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MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: JAMES M. RENTSCHLER *Jim*
SUBJECT: President's Meeting with John Louis
(Monday, November 9, 1981 - 2:15 p.m.)

As per your instruction, I cast the attached summary (Tab I) of the President's meeting with U.S. Ambassador to the UK John Louis today in the form of a memo with tics from you (cc. Meese, Baker, Deaver). If you prefer some variant, it can easily be redone.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memo to the President at Tab I.

Approve *J* As Amended _____

Tab I Memo to the President

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Your Meeting with John Louis: A Few
Key Points for the Record (C)
(Monday, November 9, 1981)

Your meeting with U.S. Ambassador to the UK John Louis earlier this week highlighted a number of points which we should keep in mind as we manage our bilateral relationship with the British over the next few months:

- MFO/Middle East. John expressed confidence in Carrington, described him as the "best they've got", and seemed convinced that he was not working at cross-purposes with us. Much will now depend on the revised version of the MFO declarations he is renegotiating with the Four and the Ten. (C)
- U.S. Image In Britain. There is little anti-Americanism per se in the UK, but the anti-nuclear demonstrators must be taken seriously (i.e., we must make a greater effort to appeal to British and European public opinion). (C)
- Northern Ireland. John believes that the best thing we can do on this issue is stick with our present policy as reflected in your St. Patrick's Day statement; this will be particularly important in connection with Bill Clark's December visit to Dublin. (U)
- Thatcher's Domestic Position. It is getting more vulnerable, and the possibility of Tory defeat, with the present government replaced by a coalition government, cannot be discounted. (C)
- Presidential Visit to the UK. John is convinced that the best possible way to shore up Mrs. Thatcher - and get across an important U.S. message at the same time - would be for you to visit the UK in the context of a wider European trip. (C)

cc: Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN *Dick*

SUBJECT: Your Meeting with U.S. Ambassador
to the United Kingdom John Louis (U)
(Monday, November 9 - 2:15 p.m.)

Ambassador Louis is back in town for a brief period of consultations, his first since assuming the London post last May. His presence provides a timely opportunity for some first-hand information on the following key U.S.-UK concerns:

- MFO. Following Israeli threats to disavow the validity of European Community participation in the Sinai force, the British are attempting to renegotiate EC terms of reference. It will be useful to get John's views on this issue and the extent to which Mrs. Thatcher and Carrington are really prepared to help us. (C)
- Thatcher's Domestic Position. John has reported extensively on the growing difficulties Mrs. Thatcher confronts (some of them of her own making) in her domestic program. Seek his assessment of Thatcher's leadership and its prospects for the near-term. (C)
- U.S. Image. Some recent polls have suggested a disturbing trend toward anti-Americanism in the UK. Ask for John's perspective on this phenomenon. (C)

Time permitting, you might also find useful John's views on the present state-of-play concerning the Northern Ireland issue: (U)

cc: Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

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