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MEMORANDUM FOR: ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI

FROM: GLOBAL ISSUES

SUBJECT: Evening Report

State Dept. review completed

OSD REVIEW
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NLC Review Completed

DOE review completed

Daily Activities

Denend attended FY '80 Security Assistance review for North Africa, Middle East and South Asia. The papers were technically well prepared. The issues are among the most important and will be resolved at much higher levels. Spoke at the Foreign Affairs Interdepartmental Seminar on the formal NSC coordination process. Learned that this week's Aviation Week contains a full exposition on the F-5G and its possible sale to Taiwan. (C)

Mathews reviewed an analysis of US-Indian proliferation options prepared by Ambassador Goheen and discussed same with Thornton; took follow-up action on last Friday's Christopher Committee meeting; read a long but unfortunately unhelpful analysis of options for a follow-on agreement on Tokai Mura and worked on Japanese reprocessing and the Iranian MFN problems. (C)

Significant Intelligence

Human Rights.

For the crime of running a Sunday School, two Russians (in the Kirgiz Republic) have been sentenced to three years in a labor camp for violating Soviet law against cults. (C)

A Soviet Official told a Westerner who visited the USSR recently in connection with the Olympic Games that there would be no Jewish activists left in Moscow by the time of the 1980 Olympics, because they would all be "in the West". This is the first acknowledgment that Olympic considerations are playing a role in the ongoing campaign against dissent. It is suspected however that dissidents will often be sent to the East as to the West to avoid disruptions of the Games. It might be worthwhile to give some thought to ways in which we might exploit Soviet concern about embarrassing incidents at the Games to promote our own human rights interests during the remaining period before 1980. (C)

In its continuing anti-US human rights propaganda campaign, Pravda commented that the US policy is solely "for export" and cited as evidence the fact that we have failed to ratify thirty out of forty human rights agreements. I don't know what they are counting (though there probably are that many of which

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perhaps six are of substantial importance), but it is clear that the continuing failure to ratify does not comport well with an aggressive policy on our part. This argument falls on receptive ears in many Third World countries and it is therefore perhaps worth considering whether to raise the priority of these agreements in next year's legislative priorities list. (U)

Proliferation.

Ambassador Hummel met the French Ambassador in Islamabad to hear the contents of Giscard's letter to Zia which the French Ambassador characterized as "the most extraordinarily obscure diplomatic communication" he had ever seen. The letter made no mention at all of the contract for the reprocessing plant, but apparently its omission combined with some helpful hints from the Ambassador served to convince the Pakistanis that the French would stand firm in their decision to cancel. (S).

INR's morning report today includes an item concerning Taiwan's concealment of heavy water production equipment during a recent visit by a US inspection team. The item fails to mention that such heavy water production is explicitly prohibited under the recent US-ROC nuclear agreement and that this incident is but the latest in a series of moves by the Institute for Nuclear Energy Research (INER) to implement the weapons option. Some, at least, of these undertakings have Cabinet level approval. The source of this report said that the team had been occupied with "useless" briefings and tours of various facilities in northern Taiwan while the equipment they were looking for was concealed in various locations in Southern Taiwan. He also reported that the equipment was so well camouflaged that it could not be detected even by overhead photography. (S)

Sales.

The eighth round of CW talks with the Soviets has begun in a rather low key fashion in Geneva. Before the round began, we indicated to the Soviets that their reluctance to adopt a position on the disposition of CW facilities was becoming an obstacle to the talks. The Soviets were evidently unable to come up with a position before the scheduled start, so the delegation has arrived without instructions. (S)

Government of Iran Purchase of F-4E's. General Toufanian today informed our Military Assistance Advisory Group, of the Government of Iran's decision to request the purchase of 31 F-4E aircraft. (S)

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