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January 11, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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

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1. MiG-23 (Flogger) Aircraft to Cuba. Bill Clark will be laying out to you our recommended approach and strategy for responding to the latest Soviet deliveries of Soviet MiG-23 (Flogger) warplanes to Cuba. I chaired an interagency meeting today and we concluded that we should preempt possible leaks of the story by issuing a press statement. Our aim is to put the issue in proper perspective and help define the terms of the public and Congressional aspects. We are also looking at both military measures and our diplomatic strategy vis-a-vis the Soviets and others. Our overall objective is to devise effective steps which will distinguish our responses from the ineffective measures which the previous Administration took when confronted with a similar situation.

2. Talks with Chinese on Arms Sales to Taiwan. Assistant Secretary Holdridge's first day of talks with the Chinese in Beijing went about as expected. Holdridge told the Chinese of your decision not to provide an FX fighter to Taiwan and also orally presented the principles on how we intend to proceed in dealing with the sensitive issue of arms sales to Taiwan. The preliminary Chinese reaction was a strongly phrased reiteration of previously stated Chinese objections to US arms sales to Taiwan. The Chinese Vice Foreign Minister did not go into a detailed review of the statement of principles. He was particularly acerbic on the spare parts deal (claiming that it raised suspicions about US intentions), but he ended on a relatively conciliatory note. In sum, we hope to find out Tuesday whether this preliminary Chinese reaction was principally "for the record" or something more fundamentally negative. Meanwhile, we will also begin exchanges on strategic issues, including Poland.

3. Security Council Continues Debate on Golan Issue. Our Mission to the United Nations believes we would have the seven votes needed in the Security Council to block Syria's current informal draft resolution calling for mandatory sanctions against Israel, thus avoiding the need for a US veto. However, some members of the Council who oppose Syria's draft appear to want a compromise. The debate is proceeding slowly and a vote will probably not take place until Wednesday at the earliest.

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January 12, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK

SUBJECT: Acting Secretary Stoessel's Evening Report

Attached is Walter Stoessel's Evening Report for
January 11, 1982.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker
Michael Deaver

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