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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: Alexander M. Haig, Jr. *A.M.H.*

1. Israeli Air Attacks in Lebanon. Israel's air attacks in Lebanon today appear to have been confined to three Palestinian military positions in an effort to avoid civilian casualties. The Israelis claimed the raids were in response to recent violations of the cease-fire, including an Israeli soldier killed by a mine in Lebanon just north of the border Tuesday night. Two Syrian MIG-23s were shot down when they engaged the attacking Israeli aircraft. The Israeli Chief of Staff said publicly that the cease-fire can remain in effect if there are no further Palestinian attacks. In addition, there is no evidence that Israel is making special preparations for a major invasion. Today's events may therefore not be the prelude to something bigger.

Assistant Secretary Veliotes chaired an interagency meeting today to discuss the situation and to review planning for the evacuation of our people from Beirut or Damascus should it be necessary. At the United Nations, the Security Council will hold informal consultations, at Lebanon's request, Thursday morning. We expect that pressures will build for a formal Security Council meeting, with consideration, at some point, of a draft resolution from Arab states.

2. Saudi Reaction to Israeli Raid on Lebanon and U.S. Veto of Security Council Resolution on Dome of Rock Incident. The Saudi Foreign Minister summoned Ambassador Murphy April 21 to express deepest concern about our veto of the Security Council resolution, which he assumed was prompted by our determination to let nothing impede Israeli withdrawal from Sinai. He also complained about the Israeli air raid on Lebanon, which he described as a clear violation of the cease-fire. He confirmed, however, that Saudi Arabia would counsel restraint on the PLO. The Foreign Minister asked that you be made aware that King Khalid has been greatly disturbed by these two developments. Early this afternoon the Saudi Ambassador also contacted the Department to express his government's dismay that our statement on the Israeli raid did not condemn Israel for violating the ceasefire.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Al Haig's evening report for Wednesday, April 21, 1982.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

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