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THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

April 16, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr.



1. Meetings with Malaysian Home Minister Ghazali Shafie: In meetings today, Shafie, a key Malaysian security and foreign policy official, conveyed best wishes to you for a speedy recovery on behalf of his King and Prime Minister. Ghazali stressed his country's appreciation for the vital U.S. help on the Indochina refugee problem. He was concerned about neighboring Thailand's security and urged that the U.S. continue to play a strong security role in Southeast Asia, lest the area be left to the mercy of Sino-Soviet rivalries. Ghazali welcomed U.S. support for a UN-sponsored international conference on Cambodia and he hoped that a united front of Cambodian resistance elements could be organized soon. I suggested that we would consider supporting such a front, if ASEAN asked us to do so. We would be looking more carefully at this matter in advance of my meeting with the ASEAN Foreign Ministers in Manila June 19-20. (S)

2. Economic Support for Jamaica: As a follow-up to your initiative with Prime Minister Seaga, David Rockefeller and other members of the U.S. Business Committee on Jamaica have held two organizational meetings with their Jamaican counterparts. The U.S. has formed task forces to stimulate private enterprise in various sectors of the economy. The Jamaicans are very pleased with the progress to date. (C)

3. Soviet Reply to our April 11 Demarche on Lebanon: Ambassador Dobrynin's reply (delivered to Walt Stoessel) blamed Israel for the trouble and criticized U.S. policy in the Middle East. Dobrynin recalled Brezhnev's proposal for an international conference and made a strong pitch for US-Soviet consultations on the Middle East. Stoessel regretted the Soviet position on Lebanon and pointed out the lack of common ground for joint U.S.-Soviet diplomacy in the area. (S)

4. Lebanon in the Security Council: Last night the President of the Council (the Irish Ambassador) tabled a draft consensus statement calling for restraint in Lebanon and respect for Lebanese sovereignty and territorial integrity. The statement, product of a U.S.-French effort, was opposed by the Soviets and the East Germans (apparently at the behest of the Syrians) because Israel was not named as the culprit. The exercise branded the Soviets as obstructionists, but there seems little point in proceeding further with the Council now that an acceptable statement cannot be issued. (C)

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April 17, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Herewith Secretary Haig's Evening Report of April 16, 1981.

cc: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
James Baker  
Michael Deaver

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