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MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Daily Report

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State Department review
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NSC review(s) completed.

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Somali President Assures Ogaden Guerrillas of Continued Support:

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[redacted] He promised [redacted] that, even if Somalia signs an agreement with the U.S., Somali government support for them will not be reduced. Fears over a reduction in assistance reportedly led the guerrillas to consider the possibility of negotiating with the Ethiopians for autonomy rather than continuing their fight for full independence. [redacted]

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While this situation could be rationalized to be within the parameters of what we have regarded as tolerable, it makes clear that we have a fundamental disagreement with Siad. (C)

Letter From Niger President Kountche: Niger President Kountche in his capacity as President of the West African Economic Community (Ivory Coast, Upper Volta, Mali, Niger, Mauritania and Senegal) has written you a letter requesting \$50 million in assistance for their six nation water resources project in West Africa. He describes the project as the "Economic Community's contribution to the objectives of the decade -- water supply and sanitation, and the fight against drought." Its intent is to satisfy one of the most essential needs -- the supply of drinking water for man and animals. He indicates that the UN has financed the project studies and now the economic group is seeking assistance to fund the actual cost of completing the project to which he hopes you can give your personal backing. (C)

NSC Activity

SCC Meeting on SALT

The SCC met yesterday to continue the discussion of the prospects for SALT II ratification which began at last Friday's foreign affairs breakfast. The discussion focused on the possibility of a May-June Senate debate on SALT ratification with some attention also given to a November-December debate in a lame duck Senate and renegotiation prospects in 1981. It was noted that the Allies continue to be strongly in favor of SALT ratification -- which could be helped if they were more responsive on Afghanistan. There was a consensus that creating an environment that would permit a May-June debate would be very

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difficult -- but at the same time worth the effort. It was noted that events in Iran and the effectiveness of our response to Afghanistan could play a major role in these prospects. In addition, the state of the campaign to choose the Republican Presidential candidate would also be important; e.g., if Reagan is clearly the nominee, we might get help from Kissinger and Ford on SALT. It was agreed that we should continue to make public statements in support of SALT such as those which you have been making, and seek through testimony, speeches, and private conversations to build support for SALT on national security grounds. The status of this effort should be reviewed periodically in the coming weeks and a decision made in about six weeks on whether to push for a Senate debate on SALT in the May-June period.
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