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June 10, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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

1. Briefing on Soviet Threat in Asian/Pacific Region.
I met today with Members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to brief them on the US and allied response to the Soviet threat in the Asian/Pacific region. The SFRC is particularly concerned about Japan and wanted our views on several pending resolutions which urge Tokyo to spend more on defense. I said that, if properly phrased, an expression of Congressional interest could be helpful in moving the Japanese to make further contributions toward our common responsibility for security in the Asian/Pacific region. Senator Hayakawa queried me about a recent Newsweek magazine article which alleged that the US intends to cease arms transfers to Taiwan. I responded that we were definitely not backing away from our commitments to Taiwan and that we would continue fully to uphold our responsibilities and obligations under the Taiwan Relations Act.

2. El Salvador. Our Ambassador to El Salvador, Deane Hinton, met with the SFRC today for discussion of the situation there. The Senators' interest focused mainly on whether the Salvadoran government intends to continue the land reform program. Hinton emphasized that it does, and that the Committee should restore funds which it recently cut from FY 83 security and economic assistance for El Salvador. We believe that Hinton's appearance was extremely useful and that his judgment, especially among majority Members, will be an important factor when the Committee reconsiders this subject later.

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June 11, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK

SUBJECT: Acting Secretary Stoessel's Evening Report

Attached is Walt Stoessel's Evening Report for June 10, 1982.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker
Michael Deaver

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