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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

November 12, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: William P. Clark, Acting WPC

1. Israel to Accept UNGA Resolution on Middle East Nuclear Weapons Free Zone. Last week, after lengthy negotiations, we reached agreement with the Egyptian delegation at the UN on a draft resolution supporting the goal of a Middle East Nuclear Weapons Free Zone. The Egyptians had pressed for a resolution that "declares the existence" of such a zone, but we could not accept this, since both the US and Israel have always insisted that any nuclear free zone can be established only through negotiations and agreement by all the states of a region. In the end, we persuaded Egypt to accept language merely calling for a Middle East Nuclear Weapons Free Zone "as an urgent goal." Such language has no binding effect on any state.

The Israeli UN Ambassador has informed our delegation that, while Israel has some problems with the draft accepted by Egyptians, it will vote for it. (C)

2. Chad. A French news service reports new fighting between the forces of Hissein Habre and Ahmat Acyl in an area near the Sudanese border, one of the first to be evacuated by Libyan troops. Sudanese President Nimeiri has told our Ambassador the press reports are false, as far as the Sudanese can determine, and suggests the reports are part of another Libyan disinformation effort. Nimeiri asserts Habre has complied fully with Sudanese advice to stand down. We have a report that Habre's forces may have taken towns in the area, probably with little or no fighting. (C)

3. UN Secretary General Election: Next Moves. The current UN Security Council President (Slim of Tunisia) proposes a process designed to break the impasse on selection of the next UN Secretary General. Slim believes that if the next 3 or 4 ballots (possibly Monday) produce no breakthrough for either Waldheim or Salim, the Council should announce a deadlock and declare that additional candidacies will be included in renewed balloting, presumably after a break of a few days. Meanwhile, we are informing Mexican President Portillo that we will not be able to support Mexican Foreign Minister Castaneda's candidacy since we are committed to others. We will observe to Portillo that it would be in our mutual interests if the USG can avoid having to oppose a Mexican candidate. (S)

4. Cyprus Developments. In line with objectives we are pursuing, Cypriot President Kyprianou agreed at a November 11 press conference to accept presentation of a UN "evaluation" in intercommunal negotiations. Turkish Cypriots had earlier agreed. Although neither side has agreed to the substance of an "evaluation", the official presentation on November 18 of independent UN ideas will mark an historic step in intercommunal talks. Constructive discussion of ideas embodied in the UN "evaluation" could begin a true intercommunal dialogue that will be necessary for any Cyprus agreement. This also smooths the way for President Kyprianou's meeting with you on December 8. (C)

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 13, 1981

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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 Thursday,  
November 12, 1981.

CC: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
Jim Baker  
Mike Deaver

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