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1. Namibia: Chet Crocker's mission to consult with African leaders on next steps in Namibia and Angola has run into some heavy weather, much as Mrs. Thatcher's 1979/80 effort to resolve the Rhodesia problem did. South Africa and Front Line and other African states, sensing a new bargaining situation created by our initiative, have retreated to their maximum positions.

The next hurdle is the meeting of the Contact Group scheduled for April 22-23 in London, where Crocker will brief them on his trip. It will almost certainly take place against the April 21 Security Council debate on Namibia.

I have sent a message to the Foreign Ministers of the Contact Group countries urging them to hear Crocker out, and to work together to devise next steps, retaining Western composure and unity. (C)

- 2. Japan: Submarine Incident: In our continuing effort to keep the Japanese reaction to the submarine incident in proper perspective, Ambassador Mansfield met with Foreign Minister Ito today. The Ambassador laid particular stress on the legal constraints and the need to protect the individuals involved until due process had been served. Following presentation of your letter to the Prime Minister, the Ambassador pressed the Foreign Minister to make a statement which recognized US sincerity in this matter. Press coverage has highlighted your message to the Prime Minister and has been much more balanced than in recent days. The Foreign Ministry is working on an expanded statement for presentation to the Diet on Monday in which the Foreign Minister reportedly will stress the sincerity of the US approach to this issue and the enormous importance of bilateral relations. (C)
- 3. Malta-Soviets Make Approach on Refugee: For more than two months we have had in our Embassy in Malta a Soviet citizen who has asked for asylum. The UNHCR has interviewed him and determined that he is a refugee. The Maltese Government, however, supposedly under pressure from the Soviet Union, has refused to let him leave the country. On Thursday Soviet authorities in Moscow complained to our Embassy that the refugee was being held illegally and asked that a Soviet representative be allowed to meet with him. We are not sure what the Soviets motivation is. Regardless, we believe a meeting in our Embassy and on our terms would be useful in the off chance that it might be the precursor to a move by the Soviets to lessen pressure on Malta. The refugee is willing and we are telling the Soviets that we are prepared to set up a meeting. (C)

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Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

1. Pakistani Foreign Minister. Talks today with Foreign Minister Agha Shahi went well. We assured Shahi that your Administration is committed to building a durable new relationship with Pakistan, while recognizing Pakistan's role in the Islamic world and among the non-aligned. We offered to go ahead with \$100 million ESF program in FY-82 and left open our five year economic and military program beginning in FY-83.

The Pakistanis probed the details of our offer, questioned the mix of economic aid and military credits and asked for detailed military discussions on purchases. They inquired about the possibility of leasing F-16s while awaiting delivery of new planes. They did not press us on security quarantees.

My judgment is that Pakistan is prepared to move ahead with a new relationship, will bargain hard on the quality and nature of U.S. support, and will wish to keep our link relatively low profile in order to avoid undue provocation to India and damage to its non-aligned credentials. (S)

Japanese Ambassador. Ambassador Okawara called on me today to review preparations for Prime Minister Suzuki's May 7-8 visit. The Ambassador expressed his government's appreciation for the high level attention given to resolving problems caused by the collision of the Japanese freighter and a U.S. nuclear submarine. The U.S. efforts, particularly your letter to the Prime Minister, have defused attempts by the political opposition in Japan to play this incident in an anti-American manner. The Ambassador also said that the recent Diet delegation visit to Washington to look at the auto situation was very useful.

On the overall scope for the Prime Minister's visit, we indicated that our focus would be on security, in the global context, our general approach to East/West and North/South relations, our policies on specific areas such as Asia and the Middle East and, importantly, on establishing the rapport between you and the Prime Minister necessary for our increasingly close relationship. The Ambassador agreed with this approach, adding that Prime Minister Suzuki would invite you to visit Japan in 1982. (S)

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Talks with Pakistani Foreign Minister. We reached broad agreement with Shahi on the framework of our new relationship. He talked with President Zia last evening and was authorized to accept our offer of \$100 million in ESF for FY 82 contingent upon a change in the Symington Amendment. The Pakistanis want this kept confidential. We indicated that the Pakistani proposal of leasing F-16s would pose prob-(In a subsequent meeting, Cap told the Pakistanis that we would look closely at the request and at alternative aircraft). The Pakistanis said they would welcome a U.S. delegation to discuss contingency planning against Soviet threats through Afghanistan, out-year assistance proposals, and military procurement matters. We agreed to keep in close touch on our diplomatic strategy on Afghanistan.

