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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

July 29, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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

1. Ghorbal Visit. Egyptian Ambassador Ghorbal came in this afternoon to discuss issues related to President Sadat's visit. He was very complimentary over the two significant successes that we had achieved recently in the Middle East: the Multilateral Force for the Sinai and the Lebanese ceasefire. He stressed that the very fragile ceasefire might collapse unless there was continued movement; I assured him that we were aware of the importance of maintaining momentum.

Ghorbal and I agreed that you and President Sadat would get along famously. We also agreed that your discussions should center on global and regional strategy rather than specific tactics. He stressed Egyptian desires to discuss the peace process and measures that might be taken to advance the already important strategic consensus that exists in the region. (S)

2. House GOP Foreign Operations Task Force Luncheon. The House GOP Foreign Operations Task Force hosted a Capitol luncheon for me today attended by task force members, Minority Leader Robert Michel, and other House Republican leaders. The group expressed their strong desire to be of help in promoting Administration foreign policy initiatives. There was a strong concern by Members that our security assistance legislation rationale had not yet been "sold" sufficiently. Congressman Livingston (R-La.) emphasized that the central theme in approaching the House should be the idea that U.S. credibility is on the line with this legislation. He urged that you, Secretary Regan and I should personally make a stronger pitch to wavering Members. (U)

3. Telephone Conversation with Mexican Foreign Minister Castaneda. I called Castaneda to enlist his assistance on the Lebanese situation. The Mexican Ambassador to the United Nations was proposing a resolution with language condemnatory of Israel. I explained to Castaneda that we were trying to keep the public condemnation of Israel to a minimum in order that Israel be kept on the track; we did not want to exacerbate Israeli fears. Castaneda promised to instruct his Ambassador in New York to coordinate closely with Ambassador Kirkpatrick. I expressed our gratitude and indicated that I was looking forward to seeing Castaneda this weekend. (SECRET/SENSITIVE)

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July 30, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Secretary Haig's Evening Report for July 29, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker
Michael Deaver

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