lately. (C) (Larrabee)

FBI REVIEW COMPLETED

NSA, State reviews completed

Hungary/Reaction to Czech Trials. Approximately 250 Hungarian intellectuals have signed three letters, two to Janos Kadar and one to President Losonczi, and one open letter, protesting the Prague trials and expressing support for Charter 77. Unlike 1977, when 34 intellectuals similarly supported the Charterists, the Hungarian protest also questions the viability of the relaxed political situation in Hungary. To date there has been no official reaction to the letters. (C) (Larrabee)

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Arrest of Soviet Dissidents. Am assured that Hodding Carter will make a statement tomorrow deploring recent arrest by Soviet authorities of three Moscow dissidents (see also below). (C)

Rhodesia. We have reports that the Soviets have promised more military and other aid to Mugabe. They have also offered political cadres to the insurgent forces to help them organize if a settlement is reached and elections take place. In other words, they are positioning themselves to cover all possible bets. (S)

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MIG-21s for North Yemen. [redacted] MIG-21 [redacted] being offloaded in North Yemen, [redacted] an arms deal was recently concluded with Moscow. (S)

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Diamonds for Vlasova? The FBI reports that an AMTORG official at mid-day on August 24, received instructions to buy a diamond bracelet before 3 P.M. He fulfilled that task by paying \$3,200 in cash for one in a mid-Manhattan jewelry store. Vlasova boarded the Aeroflot plane less than two hours later. Is there some connection? Sounds like it to me. (C)

Increased Naval Activity Near Vietnam. Note the item on this subject (attached) in today's State Department Morning Summary. (U)

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Soviet Diplomatic Subtlety. The Soviets, who supply 70% of Iceland's petroleum and who had previously adamantly refused to change commercial terms which were disadvantageous to the Icelanders, have within the past week made a much more favorable offer which they seem to be coupling to favorable Icelandic action re TNF. The recently arrived Soviet Ambassador in Reykjavik, after revealing the new and surprisingly generous offer, simultaneously drew out a copy of Brezhnev's October 6 speech and gave it to the Icelandic Minister of Commerce "for his study and reflection". The GOI finds the Soviet action "extremely strange" and has asked us for an interpretation of the Kremlin's inscrutable ways. (S)

Press Contacts. Joe Kraft walked by after seeing you to ask if anything significant had occurred during the National Day festivities. I told him that nothing of substance emerged from the speeches; that Brezhnev was at the reception, watched the parade, and chatted animatedly with Suslov; that Kosygin was absent and presumed sick; and that Kirilenko's speech-making raises him a notch in the competition to succeed Brezhnev.

At Jerry's request, called Bradsher to make sure that the Department comments on the arrest of the three dissidents tomorrow. Bernie Gwertzman was supposed to ask the question at Hodding Carter's session today, but failed to do so. (C)

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