These talks have registered significant progress in clarifying our intentions and dispelling misconceptions. Difficult decisions remain to be made on aircraft and assistance sufficient to satisfy Pakistan. But the most important element in our relations--confidence and mutual trust--has been established. (SECRET/SENSITIVE)

- Violence in Lebanon. The situation in Beirut and South Lebanon has deteriorated significantly over the last two days, and is unlikely to improve soon. We again asked our embassies in Beirut, Damascus, and other key posts to encourage all the parties in Lebanon to calm the situation. I have also sent a personal message to Prime Minister Begin asking his further cooperation in our efforts to halt the violence. The deterioration in the security situation has made conditions more hazardous for our personnel in Beirut-a Vice Consul was slightly wounded by a stray round yesterday but is in good condition. We are taking every precaution to minimize risks to our people. (S)
- Saudis on the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. At lunch today, Saudi Arabian Petroleum Minister Yamani suggested to Under Secretary Rashish that we should wait until 1982 to increase the fill rate for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR). He was concerned that a quicker fill rate would put upward pressure on oil prices complicating Saudi Arabia's effort to unify the OPEC price at about \$32.00 per barrel. Rashish explained to Yamani that even if full funding were included in the FY '82 budget the funds could not begin to be expended before 1982. (C)

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THE PRESIDENT

From

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l. Meeting with Senators Baker and McClure. I met today with Senators Baker and McClure, who just returned from Egypt, Israel and Saudi Arabia. Baker is scheduled to meet with you tomorrow to give you his views. He has agreed to lead the battle for Congressional approval of the proposed AWACS sale. While he can only guarantee three votes today, he believes that "the ball game is still ours to be won or lost," and that Senator Boschwitz is a key to breaking the domestic Israeli lobby. The Senator argued, and I concur, that firm assurances of joint intelligence take are vital. Our natural constituency of conversative Republicans and Democrats must be made aware that this package is in the strategic interest of the U.S.

Senator Baker suggested that we explore directing Israeli attention to other concerns by financial sweetening of their arms package, satellite data access, and other advanced weapons systems. After he meets with you, the Senator will make a positive statement on your decision. He will request time for Congressional study of the package, leading to the start of informal consultations with the Congress after the July 4 recess. This would lead to a vote in September or October.

Senator McClure pointed out that Saudi Oil Minister Yamani's statements on U.S. national television this week about keeping up oil production and avoiding price increases were intended to provide tangible evidence of Saudi Arabia's good will to us. (TOP SECRET/SENSITIVE)

2. Sadat Confirms U.S. Participation in Sinai Force. Because we had been getting confused signals from Cairo, Ambassador Atherton was instructed to ask Sadat for confirmation of his statements to me. Sadat confirmed he would be willing to accept an American battalion as part of a peace keeping force in Sinai. He indicated he wants us to use this concession to ensure Israeli responsiveness to his concerns about size, command structure and stationing of the force. We need to hold this information very closely for the time being to preserve Sadat's confidence. (SECRET/SENSITIVE)

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Meeting with the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations. I met today for an hour and a half with Howard Squadron, the President of the Conference of Jewish Presidents, and about thirty-five of his colleagues representing the leadership of the major Jewish organizations in the U.S. Jack Stein and Max Fisher also attended. Cap Weinberger was able to participate in the first half hour of the meeting. He made a valuable contribution toward explaining our policy, and our joint appearance reinforced the perception of Administration solidarity on the controversial issue of Saudi F-15/AWACS. As expected their opposition to the sale was vigorous, yet articulate. Their concerns centered around a fear that Saudi Arabia cannot be trusted with this sensitive equipment, and what the Conference sees as our failure to exact a quid pro quo from the Saudis in exchange for the sale.

We emphasized to them that Israel has a great friend in you, and that this Administration will not do anything to compromise the security of Israel. We told them that the AWACS sale is in the strategic interest of both the U.S. and Israel, and that we want Saudi help in meeting the Soviet threat to the region. We asked them "to keep their powder dry" and to hold their opposition to the sale until more of the technical details are worked out. There was a clear feeling by the Conference that they had to act now, in order to organize their opposition, and quite frankly, it does not appear that they were dissuaded from this by our discussions.

