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June 18, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Walter J. Stoessel, Jr.
Acting Secretary of State

1. SFRC Hearing on Israeli Raid on Iraq. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee conducted a full day of hearings today on the various aspects of the Israeli raid on Iraq. I believe that the Administration's views were well received. Many Senators took the occasion to issue public statements. I led the morning open session; Bill Casey followed in closed session and was able to get to the heart of many of the issues without the spotlight of the media. The afternoon session also went well with Counselor Bud McFarlane as the lead witness. Chuck Percy indicated his strong desire to work closely with us on formulating clear understandings with Israel to rebuild mutual trust. The Committee plans to hear public witnesses tomorrow.

2. Organization of African Unity Attacks U.S. on Namibia. The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) has approved a committee report which harshly criticizes us and our partners in the Contact Group (Canada, France, Germany and Britain) for "collusion with South African racists" to delay independence for Namibia. This is not the last word since the Council action precedes the OAU Summit next week, which may accept or modify resolutions from the Council. We have approached all African moderate OAU members, emphasizing the counter-productive effects of such criticism while we are actively engaged in trying to bring a solution to the Namibian problem.

3. New Italian Government. The leader of Italy's Republican Party, Giovanni Spadolini, assured Italian President Pertini today that he will be able to form a government. If so, he would be the first non-Christian Democratic Prime Minister since World War II. Italian foreign policy under Spadolini would be centered on the Atlantic Alliance. He calls for a strengthening of Italy's ties with the Western democracies.

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June 19, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Acting Secretary Stoessel's Evening Report

Attached is Acting Secretary Stoessel's Evening Report for June 18, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

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