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UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

June 22, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
From : Walter J. Stoessel, Jr.
Acting Secretary of State

1. Habib Mission/Lebanon. Phil Habib is now in Beirut following good talks this weekend with Crown Prince Fahd and Foreign Minister Saud in Riyadh. The Saudis told Habib that a tentative agreement has been reached on lifting the Syrian siege of Zahle and introducing Lebanese Government gendarmerie to take charge of security in the town. The Saudis are optimistic that the agreement can be implemented very soon. Habib briefed the Saudis on his talks in Damascus and Jerusalem, stressing that the Israelis reaffirmed that there is no deadline for diplomacy. He asked the Saudis to work for Syrian agreement to withdraw at least some surface-to-air missiles now. Saud was noncommittal but Fahd promised to do what he could when Syrian Foreign Minister Khaddam visits Riyadh tomorrow. Habib intends to stay in Beirut until the middle of the week. He then proposes, subject to our concurrence, to return to Washington for consultations in order to give Arab efforts further time to work between now and the Arab quadripartite group's meeting on July 4.

2. Meeting with Libyan Foreign Policy Official. Ahmed Shahati, senior foreign policy advisor to Col. Qadhafi, has delivered a message to you from Qadhafi. The message contained little that was new. The Libyan request for the meeting with us was strongly backed by Sudanese President Nimeiri. We used the occasion to reiterate strongly to the Libyans those areas of their misconduct which are unacceptable to us. In particular, we cited Libyan support for terrorism, intervention in Chad, disruptive policies in the Middle East, and their assassination campaigns.

3. Meeting with Foreign Operations Subcommittee Minority Members. Under Secretary Buckley, Assistant Secretary Fairbanks, and Under Secretary Ikle of DOD met with Ranking Member Jack Kemp and the other Republican Members of the House Appropriations Foreign Operations Subcommittee. The purpose of today's meeting was to enlist these Members' efforts for our security assistance legislation, which will be marked up Tuesday by Chairman Doc Long's Subcommittee. Secretary Haig has emphasized the importance of sustaining your budget request in a letter today to Doc Long, and I urged the same in a telephone call to Long. We also dealt with the need to forestall any attempt to prohibit military assistance to El Salvador. The key point in the discussions was the need for support of our program for concessional military sales, which the Chairman proposes to eliminate entirely. All Republicans voiced solid support for our programs in this area.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN *RVA*

SUBJECT: Acting Secretary Stoessel's Evening Report

Attached is Acting Secretary Stoessel's Evening Report for
June 22, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

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