We did however, have a constructive dialogue, and some of their concerns about transfer of the AWACS (and its technology) to Syria and Libya were alleviated. The Conference will remain in opposition to the sale, but discussions such as this are necessary to educate the opposition, and to show our genuine concern for their position. (S)

2. POLAND: Suslov and Rusakov in Warsaw. Mikhail Suslov, the Soviet Politburo member with responsibilities for ideology, and Konstantin Rusakov, Central Committee Secretary for liaison with ruling Communist Parties, arrived in Warsaw this afternoon under tight security. They were met by Kania and several Polish Politburo members. The surprise visit, coming just six days before the Tenth Plenum of the Polish Party, probably represents an urgent Soviet effort to stop the growing drift toward liberalization within the Polish Party. (LOU)

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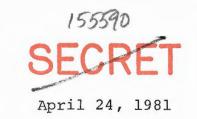
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1. Progress in the El Salvador Murder Investigations. There is a major break in the case of the four murdered churchwomen. A National Guard informant has provided our Embassy with the names of the men alleged to have committed the crime. We now believe it was conceived and carried out at the direction of a National Guard Sergeant assigned to the international airport. Circumstantial evidence supports this new lead. We have sent the regional Legal Attache to San Salvador to review this new information.

We are working closely with the Salvadorans to ensure that all legal requirements leading to the extradition of the AIFLD murder suspect, Hans Christ, are met. (S)

2. Food Shipments to Poland. Polish Ambassador Spasowski called on Secretary Block and State Department Officers today to report that U.S. grain shipments to Poland were about to end because U.S. commercial bankers are no longer willing to pick up Commodity Credit Corporation loan guarantees. About \$113 million of the \$670 million CCC allocation made to Poland remains outstanding but the U.S. banks are no longer willing to accept these guarantees because they cover only the principal and 6% in interest. Our options are to either guarantee interest at market rates or convert the loan guarantee into a direct CCC credit. These steps would have budgetary and policy implications, however.

We are working with Agriculture on a solution to this problem as an end to U.S. grain shipments to Poland could have a destabilizing effect. Two Polish ships are calling at U.S. ports this week and unless the banks decide to cover the credits or another approach is found, they may return empty. (C)

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1. Genscher and Carrington Letters. Foreign Ministers Genscher and Carrington wrote me separately, urging us to include a timetable -- Genscher says a "specific date" -for resumption of TNF talks in the communique from the May 4-6 NATO Ministerial in Rome. Genscher emphasizes the great importance of reconfirming the two-track approach to TNF, which foresees TNF deployments going forward in tandem with negotiations on TNF limitations. Carrington argues that this will help blunt the Soviet peace offensive and turn back challenges in Europe to TNF deployments. Genscher also indicates his concern that the Rome communique not be unbalanced in the direction of defense and deterrence. I am responding to both, noting that we understand and will do our best to meet their concerns.

- Namibia Developments. UN Secretary General Waldheim called today to discuss Namibia. He was very disturbed that a compromise may not be found to avoid confrontation in the UN with the black Africans. He was assured that we too were concerned but could not endorse UN Resolution 435 -- the basis of the previous Administration's policy -- without some elaboration. I subsequently discussed the issue with Jeane Kirkpatrick and Chet Crocker, who has just returned from his mission to Africa. Chet is developing alternative language for a resolution which is consistent with your views and policy. We will send it to Jeane to discuss with Waldheim on Monday. Chet is also having his second round of confirmation hearings Monday and will be questioned closely on his mission to Africa and on Namibia. Reactions to his trip have been especially positive among our European allies. (S)
- Cubans Claim to Have Been Set Adrift by Castro. On April 24, 13 Cubans in two small boats were found by the Coast Guard near Key West. They claim to have come here last year from Mariel and later returned to Cuba for relatives. They say they were imprisoned for months before the Castro regime put 55 of them into eight boats and towed them to within 40 miles of the U.S. Coast Guard searches since dawn today have revealed no other boats or people; the Immigration Service is checking their claims and our Interests Section has been in touch with the Cuban Government. So far we have not been able to substantiate the story. There is currently no evidence that this is more than an isolated event. (C)



