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MEMORANDUM FOR:

FROM:

THE PRESIDENT

Lawrence S. Eagleburger, Acting Secretary

- Jerusalem Incident Sparks UN Activity: Morocco, possibly in concert with other Islamic states, has asked for a meeting of the UN Security Council to consider the weekend incident at the Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem. Representatives of Islamic states met late today in New York and may have produced a draft resolution; the Council will hold informal consultations tomorrow morning. We would have no objection to a non-political statement by the Council's President deploring this heinous and irrational crime, but we would oppose a politically motivated anti-Israeli resolution.
- Breakfast with the French Ambassador: I had breakfast today with Vernier-Palliez, who told me that the Cuban Foreign Minister will visit Paris May 3-5, and that Qadhafi's right-hand man, Jalloud, will visit Paris in mid-May. Vernier-Palliez offered to pass along any messages we might have.
- Salvadoran Coalition-Building: Over the weekend, D'Aubuisson gave Deane Hinton a memorandum detailing the views of the rightwing ARENA and PCN parties on coalition-building. The uncompromising paper would relegate the Christian Democrats to an insignificant position in the new government, and delay legislative and presidential elections for two or three years. It explains clearly why Duarte has begun to consider taking the Christian Democrats into opposition. We have instructed Hinton to go back to the PCN and ARENA and stress that what they propose is not good enough, and that the PDC must have a greater role.
- 4. Meeting with Israeli Ambassador: Ambassador Arens came in to see Walt Stoessel late this afternoon. He listed the areas in which Israel believes Egypt is now in violation of the treaty, called this a "very difficult and serious situation," and reminded Walt that Begin's earlier message to Al Haig said that unless these violations are cleared up, Israel must consider postponing its withdrawal. Citing relevant side documents concluded in connection with the treaty in 1979, Arens stressed how important it is for the U.S. to become involved. Walt said that we take all of this very seriously, and are willing to do what we can to clarify the situation and ease present concerns. The Israelis handed us a letter to Al Haig from Prime Minister Begin stating "time is of the essence. I still believe that your presence here (in the Middle East) will be necessary at the end of this week or, at the latest, at the beginning of the following week," and Arens emphasized that Begin believes firmly that Secretary Haig's personal involvement may be required.

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