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THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

September 15, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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

1. Actions Against Israel at IAEA Conference. Israel is likely to come under severe attack at next week's General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency. Iraq is leading a campaign to oust Israel from participation in the Conference, which has been antagonized by the raid last June on the Iraqi nuclear reactor. Other actions which might be taken are: condemnation of the raid, suspension of technical assistance and expulsion of Israel from the Agency. In the face of this threat, we are making strong demarches to IAEA members on Israel's behalf. I intend to authorize our delegation to the Conference to negotiate an outcome that would preserve Israel's IAEA membership. To this end, our delegation would go along regretfully with a condemnation but object vigorously if this were combined with suspension of technical aid. We would condemn exclusion of Israel from the Conference (but not walk out). However, we would state that if the exclusion were to lead to eventual permanent exclusion of Israel, we would have no alternative but to reassess US participation in the IAEA. If Israel's IAEA membership is suspended, we would immediately withdraw from the meeting and announce a reassessment of our policy regarding our own participation in the IAEA. (S)

2. AWACS Briefing for Bipartisan House Leadership. As part of our on-going AWACS effort through the Dick Allen group, Under Secretary Buckley, Assistant Secretary Fairbanks and General Secord of the Air Force briefed the House Leadership in Speaker O'Neill's office today. The questions were skeptical and brief. No minds were changed and we were told that we would lose in the House by a big margin. The House Democrats admitted, however, that the opposition was "95% political," lacking the emotional rancor present in the Senate. We also discussed the timing of the vote and expressed our preference that the Senate vote first. (C)

3. Mathias-Cranston Meetings in Moscow. Senators Mathias and Cranston briefed me today on their recent meetings in Moscow with Gromyko and other senior Soviet officials. The Senators said that the Soviets have clearly gotten the message that we are determined to restore the military balance. This makes them very nervous, particularly because of their own economic problems and the situation in Afghanistan and Poland. Mathias and Cranston believe that the Soviets are most anxious to negotiate seriously on strategic arms reduction. The Senators also found the Soviets worried about nuclear arms proliferation and concerned about Qadhafi's demands on them for help with his nuclear program; they appeared uncertain about their ability to control Qadhafi. Interestingly, the Soviets barely mentioned the neutron weapon or China, but were very concerned about theater nuclear forces. Mathias concluded by stating that a real chasm of perceptions existed between us and the Soviets over each side's intentions. In his view, my upcoming talks with Gromyko would be most important in working to bridge this chasm. (S)

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September 17, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

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Attached is Secretary Haig's Evening Report for September 15, 1981.

cc: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
James Baker  
Michael Deaver

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The President's note says:

"I should see Sen. Bentsen."

(Janet Colson has made a copy  
of the Secretary's report &  
cover memo for Mr. Allen to  
follow through.)