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BY GW NARA DATE 7/3/14 DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON  
April 7, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT  
THE VICE PRESIDENT *WPC*  
FROM: William P. Clark, Acting

1. French Wheat Sales to USSR. The EC Commission will discuss the French request to sell 600,000 M/T of French wheat to the USSR on Wednesday, April 8. EC President Thorn reportedly favors the sale while Commissioners Haverkamp (Foreign Affairs) and Dalsager (Agriculture) are opposed. Both the UK and FRG remain opposed to the sale for political reasons, i.e., sending the wrong signal to the USSR at this moment.

2. Canadian National Energy Program. Yesterday Under Secretary Mike Rashish chaired the first meeting of the high-level US-Canadian Consultative Group on the Canadian National Energy Program (NEP). The group, established during your Ottawa visit, focused on the first piece of enabling legislation implementing Canada's NEP. This legislation is coming before Parliament Thursday. Mike was privately assured by Peter Towe, Canada's Ambassador to the US, that Ottawa would modify existing language in this legislation which would have mandated discrimination against US suppliers of goods and services in the energy area.

3. Israeli Participation at the African Refugees Conference in Geneva. Israel was originally excluded from participation through the formula devised for participation in the African refugee conference in Geneva. We took this up with Waldheim, the OAU and the Conference organizers, and Israel eventually received an invitation, together with the other members of the executive board of the UN High Commission for Refugees. Yesterday we learned of a developing backlash in Geneva against Israeli participation in the Conference. We have told the OAU we would find it difficult to participate if Israel can not attend.

4. El Salvador. Strain exists in the Duarte Junta over the pace of reforms. The number two man, Colonel Gutierrez, last week privately threatened to resign. Reports now indicate he will remain and the Junta will continue its uncertain future. Our people are looking at ways to strengthen the Junta by perhaps recommending representation from the private sector.

5. Legislative Consultations Concerning the F-15 Enhancement Package. Yesterday Dick Fairbanks attended a White House meeting with Russ Rourke from DOD and Max Friedersdorf to facilitate interagency cooperation in support of the F-15 enhancement package. The consensus seemed to be that if the vote were held today in the Senate, we could not possibly win without a substantial commitment of time and effort from you.

In view of the upcoming recess, how to avoid having members commit against us prematurely was the immediate topic of discussion. To forestall this, it was decided to contact 15 key Senators by Friday to dissuade them from making any commitments prior to seeing the entire package, which we intend to send up shortly after the Congress returns on April 27.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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April 8, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Deputy Secretary Clark's Evening Report

Herewith Deputy Secretary Clark's Evening Report of April 7, 1981.

cc: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
James Baker  
Mike Deaver

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