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April 13, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. 

1. Security Council Action on Lebanon: As agreed with Francois-Poncet, we have been working closely with the French in New York to urge the Security Council to act on the fighting in Lebanon. Our objective is a unanimous statement by the Security Council calling on all parties to cooperate with the Lebanese Government, and to respect the ceasefire throughout Lebanon. The Soviets would be hard put to oppose such a statement and it might have some restraining effect on the ground.

Although Francois-Poncet suggested the possibility of an international peacekeeping force in Lebanon to replace the Syrians when I saw him in Paris, neither we nor the French are pushing it in the Security Council. Even with Council agreement, the idea is impractical. It would require an enormous military presence to keep the peace in such a heavily armed country still torn by civil war. (C)

2. US-Soviet Navy-to-Navy Incidents-at-Sea Talks: The Department has agreed with Defense's proposal to invite Soviet representatives to Washington in May for the annual Navy-to-Navy Incidents-at-Sea Review talks as required by the 1972 Incidents-at-Sea Agreement.

These meetings have been held every year, without fail, whatever the climate of US-Soviet relations. The site of the talks alternates between capitals each year. Last year, in response to the Afghanistan situation, we reduced the length of the meeting from ten to five days and eliminated the usual trip connected with the talks. These same conditions will prevail this year as well.

Defense strongly supports the Incidents-at-Sea Agreement because it has reduced dramatically the number of dangerous ship-related incidents and it provides a useful channel for airing problems affecting the two navies. (C)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Herewith Secretary Haig's Evening Report of April 13, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker

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