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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

January 20, 1982
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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. *A* *RZ*

1. Soviet Response to our Demarche on MIG 23's. Dobrynin delivered the Soviet reply to our demarche of January 10 on MIG 23's in Cuba to Under Secretary Stoessel January 20. The Soviet response claims they have done nothing contrary to the 1962 U.S.-Soviet Understanding on Cuba. It denies that the MIG 23's being delivered to Cuba are nuclear-capable and implies that we are raising the issue for propaganda purposes. It also asserts that it is the U.S. which acts irresponsibly in the Caribbean as well as globally. Stoessel reiterated our serious concerns about the new MIG deliveries and noted that I would wish to discuss this with Gromyko. (S)

2. U.S. Veto of UN Security Council Resolution on Golan Issue. The UN Security Council early this evening voted on a revised Syrian resolution invoking sanctions against Israel for its recent Golan legislation. The vote was nine in favor, one against (our veto). Our lobbying efforts produced five abstentions (UK, France, Ireland, Japan, Panama) which fell one short of the number required to deny Syria the nine votes needed for passage in the absence of a veto. In particular, Zaire disappointed us by voting in favor, in spite of repeated assurances to the contrary. Panama supported us by abstaining, as President Royo assured me it would when I telephoned him this noon. Syria may now call for an emergency special session of the General Assembly to consider the Golan issue as a result of our veto in the Security Council, although it has not yet decided on its next step. (S)

3. The Multinational Force and Observers (MFO). At my request, Lord Carrington undertook to urge his European colleagues to delete from their January 12 reply to the Israelis a sentence to which Begin objects. It will be difficult for Carrington to succeed because the French, Dutch and Italians are exasperated at Israel's continuing refusal to accept unequivocally their participation. Further complicating the situation is the French and British decision to abstain on the Security Council resolution calling for the imposition of sanctions against Israel for its annexation of the Golan Heights. The continuing lack of Israeli approval for European participation in the force will make it difficult for the Director General of the MFO to meet his March 20 deadline for full deployment of the force to the Sinai. Whether Carrington succeeds or not, we will have to mount a major effort in the next week to obtain Israeli approval if we are to avoid another divisive issue in the U.S.-Israel relationship and a setback to our efforts to ensure Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai by April 25. (S)

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Al Haig's Evening Report for Wednesday,
January 20, 1982.

CC: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

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