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DEPARTMENT OF STATE WASHINGTON

February 19, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

From: :

Lawrence S. Eagleburger, Acting Secretary

- 1. Lebanese Ambassador's Visit. In a meeting this morning with Walt Stoessel, Ambassador Itani raised the Lebanese Government's planned proposals for the upcoming Security Council debate on the UN Force in southern Lebanon (UNIFIL). Specifically, Lebanon wants to expand UNIFIL by 1,000 men and to increase UNIFIL's ability to defend itself. Walt told him that the U.S. supports an increase in troop levels, and would be willing to consider a UN request to help upgrade UNIFIL's self-defense capability. (C)
- 2. Chad: Reaction to OAU Summit and U.S. Policy. GUNT President Goukouni, returning to Chad from the Nairobi OAU minisummit, denounced the OAU resolution calling for a political solution to the Chadian conflict. But one prominent member of the GUNT, Vice President Kamougue, indicated to our Charge that Goukouni accepts the necessity for political reconciliation in Chad. Goukouni may agree to a ceasefire on February 28 and negotiations as called for by the OAU, but will probably balk, at least initially, at dealing with rebel leader Habre in person.

The majority of other African states have enthusiastically accepted the settlement process set up by the OAU Chad Standing Committee. We are actively encouraging the French and other interested parties to support the OAU's efforts to convince Goukouni of the necessity for eventual political reconciliation with Habre. (C)

- 3. Meeting with Israeli Ambassador Arens. Israeli Ambassador Arens met with me today and touched on two issues he did not cover with Al Haig. He focused on the Israeli perception of the dangers of the evolving situation in Lebanon, and stated that the threat posed by the PLO and Syria to Lebanese independence is an obstacle to a long-term solution to the Lebanon problem. He asserted that the PLO fear of Israeli action had brought about a six-month period of quiet. Arens also mentioned his interest in obtaining U.S. support for a new Israeli aircraft program.
- U.S. arms sales to Jordan were only touched upon by Arens, having apparently been discussed extensively during an earlier meeting with Cap Weinberger. (S)

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February 20, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

WILLIAM P. CLARK

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SUBJECT:

Acting Secretary Eagleburger's Evening Report

Attached is Lawrence Eagleburger's Evening Report for February 19, 1982.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker
Michael Deaver

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