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WASHINGTON

August 18, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: William P. Clark, Acting *wpc*

1. Demarche on Medflies. I called in the Japanese Ambassador to urge reconsideration of Japan's request to the US to stop shipment on August 19 of all fruits and vegetables from California without treatment against medflies. I asked that Japan consider less sweeping measures parallel to our own restrictions and not take action itself until a USDA team of specialists has visited Japan. We requested that the Japanese Government respond to this demarche by Wednesday morning. (C)

2. Cyprus Negotiations. The Greek Cypriots have told us that they will respond constructively to the territorial and constitutional proposals which the Turkish Cypriots presented at the intercommunal talks on August 5. Although they find the Turkish Cypriot proposal insufficient, they have decided to continue the dialogue. At the intercommunal meeting to be held tomorrow, August 19, the Greek Cypriots will discuss procedures and at a later date submit their counterproposals. The decision by the Greek Cypriots to continue the negotiations is encouraging. We will continue to press both sides to be flexible and to encourage Secretary General Waldheim to be active in his conduct of the talks. (C)

3. Law of the Sea. On Thursday, August 13, Ambassador Malone spoke to the small group headed by Conference President T. Koh (Singapore), setting forth in detail the major US concerns with the Draft Convention on the Law of the Sea. The purpose of the Koh Group is to provide a forum for discussion of these US concerns. (S)

The Group of 77 responded in informal plenary on Monday, August 17, with a reasoned, point-by-point response to the US statement. Although the G-77 spokesman contended that the US statement did not form the basis for a constructive dialogue, his response indicated clearly that at least a preliminary dialogue has been joined. The Netherlands and Australia intervened to encourage further dialogue and efforts to achieve a generally acceptable package agreement. The Soviets delivered a statement supporting the G-77 which did not reject further dialogue. The Koh Group's meetings are to continue today. Ambassador Malone will reply to Group of 77 at that time. (S)

4. C-24 Discussions on Puerto Rico. The UN Special Committee on Decolonization (Committee of 24), at its annual session on Puerto Rico, is considering a resolution sponsored by Cuba that could place Puerto Rico on the agenda of the General Assembly in 1982. This effort constitutes a major escalation by the Committee over resolutions adopted in past years. We are informing Committee of 24 members that such action is totally unacceptable. We are encouraging our friends on the Committee to vote against the objectionable language in the Cuban resolution, rather than simply abstaining as they have done in the past years. We doubt, however, that others on the Committee can also be persuaded to vote against this resolution. In the event that the question of Puerto Rico is inscribed on the UN agenda, we are concerned that the General Assembly could act to require the US to report to the UN on Puerto Rico annually. (LOU) RDS 2/3 8/18/01

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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August 19, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Acting Secretary Clark's Evening Report

Attached is Acting Secretary Clark's Evening report for August 18, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
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