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WASHINGTON

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June 8, 1982

WHITE HOUSE
SITUATION ROOM

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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

1. Arab Ambassadors Ask US to Pressure Israel to Withdraw from Lebanon. The Lebanese Ambassador, later joined by other Arab Ambassadors, called on me today to urge vigorously that the US take strong action to ensure Israeli compliance with the UN Security Council Resolution by agreeing to an immediate ceasefire and withdrawal of its forces from Lebanon. In reply, I stressed our humanitarian concern and reviewed our efforts (Security Council, Habib mission) to secure an early Israeli withdrawal. I also emphasized our support of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Lebanon. In my private meeting with the Lebanese Ambassador, I noted that it would be difficult to return to the status quo ante after an Israeli withdrawal and that we thus need urgently to find a way to improve conditions in southern Lebanon so that it will no longer be a threat to Israel. I informed all of the Ambassadors that you would soon be announcing a humanitarian aid program to assist those who had suffered because of the fighting.

2. Egyptian Appeal. In a separate meeting, Egyptian Ambassador Ghorbal came in to see me in order to urge us to take positive action to end the fighting in Lebanon and secure Israeli withdrawal. He said that our role and image in the region were being seriously damaged by permitting Israel to be the leader and set the rules. I carefully outlined the steps we are taking and the policy we are following, with stress on Phil Habib's mission. Ghorbal strongly recommended that we take positive steps now to get both the PLO and Israel to behave as we want them to; I replied that we would not deal with the PLO, as he well knew, unless and until our requirements on acceptance of Israel were met.

3. Nicaragua. We have called in the Nicaraguan Ambassador to protest the incident yesterday when a US Navy helicopter was fired upon by a Nicaraguan patrol vessel in international waters. We reminded the Nicaraguan Ambassador that US Naval commanders are authorized to take whatever measures are necessary to protect the men under their command. Our Embassy in Managua will also deliver a protest to the Nicaraguan Government.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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June 9, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK

SUBJECT: Acting Secretary Stoessel's Evening Report

Attached is Acting Secretary Stoessel's Evening Report for June 8, 1982.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker
Michael Deaver

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