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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON

May 16, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: William P. Clark, Acting *wpc*

1. Ito Resignation. Foreign Minister Ito of Japan resigned following public criticism by the Prime Minister of the early embargoed release of the text of the Joint Communique prior to your second meeting. (We did not release until after the second meeting.) Claiming responsibility for the communique and supervision over the handling of its release, the Foreign Minister, in true Japanese fashion, resigned to demonstrate his responsibility.

Suzuki, overreacting to press criticism, has handled public discussion of the Joint Communique badly since his return to Japan. The Government of Japan has assured us that there is no disagreement over the wording of the communique. However, Suzuki's actions and statements have transformed a happy return from a most successful summit meeting into an acrimonious debate in Japan.

We are treating the matter as an internal Japanese affair having no affect on United States relations with Japan. (S)

2. SIG Meeting on SALT Standing Consultative Commission (SCC). On May 15, Walt Stoessel chaired an interagency group to review U.S. strategy and positions for the SCC session that begins May 27. A consensus was reached on all of the issues discussed and a paper is now being prepared for review by the NSC next week.

Briefly, the paper will recommend that the U.S. should: (1) pursue ABM Treaty compliance issues vigorously with the Soviets in the SCC but address non-SALT compliance concerns primarily in diplomatic channels; (2) remain non-committal on observance of the 1972 Interim Agreement (IA) and SALT II, while continuing to adhere to the ABM Treaty, which is legally in force; (3) indicate the general concerns we have on Soviet compliance with the IA and SALT II but avoid reference to specific provisions of those agreements; and (4) agree as an internal USG matter that we will not seek ratification of SALT II and that the U.S. would take steps inconsistent with it and the IA if required for national security. (S)

3. Visit of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Mr. Poul Hartling, met yesterday with Walt Stoessel. Hartling urged the USG to maintain its current level of acceptance of Southeast Asian refugees. Hartling noted that Afghan refugees in Pakistan remain a serious problem, with the Government of Pakistan claiming 1.8 million Afghans in the country and predicting rapid further increases. The High Commissioner thanked the U.S. for its contribution of \$285 million for refugees in Africa.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

RICHARD V. ALLEN *Allen*

SUBJECT:

Acting Secretary Clark's Evening Report

Attached is Acting Secretary Clark's Evening Report of May 16, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker
Michael Deaver

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