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WASHINGTON

May 4, 1981

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

1. Lebanon. The leaders of Syria, Lebanon and Israel have all agreed to receive Ambassador Habib as your personal emissary. The agreement by Syrian President Assad to see Habib constitutes a major breakthrough. Assad has not met with a US official for two years. Sam Lewis delivered your letter to Begin this morning. Begin welcomed it and said he personally would not hesitate to accept your request for more time to resolve this crisis. A time extension and a formal reply, however, will have to be approved by the Cabinet tomorrow. Sam Lewis believes that the Israelis will now give us as much as a week or more, assuming Habib will be on his mission in the meantime, but that they will be looking for a firm cut-off date, after which they would take the actions now apparently postponed. (S)

2. El Salvador. The Senate version of the House Foreign Affairs Committee restrictions on aid to El Salvador goes to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for markup on Wednesday. Supporters of restrictions might win in a straight up or down vote at the Wednesday meeting; we are developing a strategy to kill or gut the Senate version. Meanwhile, in El Salvador, there are no leads on the disappearance April 26 in San Salvador of Maryknoll priest Father Roy Bourgeois. We continue to receive a large number of Congressional and public inquiries about the case; we are in close touch with the highest levels of the Salvadoran Government about the investigation. (S)

3. Tuna Boat Seizure by Mexico. Late April 30 Mexico released the US-flag tuna-boat, Sea Quest, which it seized April 25 for fishing tuna without a license. Mexico imposed a much smaller penalty than in the 6 seizure cases last July. Tuna industry representatives have expressed satisfaction with the handling of this incident. It appears that the GOM decided to levy minimal penalties in order to maintain the best atmosphere for the upcoming Presidential meeting.

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FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: State Department's Evening Report

Herewith is the State Department's Evening Report of  
May 4, 1981.

cc: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
James Baker  
Michael Deaver

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