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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. *16*

1. Lunch for President Siad. After your meeting with the Somali President, I provided some figures to Siad showing that our FY 83 economic and military assistance for Somalia will be substantially greater than the amounts we are providing in FY 82. I pointed out that Somalia is already our second largest aid recipient in sub-Saharan Africa. Siad expressed satisfaction with the warm atmosphere of his Washington visit. He said he will be able to report to his people that as a result of his meetings here Somalia has achieved a meaningful political understanding with the U.S. (C)

2. Nuclear Freeze Proposal. As you know, the idea of a freeze on the development, production and deployment of nuclear weapons--highlighted by the Kennedy/Hatfield resolution--is gaining support throughout the country. Such a freeze would force an abandonment of your strategic modernization program and frustrate our efforts to correct the current strategic imbalance. It would also deprive us of needed leverage for the significant reductions in nuclear weapons we seek in both the current INF negotiations and future START negotiations. I raised these concerns yesterday before the Senate saying that while your Administration shares the desire to curb nuclear arms competition, the freeze proposal constitutes not only bad defense, but bad arms control. We have established an interagency group to prepare a coordinated Administration strategy on this initiative for your approval. (S)

3. Habib: Discussions in Beirut. On his second stop in Beirut, Phil talked again with President Sarkis, the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister, whom he briefed fully on his talks in Israel, Syria, Saudi Arabia and Jordan. Sarkis was particularly interested in Phil's confirmation that an attack on Israelis elsewhere in the world could not be construed as a violation of the cease-fire on Lebanon's southern border. The Lebanese leadership remains concerned over the lack of progress toward Lebanese reconciliation, particularly in the period leading up to the election. The Prime Minister noted a recent surge of popular support for the central government. Sarkis hinted to Phil that he wants U.S. help to extend Lebanese control throughout southern Lebanon and to execute his plan for a phased Syrian withdrawal from Lebanon. But he had no specific ideas on what more the U.S. might do. (S)

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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 Thursday March 11, 1982.

cc: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
Jim Baker  
Mike Deaver