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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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April 14, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM : Lawrence S. Eagleburger, Acting Secretary

1. Law of the Sea. Yesterday, we submitted a revised package of amendments to the LOS treaty aimed at making major changes in the deep seabed regime. These amendments were co-sponsored by the FRG, the UK, France, Japan, Italy and Belgium. We believe this demonstration of unity by the industrial nations will have a significant effect on the Conference leadership.

The next eight days will be set aside for negotiations on these amendments. Negotiations on provisions protecting pioneer deep seabed miner investors have been underway for several days. As soon as this issue is resolved, the US delegation hopes to proceed rapidly to negotiate the remaining US objectives. On approximately April 21, the Conference will decide whether to begin formal voting.

2. Assistant Secretary Holdridge Briefs SFRC on China Policy. John Holdridge met with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today in secret session to brief the Committee on our relations with China and our discussions with Beijing on the Taiwan Arms issue. This was his third appearance before the Committee since your decision on the F-X issue, and was part of our ongoing consultations with the Congress on the Taiwan arms issue. At Senator Glenn's request, it included one highly restricted, off-the-record segment.

The overall effect was very positive. The Senators were pleased by the spare parts notification we sent to them yesterday, and there was no criticism regarding the direction of your policy. Senator Percy was generous in his praise of Administration efforts to keep the Congress informed. Any questions about the quality of our consultations which may have existed after the F-X decision, he said, have now been put to rest.

3. El Salvador: Coalition Building. The rightwing parties and the Christian Democrats are still at an impasse over a national unity government. In a discussion with Dean Hinton on April 12, however, key ARENA leaders showed flexibility on the issue of including the Christian Democrats at the highest levels of the new provisional government. Various formulas for sharing executive powers among the three leading parties are still under discussion, and the names of several figures not closely associated with any of the political parties are being tossed about for the top posts.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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April 15, 1982

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 14, 1982.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

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