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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : William P. Clark, Acting *WPC*

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1. Europeans Announce Participation in the Sinai Peacekeeping Force. On Sunday, the UK, France, Italy, and the Netherlands conveyed to the U.S., Israel, and Egypt their decision to participate in the Sinai Peacekeeping Force. This statement was tailored--at the Secretary's insistence--to avoid Israeli sensitivities and we believe it did. Today, the Israelis showed deep concern--publicly and privately--with today's endorsement of the decision of the Four using the phrase "self-determination" for the Palestinian people, and the UK statement in Parliament justifying its decision. It addressed the rationale behind the Venice Declaration, the need to involve the PLO in the peace process, distinctions between the peace treaty and Camp David autonomy talks, and UK's willingness to participate in new peacekeeping arrangements to bring about Israeli withdrawal from other territories. We expected a sharp Israeli reaction. SECRET

2. New Greek Government Program. Papandreou yesterday presented to Parliament his Government program. While it is clear Greece will be more independent on the world stage, Papandreou is still vague on timing and substance on most key issues. He reiterated his rejection of the current arrangement for military participation in NATO and his requirement on security issues for a "guarantee" vis-a-vis Turkey. He said negotiations with the U.S. will resume in early 1982 and will be set to a timetable for withdrawal. In the meanwhile, our facilities in Greece will operate under increased Greek oversight and control. He reiterated that nuclear weapons will soon be removed. On Turkey, he was outwardly uncompromising, although privately he has offered the Turks "an olive branch." Secretaries Haig and Weinberger will respond that we intend to work for the best possible relations and that Greek security is best obtained through continued cooperation with the U.S. Meanwhile, we will keep our public comments on Papandreou's program very restrained. CONFIDENTIAL

3. Report of UN Chemical Weapons Investigation Inconclusive. Our Mission at the UN has seen an advance copy of the report of the Chemical Weapons Experts' Group. As expected, the experts' tentative view is that evidence of chemical weapons use remains inconclusive. The report unreasonably discounts available information including that submitted by us, and reflects the influence of the Soviet Under Secretary General. On the other hand, the report expresses a desire to conduct further investigations and interviews. We would like the UN experts to eventually concur in our own findings, and believe a General Assembly decision to continue the investigation is more important than the contents of the current report. A resolution calling for renewal of the mandate for the investigation will soon be introduced. CONFIDENTIAL

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November 24, 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
November 23, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker
Michael Deaver

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