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- 1. Call to Duarte. Following our conversation this morning, I telephoned President Duarte to stress your concern for prompt and vigorous action by his government in solving the murders of the four U.S. churchwomen and two AFL-CIO specialists. Duarte committed himself strongly to find and punish the guilty, specifically to ensure that Sol-Meza, a suspect in the labor specialists' killings, was not released prematurely. Knowledge of your personal interest may further help Duarte to overcome foot-dragging on these cases. (S)
- 2. Invitation to South African Minister Botha. The invitation for Botha to meet with me in Washington on May 14 was announced today. Botha's visit would continue the consultations on southern African issues (including Namibia) initiated by Assistant Secretary-designate Chet Crocker. South African Ambassador Sole has informed us that Foreign Minister Botha wishes to meet with you to deliver a personal message; it may be related to the issue of U.S.-South Africa nuclear relations. As we plan the other elements of Botha's visit we shall make a specific recommendation to you on his request for a meeting. (U)
- 3. Polish Debt. The Western official creditors reached agreement on Polish debt rescheduling today in Paris. We achieved most of our objectives, and our negotiators initialed the agreement on an ad referendum basis. This should pave the way for the private banks to act as well. Even after both re-schedulings, however, there will still be a substantial need for new credits. In our view these should be the responsibility of the Soviets and the Western Europeans. (C)
- 4. Israeli Protest About Saudi Minister's Speech.
 Israeli Ambassador Evron saw Assistant Secretary-designate
 Veliotes this morning to protest remarks made by Saudi
 Petroleum Minister Yamani in a speech at the Foreign Policy
 Association on April 23. Veliotes told Evron that we had
 cautioned Yamani earlier about unhelpful remarks; further
 representations might be appropriate, once the full text of
 the latest utterances had been studied. Evron went public
 immediately on the matter after his meeting with Veliotes,
 as expected. If asked we will acknowledge Evron's demarche
 but refuse to divulge our actions (if any) on grounds of
 diplomatic confidentiality. (C)

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- l. Testimony Before 'Doc' Long's Foreign Operations Subcommittee. My testimony initiated the Subcommittee's consideration of the FY '82 Foreign Assistance Bill. Questioning ranged over general foreign policy issues and was critical of the decision to lift the Soviet grain embargo, events in El Salvador and the proposed Saudi arms sale. (C)
- 2. Japan's Reaction to Embargo Decision. Press reports indicate Prime Minister Suzuki has been very critical of our "failure" to consult with Japan prior to reaching the decision to lift the grain embargo. He reportedly said that Japan will now reassess its general position on sanctions. We are instructing Ambassador Mansfield to object vigorously to the statements attributed to the Prime Minister. He will restate points already made to the Japanese—that we will maintain our other sanctions against the Soviets and will continue to press for strict control of technology transfer through the COCOM mechanism. We are making the same strong demarche to the Japanese here. (C)
- 3. Israeli Military Actions in Lebanon. Today, Israeli aircraft moved deep into Lebanon and shot down two Syrian helicopters. This is a clear Israeli signal to the Syrians not to proceed with their seizure of a strategic area from which they can militarily dominate the Lebanese Christian heartland. We have undertaken a major diplomatic effort to get the Syrians to return to the status quo ante; several governments have joined us. The Israeli actions could provoke Syrian countermoves, however, and we are encouraging the Israelis to behave cautiously. We have established a task force to watch the situation. (SECRET/EXDIS)
- 4. Allies and TNF. In a meeting with Walt Stoessel, the British, French and German Ambassadors urged us to support positive TNF language at next week's NATO Ministerial. The group emphasized that the talks should be within a SALT framework, a point on which the French were especially firm. The German said that once the process of talks started, the West could stick firmly to its position on deployment. The European public could accept interminable talks, but could not accept an unwillingness to negotiate. Stoessel replied that we would take their views into account, but that the Europeans must also recognize that the Soviet threat has grown and must be countered, and that the NATO communique must reflect this. (S)

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April 30, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

From

Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

1. Meeting with Thai Foreign Minister Sitthi. My discussions with Sitthi today reviewed the international situation, the Kampuchean problem, and the state of our bilateral relations. I assured Sitthi that our commitment to Thai security under the Manila Pact provided the basic framework of our strategy towards mainland Southeast Asia. We were grateful to Thailand for allowing renewed use of Utapao air base for support flights to the Indian Ocean and certain contingencies. On Cambodia, Sitthi declared that the Thais would continue to oppose the Vietnamese occupation. Thailand would work with others to foster the Cambodian resistance. Sitthi offered Thailand's services as a conduit,

if we wished to assist the non-communist elements opposed to the Vietnamese. We agreed to discuss this matter further at my meeting with the ASEAN Foreign Ministers in Manila June 19-20. Sitthi was also informed that I would tell Dr.

