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TO : NSC -- Mr. Blair  
 S/P -- Mr. Wolfowitz  
 PM -- Mr. Burt

FROM : EUR - Lawrence S. Eagleburger

SUBJECT: Letter to Brezhnev

As we have agreed in our strategy to take the political offensive away from the Soviets, we want the President to send a letter to Brezhnev in advance of the UN General Assembly describing our views on US-Soviet relations. We would not make the letter itself public, but would brief the press on the major themes it contains. A draft text is attached.

As we have also agreed, it would be desirable to get other NATO leaders to send similar letters to Brezhnev. The Secretary has already urged Genscher, Carrington and Cheysson to do this with mixed results. However, I will be pursuing this further at the reinforced NAC scheduled for September 16.

Obviously, the final text of the letter to Brezhnev will have to be approved by Secretary Haig and by the President himself. However, for the NAC, we will need agreement on the basic thrust of the President's letter so that I can tell the Allies what our general approach will be and urge them to follow it. I therefore request your clearance on the attached draft by noon, Monday, September 14. Please provide clearance to Sandy Vershbow, EUR/SOV, Room 4225, Tel. 632-8040.

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