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TO: PRESIDENT CARTER

FROM: HAMILTON JORDAN *H.J.*

I personally find Stan Turner's weekly briefings educational and interesting. This is probably much more true in my case as I am not exposed to all the other materials and information that you see on foreign policy matters. Still, it seems to me that much of Stan's briefings have a technical and/or statistical focus and very seldom touch on the big picture.

I thought that the briefing this morning was much more useful and stimulating. It would seem that every other briefing might be devoted to a major topical subject such as the one covered this morning. These things could be decided by you. Perhaps it is an update on what is happen-

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ing in China or an assessment of the state of relations between the Soviet Union and the Warsaw Pact countries.

This would also seem to be a way to push Stan and the agency to think more in political terms which I gather is a concern shared by you, Cy and Zbig. At any rate, my recommendation would be that you compliment Stan on this morning's briefing and ask him for more of the same.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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To Stan Turner

The briefing this morning -
more political & strategic, &
less technical - was very
good.

Maybe more of the
same?

J. C.