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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

September 6, 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Cyrus Vance *CV*

1. Frank Church - I had my regular biweekly breakfast with Frank Church this morning. We first reviewed the Cuban brigade situation, covering both the procedures which we will be using to keep Frank and the Committee informed and a discussion of the substantive issues involved. Frank is beginning to back off from his initial statement. We also discussed the question of how to handle the SALT hearings and the relationship of the hearings to the resolution of the Cuban question. Frank clearly understands that our chances for a favorable outcome in the Cuban matter will be impaired by revelations of our diplomatic exchanges and has promised to do his best to manage the issue in the Committee so as to preserve our flexibility.

I also discussed a number of other subjects, including the need to have Bob Krueger confirmed before the Lopez Portillo visit. Frank agreed that he would move ahead with the hearings promptly.

Frank has also agreed to move ahead expeditiously on the authorization for the supplemental on refugees and ratification hearings in October on four of the human rights conventions.

2. Bob Byrd - I talked to Bob Byrd last night and met with him this morning in his office to discuss the Cuban situation. Bob has been very helpful and I will

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keep him very closely informed. He plans to issue a statement in the near future which he hopes will push the issue back more towards the center and away from Frank's position.

3. Dean Rusk - Dean Rusk called this afternoon to tell me that he had received a number of calls from the press who are trying to get him to support the thesis that we are facing a situation that is parallel to that of the 1962 missile crisis. After discussing the matter, Dean said that he would tell the press that this was a serious matter but very much different from the 1962 situation, which involved the introduction of nuclear offensive weapons which constituted a threat to the security of the United States.

4. Testimony before HFAC on Soviet Brigade in Cuba - Dave Newsom testified today in closed session before the House Foreign Affairs Committee on Soviet troops in Cuba. Clem Zablocki and others concentrated on why the presence of the unit had not come to light earlier. Other questioning related to the nature of the Soviet unit, whether there were new Soviet missiles in Cuba, and the nature of our past understandings with the Soviets. On the whole, the hearing was satisfactory.

5. Uganda - We met with President Binaisa on Sept. 2 in New York and discussed the deteriorating security situation in Uganda. Binaisa asked us to help strengthen the Ugandan police forces by supplying police vehicles. We raised the matter with Steve Solarz yesterday and Steve agreed to seek quick action in conference to lift restrictions on aid in a joint bill. If Steve is successful, we will work with AID to apply \$3 million in FY 79 ESF funds for maximum and immediate political impact. We will also be consulting with interested governments to coordinate assistance, bearing in mind that the security problem is an impediment to any such efforts.

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