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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

April 30, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. 

1. Lunch With Waldheim. Discussion at my lunch for Waldheim focused on the Namibia debate in the Security Council. He pressed me to accept the Irish compromise draft resolution. I responded that all sides needed to show flexibility, that the Irish draft tied us too closely to Resolution 435 and made no reference, direct or indirect, to constitutional guarantees. We did not question the framework of 435, nor were we talking of abandoning the resolution; we simply wanted to flesh it out.

On other topics Waldheim told me that he would call a conference on Kampuchea as soon as the ASEAN countries decided when they wanted it. He had responded favorably to the ASEAN's request knowing that the Soviets and Vietnamese might not attend, but had further questions for the ASEANS about the size of the conference and the scope of participation. Waldheim agreed with me that the chances for some limited progress on Cyprus were favorable. (C)

2. Meeting with Congressional Black Caucus. At their request, five members of the Congressional Black Caucus Foreign Affairs Brain Trust met with me this afternoon. Chief amongst their concerns was Southern Africa. I tried to clarify our policy, noting that some portions of it were still under review. The meeting probably helped to ease some of their concerns but we disagree clearly on several issues. (C)

3. Lebanon: Syrian-Israeli Confrontation. We have instructed Ambassador Lewis in Israel to share with Prime Minister Begin some of the relatively positive developments in the Lebanon situation and to discuss possible Soviet motives in consulting with the Syrians. Lewis will ask Begin to consider the consequences of any new escalation by Israel.

At our urging, the Saudis have sent a secret emissary to Syria to argue for a change of course in Lebanon. According to the Saudi Ambassador in Washington, the initial talks between the Saudis and Syrians were useful but he advises that Israeli restraint will be essential if Saudi efforts are to have a chance. (S)

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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 30, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker
Michael Deaver

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