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THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

August 12, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. 

1. Preparations for the Begin Visit. As part of the planning for the September visit of Prime Minister Begin, a small State-Defense-NSC group is working on steps to take with the Israelis in the course of our sensitive discussions about security matters (e.g. joint contingency planning, prepositioning of equipment for use by U.S. forces and joint military exercises). This issue will form an important part of our strategy for dealing with Begin as a partner; it may help to relieve his concerns over the AWACS sale and our broader efforts to build a strategic consensus. Within the next two weeks we will be seeking your approval of those areas of military cooperation which could be explored with the Israelis during the Begin visit. (S)

2. Latin American States Join the Multinational Force and Observers. After three months of effort, Colombia and Uruguay today stated publicly their agreement to join the Force. Since we need only one Latin American battalion, we will probably ask Uruguay to replace the Colombian battalion after several years. As it now stands, Fiji, Colombia and the United States will contribute the three infantry battalions to the force. The decision of these two states should improve our prospects for recruiting countries to contribute support units but it still remains an uphill struggle. (C)

3. Report of Special Refugee Advisory Panel. The Special Refugee Advisory Panel I appointed to evaluate the Indochinese refugee situation delivered its report today. The Panel affirms its support for our basic strategy of resettling refugees from Indochinese repression, especially those with close ties to the United States. The Panel further urges that new international pressures be brought to bear on the Vietnamese to provide orderly means of departure from Vietnam for those refugees qualified for resettlement. It anticipates a continuing flow of Vietnamese boat refugees who cannot be returned or resettled in ASEAN countries and will have to be resettled in large part in the United States. Noting domestic political problems, particularly in heavily impacted areas such as Orange County, California, the Panel recommends an immediate study of domestic aspects of the problem. I am very pleased with the report and have asked the Panel to meet with the appropriate members of Congress. (U)

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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August 13, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Secretary Haig's Evening Report for August 12, 1981.

cc: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
James Baker  
Michael Deaver

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