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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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FROM: William P. Clark, Acting

1. U.S. Consul in Kuwait Declared Persona Non Grata. On July 12 the Kuwait Government declared our consular officer in Kuwait persona non grata for issuing a passport and providing other assistance to an American wife of a Saudi professor while the couple and their two children were visiting Kuwait. The woman then flew to the U.S. with the children against the wishes of the husband. Kuwaiti media alleged that the American Embassy participated in the "kidnapping" of the children.

We are instructing our Embassy to reiterate formally our position that the expulsion of our consul is not justified, although we have no choice under diplomatic practice but to accept it.

2. Caribbean Basin Initiative. Bill Brock's and our staff are following up Al's July 11 meeting in Nassau. The Mexicans will approach Costa Rica to set up a meeting in the next few weeks between the four powers and Central American nations at staff level. Similar meetings will be held later with the Caribbean countries and with potential donors. We are also beginning bilateral consultations through personal visits by USTR and State officials to major interested countries in Latin America and Europe and Japan. Internally, STR, State and other agencies are continuing an intensive analytical effort to assess the impact of measures to help Caribbean Basin nations.

3. International Communications and Information Policy. Under Secretary Jim Buckley this morning chaired the first meeting of an interagency group to ensure effective policy development in this area. The agenda included programs in UNESCO dealing with the New World Information Order, a proposal of great concern to the international news media; efforts to have U.S. industries adopt the voluntary personal privacy guidelines developed in the OECD to keep government limitations on transborder data flows at a minimum; and the work of the ITU and its several major conferences over the next few years.

This interagency group should improve Executive Branch handling of these issues, and thus meet Congressional concerns and interests.

4. Iraq: Arrival of Mrs. Saddam Hussein. The wife of Iraq's President Saddam Hussein arrived in New York this morning for a stay of from two to four weeks for medical treatment. We arranged for Mrs. Hussein's entry at New York and are providing security for her. Ambassador Kirkpatrick has asked to call on her in New York. We have offered Mrs. Hussein treatment at Walter Reed Hospital, but the party has not yet responded.

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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July 14, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN *RA*

SUBJECT: Acting Secretary Clark's Evening Report

Attached is Secretary Clark's Evening Report for July 13, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker
Michael Deaver

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