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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

April 23, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. *20*

1. Ad Referendum Agreement Reached on Taba Border Dispute. Egyptian, Israeli and U.S. delegations today reached an ad referendum agreement on their border dispute over the Taba coastal area. It is a compromise solution putting off many issues until after April 25. The remaining points on both interim arrangements in the disputed zone and demarcation of the true border are then to be resolved with U.S. participation through procedures specified in only general terms. The agreement gives Israel its desired two-tier conciliation/arbitration approach and continued access to the area, including the right to complete construction of the tourist hotel. In return, Israel agrees to pull its forces back to the line claimed by Egypt, with the Multinational Force and Observers to police the disputed area. The Israelis have pledged to expedite conciliation and, if required, arbitration, but the fixed termination date the Egyptians wanted is not included. Final approval of the text by both governments is still pending, but Deputy Secretary Stoessel hopes to witness their respective signatures April 24 in both Cairo and Jerusalem. (S)
2. El Salvador: Coalition Building. Agreement on independent banker Alvaro Magana as the new provisional president seems increasingly likely. Last ditch efforts by Roberto D'Aubuisson's ARENA party to head off this outcome do not appear to be prospering. As a consolation for losing this key battle, D'Aubuisson yesterday was conceded the presidency of the Constituent Assembly. While the duties of this post are not yet defined, this is probably a safer place to have D'Aubuisson than in a leading role in the provisional government. Discussions among the parties are continuing to reach an agreement on the full composition of the unity government. (S)
3. German Social Democratic Party (SPD) Conference. As foreseen, Chancellor Schmidt and the leadership of the Social Democratic Party successfully managed the SPD's national convention in Munich concluding today. Of key interest was majority support by the convention of the SPD leadership's resolution on INF. While not perfect from our point of view, it will, in essence, assure continued adherence by the SPD as a party to the 1979 dual decision. This strengthens Schmidt's hand in managing deployment of INF if negotiations in Geneva are not successful. (S)

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April 24, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK *WPC*

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Al Haig's evening report for Friday, April 23, 1982.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver