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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: William P. Clark, Acting *WPC*

1. Lebanon. Fighting between Syrian and Phalange forces in the Lebanese town of Zahle continues with significant casualties. In Beirut, fighting and shelling across the confrontation line dividing the city has also been heavy.

We desire the fighting cease before it spreads or involves others. Al has sent an urgent message to Shamir urging restraint on the Israelis. Our Embassy in Tel Aviv is in close communication with the Israeli Government. Ambassador Dean is in communication with President Sarkis and other Lebanese leaders in support of their efforts to halt bloodshed. Sarkis is reportedly trying to arrange a cease fire and to move Lebanese Government Forces to Zahle. We have instructed Ambassador Seelye, our Ambassador to Syria, to reiterate our condemnation of Syria's shelling population centers. We underscore our support for Lebanese efforts to end the confrontation.

We have also asked the Israelis stop Haddad's militias from shelling the town of Sidon where yesterday four died and others were wounded. Our Embassies in key Arab capitals and in Europe have been asked to support our efforts with the Syrians and Lebanese to bring this very dangerous situation under control.

2. Poland. We are of course following events in Poland. Last night Al sent messages to our close European and Asian allies and to the Vatican. Dick Allen and I have been in close communication today and keeping Al advised of events in Cairo.

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 5, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Acting Secretary Clark's Evening Report

Herewith Acting Secretary Clark's Evening Report of April 4, 1981.
He will be providing periodic reports while Secretary Haig is away.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker

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