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DEPARTMENT OF STATE WASHINGTON

September 25, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

: William P. Clark, Acting FROM

1. Autonomy Negotiations. The September 23-24 sessions of the resumed West Bank/Gaza autonomy negotiations in Cairo ended with agreement on a joint statement and work schedule for the next several months. Our delegation reports that we accomplished all of our limited objectives. The atmosphere surrounding the work of the Egyptian and Israeli delegations was unusually good. This is only a first--and largely procedural--step, but for the first time since negotiations began in May, 1979, the Parties seem genuinely happy with an agreed set of papers. Our delegation warns that the product may look thin to the public, but it feels this first session of renewed talks warrants guarded optimism. (CONFIDENTIAL)

- 2. Refugee Consultations with Congress. Continuing our consultations with Congress on refugee admissions for FY 1982, Walt Stoessel met with the leadership of the House Judiciary Committee in executive session. The Committee is clearly concerned over failures to name a Refugee Coordinator and to fill related top jobs at both Justice and State. There is some sentiment for drastic reductions in the entry of Indochinese refugees. Chairman Rodino, however, will probably support your recommendation of 120,000. Walt argued that our relations with ASEAN require this number and that the large number of Soviet Jews (33,000) is necessary as a signal to Moscow of our continuing interest in Soviet immigrations. (CONFIDENTIAL)
- 3. Cyprus Developments. Al urged Greek Cypriot Foreign Minister Rolandis to agree to an early UN initiative to help bridge differences between the two Cypriot communities. The Greek Cypriots, especially President Kyprianou, prefer to wait until after the October 18 Greek elections to avoid offending Papandreou if he wins. Al stressed the value of presenting UN ideas now, noting the flexibility shown so far by the Turks could change depending on the outcome of the Greek election. Al also noted the desirability for progress in talks prior to your meeting with Kyprianou on December 8.
- 4. Planning and Budget Secretary Named PRI Candidate. Miguel de la Madrid Hurtado, Secretary of Programming and Budget, whom you met at Camp David, was named the candidate of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, which is tantamount to being named president. After formal nomination later this year, he will almost certainly be elected in July and take office December 1, 1982. A conservative economist, he has been friendly to, but reserved with, U.S. officials. The foreign banking community thinks highly of him. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT

September 26, 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 September 25, 1981.

cc: The Vice President Ed Meese James Baker Michael Deaver



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