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June 11, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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

1. Meeting with Australian Deputy Prime Minister. I met today with the Australian Deputy Prime Minister, Douglas Anthony, for an informal and very useful discussion on the ceasefire in Lebanon; the threat posed by the Soviet military buildup; and the need for action to prevent a bad world economic situation from stimulating the spread of protectionism. We also discussed the problem of opposition in Australia to the visit there of U.S. nuclear armed and nuclear powered ships, in particular to ports in the state of Victoria. Anthony stressed his and Prime Minister Fraser's sharp opposition to such locally promulgated policy affecting these U.S. Navy ship visits.

2. Soviet Response to U.S. Chemical Warfare Report. The Soviets have just circulated a rebuttal at the United Nations to our comprehensive report of evidence of Soviet use of chemical and toxin weapons in Afghanistan and Southeast Asia. Our initial impression is that the Soviet response was hurriedly put together, and written as a political rather than a scientific response. It charges that the issue is a U.S. fabrication to justify modernization of our chemical weapons. It also attempts to deflect our evidence of Soviet use by focusing on U.S. use of defoliants and irritant agents in Vietnam. We are preparing an appropriate put down of this Soviet propaganda attempt, including guidance for U.S. representatives at the Second United Nations Special Session on Disarmament.

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June 12, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK *wpc*

SUBJECT: Acting Secretary Stoessel's Evening Report

Attached is Walt Stoessel's Evening Report for June 11, 1982.

cc: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
James Baker  
Michael Deaver

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