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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

June 4, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From: Walter J. Stoessel, Jr.
Acting Secretary of State

1. Israeli-PLO Clashes. In retaliation for the shooting of its ambassador to Britain (an act for which the PLO denied responsibility), Israel has bombed targets in Beirut. Shortly after the raids, PLO forces in south Lebanon rocketed sites in northern Israel; one Israeli was reported killed and three wounded. This marked a significant heightening of the risk of major Israeli action. Although Israeli forces on the northern border are considerably less than those there several weeks ago, it would not take Israel long to prepare for a major ground action. We are asking all parties having influence with the PLO to urge their restraint while asking Israel's leadership to give us time to stabilize the situation.

2. El Salvador. We are making a major effort this week and next to shore up Congressional support for security and economic assistance for El Salvador. We want to convince key Republicans and Democrats on both the SFRC and the House Appropriations Committee that the reform program in El Salvador is continuing, despite recent decrees passed by the Salvadoran constituent assembly. Our Ambassador to El Salvador, Deane Hinton, is in Washington to lead this effort, calling on individual Representatives and Senators. In addition, he has scheduled public appearances and interviews with editorial boards and reporters.

3. Chad. Hissene Habre continues his march on the capital, N'Djamena. He has reportedly taken a town some 50 kilometers north of the capital, and is probably awaiting the remainder of his forces coming from the east before he makes his final approach to the city; this could come within the next several days.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK

SUBJECT: Acting Secretary Stoessel's Evening Report

Attached is Secretary's Stoessel's Evening Report for June 4, 1982.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver