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December 1, 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR: ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI
 FROM: INTELLIGENCE COORDINATION
 SUBJECT: Evening Report

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Daily Activities

Spent the day sorting through my paperwork. Also met with OMB on the budget. The President's Review is tentatively set for December 8. I am preparing a memo for you on this subject. (S)

September 22 Mystery Flash: I received a report today from DIA concerning the unexplained Vela detection on September 1979. The report indicates that an abnormally high level of Iodine 131, a short-lived isotope that occurs as a result of a nuclear event, has been found in the thyroids of sheep in Melbourne, Australia. The sheep were slaughtered in the October timeframe and grazed in an area that had received rain between September 26 and 27. Circumstantial evidence points to the fact that the Iodine could have resulted from radio activity originating over the Southern Atlantic. DIA is continuing to investigate the possibility that the iodine might also be from industrial or pharmaceutical causes instead of a potential nuclear event. (S)

Press Contacts: None

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 Review on December 1, 2000
 Extended by: Z. Brzezinski
 Reason: NSC 1.13(e)