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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

July 18, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. *AMH*

Lebanon. Ambassador Habib is in Israel. He will see Begin tomorrow morning. Habib has asked that Begin halt further military action until they have the opportunity to talk, but Israel's Deputy Defense Minister Zippori told the media Friday that Habib's presence will not limit Israeli forces. Saudi Crown Prince Fahd has given a commitment to move to obtain Palestinian cooperation in tandem with our efforts. He made clear, however, that the U.S. must bear the major share of the burden with Israel.

Walt Stoessel met, at their request, with the French and German Ambassadors and senior members of the UK Embassy to review the Lebanese situations. They expressed the grave concern of their governments over the deteriorating situation and their support for the Habib mission, with emphasis on the need for the US to restrain Begin. They also made clear the subject would be a priority matter for discussion at Ottawa and raised the inadvisability of releasing the F-16s to Israel next week.

There were further Israeli air strikes and shelling in south Lebanon today and Palestinian forces kept up in the rocketing and shelling of Israel's Galilee panhandle. The intensity of the exchanges diminished from yesterday's level, however, and Beirut was generally calm. Ambassador Dillon reports from Beirut that the Lebanese Government still wants a strong UN Security Council resolution condemning preemptive Israeli air strikes. It is possible therefore that the Council would meet again to consider such a resolution, especially if the violence continues.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Secretary Haig's Evening Report for July 18, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker
Michael Deaver

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