

MEMO

January 31, 1984

TO: PET  
FROM: CHRIS C.

RE: AFGHANISTAN MARK UP

1. Pakistan - I called Mr. Hussein, the Ambassador's assistant, and discussed with him possible changes in the Resolution. I presented two changes to enhance the role of the U.N. negotiations. Those amendments are as follows:

Add the following clause at the end of the "Whereas" section:

"Whereas, to bring about a Soviet troop withdrawal from Afghanistan, it is necessary to combine military pressure with diplomatic efforts."

Change "resolved" clause number 3 to read as follows:

"To support United Nations and other efforts to achieve a negotiated settlement of the war in Afghanistan, based on the total withdrawal...."

Both of these amendments were suggested by Selig Harrison and Roger Fisher. Mr. Hussein told me they did not address his government's concerns and that in order for the Resolution to be acceptable, the last two whereas clauses and the second resolved clause would have to be deleted. I said that the Ambassador had made clear his interest in seeing the negotiations enhanced and that we were prepared to respond. He said he had his instructions to request the deletions. He said he would talk with the Ambassador again, however, and call me. He has not called.

2. Mathias - He reportedly has several concerns and could offer amendments on each. At last word he was not intending to call for hearings or otherwise stop the resolution from being marked up. His amendments may be as follows:

Gulf of Tonkin concern - In order to clarify that the Resolution does not confer any extraordinary authority to the executive branch in the providing of assistance, he would insert after the word "appropriate" (line 1, in the second resolved clause the following phrase:

"and in accordance with existing authorization and appropriation procedures,"

Material assistance concern - Like Fisher and Harrison, he has a problem with that construction, because of Soviet propaganda opportunities and the unusual character of a public call for secret aid. So he might offer something like the following, which Fisher also favors:

Substitute for resolved clause 2 the following:

"to expeditiously consider any request from the people of Afghanistan for material assistance, as the United States considers appropriate and in accordance with existing authorization and appropriation procedures, so that they may fight more effectively for their freedom (or so that they may be helped to resist foreign domination)."

Mathias may also simply move to strike resolved clause number two.

Finally, Mathias may propose either or both of the amendments concerning the U.N. negotiations discussed in paragraph one above.