

Kissinger-Haig geopolitical view of the world revolving around "Western irresolution" in meeting the "Soviet-Cuban" menace to the strategically vital Southern Hemisphere. Without naming it, the Council, citing Alexander Haig, poses the need for a South Atlantic Treaty Organization to guard "the exposed flank of the NATO Alliance ... Africa and South America, the allies' Southern Flank." Haig's name, in fact, was mentioned favorably throughout the two day briefing session, according to insiders' reports. Mexico 2000 project director Sumner is reliably reported to have admiringly dubbed Haig the "South African candidate."

The Council's directors and advisors include well-known Kissinger collaborators such as Georgetown CSIS Latin American Director Roger Fontaine, author of the 1977 Rockefeller Commission on Critical Choices report on Latin America; Lt. Gen. Daniel Graham, formerly of the Defense Intelligence Agency and best-known for his role in Brzezinski-Kissinger Mideast war games; and Georgetown-linked Rep. Robert Bauman, who took over presidency of the American Conservative Union in February.

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## The council talks about itself

*Following are excerpts from a brochure distributed by the Council for Interamerican Security.*

### "Danger on our southern flank"

"... Organized in 1976, the Council grew out of the recognition that the global character of political and military competition between the Communist bloc and the Free World has entered a new phase ... perhaps a turning point.

"Strategic, political geography is rapidly changing. The growing Soviet military advantage is increasingly in evidence in parts of the world which were until recently beyond the reach of the USSR. This Soviet advantage is a prelude to Communist political gains in many parts of our globe. In the Southern Hemisphere, NATO's unprotected flank, a new and protracted conflict is being fought for ultimate world hegemony.

"General Alexander Haig, U.S. Commander of NATO, warned in early 1978 that the Soviets are not likely to militarily challenge NATO in Europe any time soon. Instead, their challenge is visible 'on the periphery as the Soviet Union exploits targets of opportunity'.

"A close look at Africa and our South Atlantic basin reveals three important geo-political objectives for the Cuban-Soviet Axis: 1) control of oil routes, 2) domination of the mineral wealth of the African subcontinent, 3) military and political penetration of South America. These are the objectives of Communist hegemony in the Southern Hemisphere. This is what CIS seeks to thwart.

"If successful, this Soviet-Cuban initiative will

change the face of international politics for the rest of the century. The Soviet Union realizes that the greatest potential weakness of the industrial West is our near insatiable demand for raw materials, particularly oil and rare metals not found in the Northern Hemisphere.

### Lifelines of the West

The very lifelines of the Western economy are the sea lanes connecting Africa and the South Atlantic trade routes ...

"By controlling the Horn of Africa or the port and fueling facilities along the African coast, in Mozambique, Angola and Southwest Africa, the Soviet-Cuban alliance could pressure Western oil supply routes. The axis would seek to control the course of sea traffic from the Caribbean to the South Atlantic. Meanwhile, Soviet strategic power in the Caribbean, in the form of a submarine or missile force, could effectively neutralize the United States to the north; thereby creating a protective nuclear shield or buffer for Cuban guerrilla and terrorist activities to the south, along the West African and South American coasts, and in central America.

"And what of Mexico's oil? Vast Mexican petroleum reserves could be the Free World's energy 'ace'. Unstable Iran and feudal Saudi Arabia are already prime strategic targets for the USSR. The problematic future of Mexico is the concern of a CIS Task Force headed by Gen. Gordon Sumner ...

"CIS has two objectives:

\* Halt the unilateral disarmament of the United States.

\* Forge a new cooperative alliance between responsible anti-Communist people and governments from Canada to Argentina that will protect the U.S. Southern Flank.

"CIS activities throughout the United States and the Americas defend our vital security and counteract the anti-defense and pro-Marxist lobby in Washington.