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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

THROUGH THE UNDERSECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY

SUBJECT: Proposed Message from You to Minister Hernu (U)

The situation in Chad continues to deteriorate, and President Habre has made another direct appeal to President Reagan for assistance (Tab A).

Meanwhile, the French have been holding high-level meetings in order to determine their next actions. While President Reagan has already communicated with President Mitterrand this past weekend, we and State are in agreement that it would now be useful for you to demonstrate your personal concern and support by sending a message to Minister Hernu. A draft is attached for your review and approval. State has concurred.

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I think you should delete "We are taking parallel measures." Chad is a French problem; I'm sure they'd like to sell it to us. We ought to help them, if they need it, but not take the lead.

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Chad other suggested fixes in text

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