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April 8, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM : Lawrence S. Eagleburger, Acting Secretary

1. Israel-Lebanon: Recent statements by Israeli leaders, Begin's plan for a highly unusual Cabinet meeting during a holiday season, and the movement North of several Israeli military units indicate the Israelis may be close to attacking the PLO in Lebanon. These indicators, which the Israelis have not attempted to hide, seem designed to serve as a final warning to the PLO to stop its provocations, while also signaling us to exert pressure on others to get PLO restraint. The PLO is in a high state of alert; Jordan and Saudi Arabia have communicated their anxiety over an imminent attack; but we have yet to detect any unusual Syrian troop movement. We have asked selected Europeans, Syria, and Saudi Arabia to use their influence to urge restraint on any group conceivably involved in the current string of terrorist incidents against Israelis. We are also urging Israel to do nothing to jeopardize last July's cease-fire in Lebanon. Nick Veliotos will be in Jerusalem on Monday to reinforce Ambassador Lewis' calls for Israeli restraint.

2. Falklands: Bill Middendorf succeeded in persuading the OAS to adjourn until Monday without substantive debate on an OAS good offices resolution proposed chiefly by Colombia. Meanwhile, I met separately with the French and German Ambassadors to discuss the Falklands situation. Each Ambassador indicated his nation's solidarity with the UK, support for the Secretary's efforts to defuse the crisis, and concern about the implications of a military clash.

3. Buckley in Ottawa: The Canadians reacted positively to Jim Buckley's presentation in Ottawa of our effort to restrain the flow and increase the cost of Western credits to the USSR. Foreign Minister MacGuigan and other officials were generally supportive, sympathetic, and reassured by our determination to work within the Alliance. They said Canada will be a "willing and helpful player" in the multilateral meetings that will be needed to achieve agreement on a credit restraint formula and mechanism. The Canadians believe any formula must take strict account of the need for burden sharing, and indicated some concern about the idea of a prompt pause in official credits and guarantees (pending an agreement), as a major project involving firms in Quebec may come to fruition in May.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 9, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK

SUBJECT: Acting Secretary Eagleburger's Evening Report

Attached is Larry Eagleburger's evening report for Wednesday, April 8, 1982.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver