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MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

From

Alexander M. Haig, Jr. 7

1. Lebanon: Day After the Air Strikes. There has been no further military activity in Lebanon. Ambassador Dillon in Beirut reports that the city is quiet, the population is tense, but there is no appreciable increase in military activity from the Palestinians or others in Beirut. Israeli overflights were a little more frequent than normal today and we have asked Sam Lewis to remind the Israeli leadership of Phil Habib's request following the July cease-fire that Israel minimize such activities. Meanwhile, we understand that the PLO does not intend to respond militarily to the Israeli air attacks. The Israeli leadership has also announced publicly and confirmed privately to Walt Stoessel that it, too, intends to abide by the cease-fire, provided there is no PLO military action. In New York, members of the Security Council agreed informally that there should be no resolution but only a statement by the Council President. We are insisting that the statement not blame Israel and we are pressing hard to keep the Council from a formal debate on the issue.

- 2. El Salvador: Coalition Building. An agreement may be near on a new provisional government. After supportive visits by Ambassador Walters and Honduran Armed Forces Commander Alvarez, the Salvadoran military has apparently broken the impasse among the political parties. Alvaro Magana, an independent, US-educated banker with close ties to the armed forces, is the military's choice as provisional president. All the parties except Roberto D'Aubuisson's ARENA reportedly have agreed on Magana. A compromise may also be reached to hold presidential elections before March 28, 1984. (8)
- 3. Honduras Access Negotiations. The negotiations for an access agreement with Honduras are at the final stages, with the remaining issue being whether U.S. military operations under the Agreement should be subject to "prior consultation" with Honduras (our position) or to "prior consultation with affirmative response" from Honduras (the latest Honduran position). Given the resources we propose to invest in Honduras, it is undesirable to accede to their proposed language. Nevertheless, if the alternative is a failure, we have authorized our Ambassador to fall back on "prior consultations" for transit of aircraft, rescue and relief operations and military exercises, and "with the agreement of the Honduran Government" for other military purposes. (8)

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MEMORANDUM THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON April 23, 1982 SECRET ATTACHMENT CAS 2/22/07 MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT WILLIAM P. CLARK W FROM: Secretary Haig's Evening Report SUBJECT: Attached is Al Haig's Evening Report for Thursday, April 22, 1982. The Vice President cc: Ed Meese Jim Baker Mike Deaver