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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

24 September 1981

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

1. Suspension of Israel from IAEA Less Likely, but Vote Count is Still Close. The key vote on the issue of suspending Israel's membership in the IAEA is scheduled for Friday at the IAEA conference in Vienna. Our delegation's latest assessment is cautiously optimistic that we will achieve a blocking one-third. The vote count nevertheless remains extremely close.

Iraq and its G-77 allies may turn to an alternative resolution being floated by the EC group, calling for suspension of technical assistance to Israel. This resolution avoids the issue of Israel's membership in the IAEA. We would vote against such a resolution. (C)

2. Foreign Assistance Bill - El Salvador. The Senate today narrowly defeated an amendment (Helms-Lugar) which would have transformed binding conditions on funding for El Salvador into advisory "Sense of the Congress" language. The vote was 51 to 47. Yesterday, however, the Senate approved a Pell amendment which rendered these conditions, while still binding, considerably less onerous. The Pell amendment (1) reduced the number of Presidential certifications to two per year, (2) provided that, in the event guerrillas made it impossible to comply with certification conditions, certification would not be required and (3) made the standards for certification more appropriate to the existing situation.

After the vote on Helms-Lugar, the Foreign Aid Bill was put aside indefinitely. (U)

3. Foreign Affairs Legislation. Under Secretary Jim Buckley, Assistant Secretary Richard Fairbanks and I met this morning with key House Republican conservative leaders to seek assistance for Administration foreign affairs initiatives. Discussion centered on developing support for the Department's authorization bill as a means toward early positive action on that legislation. We hope, as a result, to break the Foreign Affairs Committee 'logjam' now delaying action on other vital foreign policy initiatives, including our foreign assistance bill, Pakistan aid and the Sinai peace-keeping force. Members present generally expressed support for a one-year in-budget authorization measure. Many, however, remained uncommitted on support for foreign assistance, even when reminded of the emphasis being placed on security assistance. (U)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Acting Secretary Clark's Evening Report

Attached is Acting Secretary Clark's Evening Report for September 24, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker
Michael Deaver

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