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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: William P. Clark, Acting *WPC*

1. The Multinational Force and Observers (MFO). Australian Prime Minister Fraser announced today that Australia would participate in the Sinai peacekeeping force. This commitment is contingent upon Israeli acceptance of European participation. At our request, the Australian Ambassador to Israel met with a senior Israeli foreign ministry official to inform him of Australia's decision and to urge Israel's acceptance of the European proposal for participation. The response was that Israel could live with both the EC-4 and EC-10 statements but was troubled by "national statements" made by the Four in justifying their decisions to participate. The official stated that the Cabinet would decide if these statements made EC participation unacceptable to Israel. Al Haig has agreed to meet--as soon as his schedule allows--with Ambassador Evron to discuss this and other issues. In the meanwhile, Al instructed Ambassador Lewis to deliver a message to Prime Minister Begin strongly urging Israeli acceptance of the EC-4 offer. (C)

2. Brezhnev's 22-25 November Visit to Bonn. Brezhnev's visit to Bonn has not gone particularly well. As compared with forward-looking and comprehensive proposals in your speech of 18 November, Brezhnev made no new proposal. His call for a moratorium on INF deployment was unconvincing, simply the latest version of the old moratorium proposal the Soviets have made on numerous occasions since 1979. Reaction of the German media has been skeptical. Chancellor Schmidt has defended Alliance positions on INF in a rock solid manner, a fact which has not been lost on the Soviets. On 27 November Schmidt will send Genscher's deputy, Von Staden, to brief Al Haig on the Brezhnev visit. Al shall then be able to provide a more definitive report of the results of Brezhnev's trip. (C)

3. Namibia Discussions with South Africa. South African Foreign Minister Pik Botha's Deputy, Brand Fourie, led a delegation to meet with us over the last two days and report to me on joint consideration of next steps in Namibia/Angola negotiations. The talks were part of a series of bilateral US/South African talks that have reinforced the more visible Contact Group/Front Line states/ SWAPO/South Africa talks. They were a clear success. We were able to work through differences of interpretation in the draft constitutional principles recently presented to South Africa and other interested parties, and at the end of the session we worked with the South Africans on their draft responses to the Contact Group. We also reached agreement on a timetable that would see Phase I completed before the New Year and Phase II within the first few months of 1982. We undertook to assure SAG that its expectations on developments in Angola are realistic. The next step will be a CG redraft of constitutional principles, taking into account responsive comments, followed by a CG meeting at Chet Crocker's level in Ottawa 7-8 December. (S)

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November 25, 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 24, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
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James Baker
Michael Deaver

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