Finally, Sitthi raised the possibility of a visit by his Prime Minister to Washington before the end of the year. I told him that we agreed in principle though the timing was subject to your schedule. (SECRET/SENSITIVE)

Waldheim tomorrow of our strong support for ASEAN's plan to hold an international conference on the Cambodian situation.

2. World Health Organization (WHO): Draft Code of Conduct on the Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes. The World Health Assembly of the WHO, meeting in Geneva on May 4-22, will consider and vote on a code of marketing practices for infant formula and other breastmilk substitutes. The code has become a highly emotional and politically charged issue. Its proponents argue that it represents a choice between babies' lives and company profits; business groups regard it as an attack on free enterprise.

After consulting with Secretary Schweiker, we have instructed our delegation to abstain on the code, provided that: (1) amendments are made to the language of the implementing resolution that eliminate all inferences of mandatory and binding actions; and (2) formal clarification is obtained that the code applies only to infant formulas and not to baby food supplements. Otherwise the U.S. will vote against the code. (LOU)

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William P. Clark, Acting

- l. El Salvador. Six National Guardsmen have been arrested in connection with the murder of the four churchwomen in December. The Defense Minister confirms that those detained are the six whose names we gave Duarte and the military authorities. The Salvadorans have named a special investigating group to process and evaluate the evidence. Our FBI is providing technical assistance with fingerprinting and ballistics tests. (S)
- 2. El Salvador Reprogramming Clears the Congress. The House Appropriations Foreign Operations Subcommittee today gave us the go ahead for the \$63.5 million economic asisstance reprogramming request for El Salvador. This was the last hurdle in the Congressional circuit, and we are now free to send the necessary Presidential Determinations covering both El Salvador and Liberia over for signature next week. (U)
- 3. Nicaragua-Honduras. Tensions between Honduras and Nicaragua have escalated into several small scale shoot-outs along the border. The Hondurans are worried about an increasingly militarized Nicaragua, and are seeking support from us and from other Latins. Ambassador Enders advised the visiting head of the Honduran National Police that these border actions give the Sandinistas a basis to unite their country and justify an arms buildup. We are telling Honduran President Paz that we share his concerns. We have also advised him that I am sending General Walters to Honduras soon to discuss cooperation in several areas to improve Honduran security. We have turned down a Nicaraguan request to help set up a meeting to reduce tensions. (S)
- 4. Dobrynin Sees Stoessel on Lebanon. Dobrynin saw Under Secretary Stoessel May I to deliver a written response to our Demarche of April 27 on Lebanon. The reply notes that negotiations are underway within Lebanon, calls upon the U.S. to restrain the Israeli leadership, and states that "the Soviet Union, for its part, has been doing and continues to do all that is in its powers to have the bloodshed stopped and the situation in Lebanon normalized." Dobrynin agreed that the key thing now was to keep the situation calm so that the negotiating process might have a chance to succeed. However, he insisted the Syrian anti-aircraft missiles in Lebanon were purely defensive and therefore should not concern Israel. (S)



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Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

1. Lunch With Waldheim. Discussion at my lunch for Waldheim focused on the Namibia debate in the Security Council. He pressed me to accept the Irish compromise draft resolution. I responded that all sides needed to show flexibility, that the Irish draft tied us too closely to Resolution 435 and made no reference, direct or indirect, to constitutional guarantees. We did not question the framework of 435, nor were we talking of abandoning the resolution; we simply wanted to flesh it out.

On other topics Waldheim told me that he would call a conference on Kampuchea as soon as the ASEAN countries decided when they wanted it. He had responded favorably to the ASEAN's request knowing that the Soviets and Vietnamese might not attend, but had further questions for the ASEANS about the size of the conference and the scope of participation. Waldheim agreed with me that the chances for some limited progress on Cyprus were favorable. (C)

- 2. Meeting with Congressional Black Caucus. At their request, five members of the Congressional Black Caucus Foreign Affairs Brain Trust met with me this afternoon. Chief amongst their concerns was Southern Africa. I tried to clarify our policy, noting that some portions of it were still under review. The meeting probably helped to ease some of their concerns but we disagree clearly on several issues. (C)
- 3. Lebanon: Syrian-Israeli Confrontation. We have instructed Ambassador Lewis in Israel to share with Prime Minister Begin some of the relatively positive developments in the Lebanon situation and to discuss possible Soviet motives in consulting with the Syrians. Lewis will ask Begin to consider the consequences of any new escalation by Israel.

