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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

May 1, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: William P. Clark, Acting *WPC*

1. El Salvador. Six National Guardsmen have been arrested in connection with the murder of the four churchwomen in December. The Defense Minister confirms that those detained are the six whose names we gave Duarte and the military authorities. The Salvadorans have named a special investigating group to process and evaluate the evidence. Our FBI is providing technical assistance with fingerprinting and ballistics tests. (S)

2. El Salvador Reprogramming Clears the Congress. The House Appropriations Foreign Operations Subcommittee today gave us the go ahead for the \$63.5 million economic assistance re-programming request for El Salvador. This was the last hurdle in the Congressional circuit, and we are now free to send the necessary Presidential Determinations covering both El Salvador and Liberia over for signature next week. (U)

3. Nicaragua-Honduras. Tensions between Honduras and Nicaragua have escalated into several small scale shoot-outs along the border. The Hondurans are worried about an increasingly militarized Nicaragua, and are seeking support from us and from other Latins. Ambassador Enders advised the visiting head of the Honduran National Police that these border actions give the Sandinistas a basis to unite their country and justify an arms buildup. We are telling Honduran President Paz that we share his concerns. We have also advised him that I am sending General Walters to Honduras soon to discuss cooperation in several areas to improve Honduran security. We have turned down a Nicaraguan request to help set up a meeting to reduce tensions. (S)

4. Dobrynin Sees Stoessel on Lebanon. Dobrynin saw Under Secretary Stoessel May 1 to deliver a written response to our Demarche of April 27 on Lebanon. The reply notes that negotiations are underway within Lebanon, calls upon the U.S. to restrain the Israeli leadership, and states that "the Soviet Union, for its part, has been doing and continues to do all that is in its powers to have the bloodshed stopped and the situation in Lebanon normalized." Dobrynin agreed that the key thing now was to keep the situation calm so that the negotiating process might have a chance to succeed. However, he insisted the Syrian anti-aircraft missiles in Lebanon were purely defensive and therefore should not concern Israel. (S)

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(Clark, William P.)

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 2, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

RICHARD V. ALLEN *Allen*

SUBJECT:

Acting Secretary Clark's Evening Report

Herewith Acting Secretary Clark's Evening Report of  
May 1, 1981.

CC: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
Jim Baker  
Mike Deaver

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