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February 12, 1982
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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Walter J. Stoessel, Jr.
Acting Secretary of State

1. Lebanon/Israel/Syria. Working closely with Bill Clark and Bud McFarlane, I have been in touch throughout the day with Secretary Haig and concerned agency representatives about the several interrelated problems in the Middle East. We are urgently looking at the possibility of an Israeli strike into southern Lebanon over the weekend (Ambassador Lewis has reported that there are growing indications of this) and, as well, we are assessing the possibly deteriorating situation in Syria (including Cap Weinberger's talks with King Hussein and the Jordanian assessment of the scene in Syria). We will be providing you as soon as possible with our proposed course of action in handling these possible contingencies.

2. Madrid CSCE Conference. The Soviets and Poles today faced another lengthy round of harsh denunciations from NATO and neutral foreign ministers, but did not try to block Western speakers as they did on Tuesday of this week. The future of the Madrid session of the CSCE remains uncertain. The Swiss today refrained from calling formally for a recess, but next week Switzerland probably will propose a break in the conference if they succeed in generating support from other neutral states.

3. Canadian Aid to Central America. The Canadians announced today that they will increase their bilateral aid to Central America to \$106 million over the next five years. This is nearly triple the aid which Canada extended during the past five years. The announcement will enable Canada to approach the next meeting of ministers on the Caribbean Basin Initiative confident that they are making a significant contribution to it.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: William P. Clark

SUBJECT: Acting Secretary Stoessel's Evening Report

Attached is Walter Stoessel's Evening Report for
February 12, 1982.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

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