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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE ALEXANDER M. HAIG, JR.
The Secretary of State

THE HONORABLE CASPAR W. WEINBERGER
The Secretary of Defense

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SUBJECT: Request for Description of Scenario for
Implementation of Recommended Siberian
Pipeline and Oil/Gas Controls Options. (S)

Today's NSC meeting revealed significant differences in your recommendations on U.S. policies concerning Oil and Gas Controls and the Siberian Pipeline. Despite these apparent wide differences, speaking to the necessarily broadly-stated policy choices provided in the options papers leaves ample opportunity for communication failures and lack of a mutual understanding of the respective positions. (S)

In view of the importance of the Siberian Pipeline issue and the urgent need to develop our position before the Ottawa Summit, I suggest that you both provide, by close of business Wednesday, July 8th, for use at the Thursday, July 9th meeting, a five to six page paper elaborating your position by describing what specific sequential actions should be taken to implement the options you support in the Oil/Gas and Siberian Pipeline issues. Each scenario should respond to, but need not be limited to, the following questions:

For Secretary Haig

- o Specifically, what is implied by a "very tough Option III" on the pipeline? What would our objective be? What pressures would be applied?
- o What specific steps should be taken to improve the safety net or scale down the project?
- o What specific steps, if any, should be pursued to improve Allied bargaining on terms of the transaction and to eliminate subsidized export credits?
- o What would the content be of the "strong alternative program" you indicated we should take to Ottawa to support our "skeptical view" of the pipeline?

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For Secretary Wienberger

- o What is the objective of your pipeline recommendation? Stop? Delay? Scale down?
- o What incentives or pressures should be brought to bear on our Allies to motivate them to follow our leadership? How should this objective be implemented? Unilateral U.S. restrictions? Restrictions only after Allied cooperation is obtained?
- o What Allies would be approached and in what sequence? Do you recommend bilateral arrangements to stop the pipeline without French/German agreement? If yes, with whom?

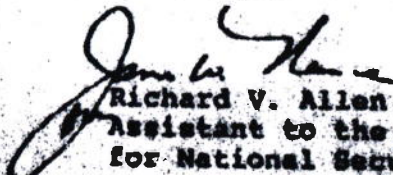
For Secretaries Haig and Weinberger

- o What should the President say at Ottawa? To whom? Private conversations? To the group as a whole? If private conversations, in what sequence?
- o What should we propose for post-Ottawa actions? Follow-on meetings? When? At what level?

Your responses to the above considerations would be of great assistance in the NSC review of these important questions. *(S)*

FOR THE PRESIDENT:

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