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July 10, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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

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1. MacFarlane Trip to Israel. Counselor Bud MacFarlane is leaving this evening for Israel. He will be meeting with Prime Minister Begin on Monday morning to discuss the problems resulting from the Israeli attack on the Iraqi reactor. Bud will be explaining to Begin our need to have a credible presentation in the first instance to the Congress in the context of lifting the suspension of the F-16 aircraft. In his basic thrust, Bud will emphasize the need for us to cooperate in putting this problem behind us as we focus on the future of our multi-faceted, strategic relationship.

2. Visit to the U.S. of British Minister of State for Northern Ireland. I met today with Michael Alison, the UK Minister of State for Northern Ireland, who is visiting the U.S. in order to explain both officially and publicly the British approach to handling the prisoners and hunger strikers in Northern Ireland. He told me that the UK is hopeful that an acceptable arrangement regarding the status of the prisoners can be found soon, thus ending the hunger strikes. At the same time, Alison reiterated British concern over the safety of their consular missions in the U.S., particularly in New York. I reaffirmed the statement of U.S. policy which you expressed in your St. Patrick's Day remarks, and again reiterated that we were working with local police and others to handle potential security problems at UK consulate sites. Alison expressed appreciation for the U.S. position.

3. Talks with Salvadoran Foreign Minister. Salvadoran Foreign Minister Fidel Chavez Mena called on Secretary Haig today after completing a week of calls on representatives of Congress, church, labor, business, and the press to explain the situation in El Salvador. He told us he had already undertaken an effort to achieve compromise between the private sector and the Revolutionary Junta, and he hopes to nail down an agreement upon his return. He also expressed his concern for the sustained flow of arms from Nicaragua to insurgents in El Salvador and reiterated his government's need for more financial and other economic assistance. Secretary Haig urged the Foreign Minister to continue his efforts to achieve a compromise between the private sector and the government and to insure achievement of a legitimate electoral process.

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July 11, 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 July 10, 1981, which was delivered to my office today.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker
Michael Deaver

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