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By SCS NARA, Date 9/16/2010

MEMORANDUM FOR W. ROBERT PEARSON
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Review of "October Surprise" Related Documents

Thank you for the opportunity to review "October Surprise" related documents from the State Department's files that contain equities of the National Security Council or information raising important issues of Executive privilege.

Attached are the documents forwarded for NSC staff review, with the following recommendations for providing access to congressional committees investigating the alleged "October Surprise":

- Tab I These documents are State Department materials. Access should be provided consistently with the Department's policies.
- Tab II These documents, because they involve privileged communications between the President and his most senior advisors or reflect the deliberations of the NSC process or are originated at the NSC, should be accorded special treatment. We recommend that Members and specified limited staff with appropriate clearances (in the case of the House Task Force, we recommend that staff access be restricted to Messrs. Barcella and Leon) be permitted to read relevant portions of the documents and to take notes, but that the State Department retain custody of the documents and the notes at all times. In the event Members ask to see a document in its entirety, we recommend that such a request be submitted in writing for consideration in consultation with the NSC. We recommend for redaction as irrelevant those portions of the documents marked in yellow.
- Tab III These documents contain attachments, such as NSDDs, which are subject to special access arrangements. Access is approved by the NSC on a case-by-case basis in response to a written request to me from the Chairman or Ranking Minority Member of the appropriate

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