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FOLLOWING FROM PRIVATE SECRETARY.

BILATERAL BREAKFAST WITH MR HAIG: SINAI MFO.

1. HAIG SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO THANK LORD CARRINGTON FORMALLY FOR WHAT HE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM HAD DONE IN A MATTER WHICH HE KNEW HAD BEEN VERY DISAGREEABLE FOR BRITAIN. THE CONCLUSION WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT LORD CARRINGTON'S EFFORTS. HE THOUGHT THAT THE PROPOSED REPLY BY THE FOUR EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS TO SHAMIR'S LETTER WAS QUOTE RIGHT ON THE MARK UNQUOTE AND HE HAD URGED CHEYSSON TO ACCEPT IT. IF ISRAEL CONTINUED TO MAKE DIFFICULTIES THE UNITED STATES WOULD QUOTE BE DOWN ON HER WITH BOTH FEET UNQUOTE. HAIG ADDED THAT NOTHING WAS MORE INSIDIOUS THAN SOME ISRAELI OPERATIONS. IF LORD CARRINGTON WAS THE CURRENT ISRAELI BOGEYMAN, HAIG HIMSELF HAD SUFFERED TOO IN THE PAST.

2. LORD CARRINGTON SAID HE HOPED THERE WAS NO MISUNDERSTANDING. HE WAS IN NO WAY OPPOSED TO AMERICAN POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST, INCLUDING CAMP DAVID, BUT HE BELIEVED THAT CAMP DAVID WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH.

3. HAIG SAID HE HOPED IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH ISRAEL AND THAT THIS WOULD NEVER BE OTHERWISE. LORD CARRINGTON COMMENTED THAT THE UNITED STATES NEEDED TO HAVE A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH EVERY COUNTRY IN THE AREA.

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