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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

April 22, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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

1. Meeting with Senators Baker and McClure. I met today with Senators Baker and McClure, who just returned from Egypt, Israel and Saudi Arabia. Baker is scheduled to meet with you tomorrow to give you his views. He has agreed to lead the battle for Congressional approval of the proposed AWACS sale. While he can only guarantee three votes today, he believes that "the ball game is still ours to be won or lost," and that Senator Boschwitz is a key to breaking the domestic Israeli lobby. The Senator argued, and I concur, that firm assurances of joint intelligence take are vital. Our natural constituency of conservative Republicans and Democrats must be made aware that this package is in the strategic interest of the U.S.

Senator Baker suggested that we explore directing Israeli attention to other concerns by financial sweetening of their arms package, satellite data access, and other advanced weapons systems. After he meets with you, the Senator will make a positive statement on your decision. He will request time for Congressional study of the package, leading to the start of informal consultations with the Congress after the July 4 recess. This would lead to a vote in September or October.

Senator McClure pointed out that Saudi Oil Minister Yamani's statements on U.S. national television this week about keeping up oil production and avoiding price increases were intended to provide tangible evidence of Saudi Arabia's good will to us. (TOP SECRET/SENSITIVE)

2. Sadat Confirms U.S. Participation in Sinai Force. Because we had been getting confused signals from Cairo, Ambassador Atherton was instructed to ask Sadat for confirmation of his statements to me. Sadat confirmed he would be willing to accept an American battalion as part of a peace keeping force in Sinai. He indicated he wants us to use this concession to ensure Israeli responsiveness to his concerns about size, command structure and stationing of the force. We need to hold this information very closely for the time being to preserve Sadat's confidence. (SECRET/SENSITIVE)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Herewith Secretary Haig's Evening Report of April 22, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker
Michael Deaver

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