

THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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April 20, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Alexander M. Haig, Jr. *AMH*

1. Falklands Dispute. The OAS Permanent Council today approved the Argentine request to convene an Organ of Consultation (Meeting of Foreign Ministers) under the Rio Treaty, beginning next Monday. Eighteen of the twenty-one Rio Treaty signatories voted in favor; the U.S., Colombia, Trinidad and Tobago abstained. In explaining our abstention, Bill Middendorf questioned whether the Argentine request was useful at a time when we were still striving to promote a peaceful settlement. Bill also stressed our view that the OAS should use the peaceful settlement mechanisms of the OAS Charter rather than the Rio Treaty, with its collective security emphasis. (U)

2. Dobrynin on Falkland Islands and U.N. Special Session on Disarmament (SSOD). Dobrynin delivered to Larry Eagleburger this afternoon the Soviet reply to our April 16 demarche on the Falkland Islands. Predictably the Soviets denied media distortion of our role in the crisis and dismissed our warning against Soviet involvement as inappropriate. On the SSOD, Dobrynin said it was 90-95 percent certain that Brezhnev would not attend the session. Dobrynin wondered if your invitation could be extended to Gromyko; Larry doubted it. (C)

3. U.S. Vetoes Security Council Resolution on Jerusalem Mosque Incident. We vetoed the resolution on the Jerusalem mosque incident because it contained offensive language implying that Israel was partly responsible for the tragedy. Ours was the sole negative vote. Both Jeane Kirkpatrick's explanation and the State Department's statement rely on your remarks issued after your talk last Friday with the Islamic ambassadors, stressing our shock and dismay at the mosque incident. (C)

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April 21, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK *wpc*

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SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Secretary Haig's Evening Report for Monday, April 20, 1982.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Michael Deaver *SI 11/21*

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