At our urging, the Saudis have sent a secret emissary to Syria to argue for a change of course in Lebanon. According to the Saudi Ambassador in Washington, the initial talks between the Saudis and Syrians were useful but he advises that Israeli restraint will be essential if Saudi efforts are to have a chance. (S)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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William P. Clark, Acting

1. Lebanon. The leaders of Syria, Lebanon and Israel have all agreed to receive Ambassador Habib as your personal emissary. The agreement by Syrian President Assad to see Habib constitutes a major breakthrough. Assad has not met with a US official for two years. Sam Lewis delivered your letter to Begin this morning. Begin welcomed it and said he personally would not hesitate to accept your request for more time to resolve this crisis. A time extension and a formal reply, however, will have to be approved by the Cabinet tomorrow. Sam Lewis believes that the Israelis will now give us as much as a week or more, assuming Habib will be on his mission in the meantime, but that they will be looking for a firm cut-off date, after which they would take the actions now apparently postponed. (S)

- 2. El Salvador. The Senate version of the House Foreign Affairs Committee restrictions on aid to El Salvador goes to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for markup on Wednesday. Supporters of restrictions might win in a straight up or down vote at the Wednesday meeting; we are developing a strategy to kill or gut the Senate version. Meanwhile, in El Salvador, there are no leads on the disappearance April 26 in San Salvador of Maryknoll priest Father Roy Bourgeois. We continue to receive a large number of Congressional and public inquiries about the case; we are in close touch with the highest levels of the Salvadoran Government about the investigation. (S)
- 3. Tuna Boat Seizure by Mexico. Late April 30 Mexico released the US-flag tuna-boat, Sea Quest, which it seized April 25 for fishing tuna without a license. Mexico imposed a much smaller penalty than in the 6 seizure cases last July. Tuna industry representatives have expressed satisfaction with the handling of this incident. It appears that the GOM decided to levy minimal penalties in order to maintain the best atmosphere for the upcoming Presidential meeting.

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William P. Clark, Acting

1. Soviet Communication on Lebanon. Dobrynin called on Walt Stoessel this morning to deliver another communication on Lebanon. The communication followed a consistent line of blaming Israel for the difficulties in Lebanon. It implied that the U.S. was encouraging Israel to expand its military interference in Lebanon. Stoessel rejected those allegations.

Today's statement came closer than the one Dobrynin delivered on Friday to implying that Soviet contacts with Syria were taking place. The Soviet Union, it said, "is doing everything which is within its powers to calm down the passions in Lebanon and to facilitate a lessening of tension there. It is in this spirit that we have been taking steps in the most recent days too."

Stoessel stressed the importance of permitting the Syrian-Lebanese negotiations to proceed to a successful conclusion and described the Habib mission, which would include a meeting with Assad.

- International Airline Service Difficulties. Representatives of Pan Am, TWA, Braniff and Flying Tiger called on me the afternoon of May 4. They stated that their financial difficulties are so severe that they have been obliged to reduce their labor forces considerably, and to suspend new aircraft purchases. Their difficulties, they affirmed, stem from such factors as the rise in petroleum prices, but also from the manner in which the U.S. has implemented its international aviation policy. They requested that the Administration appoint a group to review the implementation of U.S. aviation policy and, while the review is underway, that it undertake no significant bilateral aviation negotiations. The executives reported that, earlier in the day, Counsellor to the President Edwin Meese had promised to respond within one week to their request. I stated that the Administration would, within three months, prepare an international aviation policy statement. The White House Cabinet Council on Commerce and Trade would clearly have a key role.
- Romanian Foreign Minister Andrei will be visiting Washington May 15, and is bringing a message to you from President Ceausescu. During a two hour discussion with Ambassador Kampelman on May 4, Ceausescu suggested that our support for "conservative" regimes alienated popular movements and played into the Soviets' hand. Ceausescu said he believed the Soviets would be prepared to agree to arms limitations. On Afghanistan, Ceausescu indicated the Soviets had said they were prepared to withdraw, and that they were interested in discussing the situation with the U.S. Ceausescu hailed your lifting of the grain embargo as a move which might provide leverage for a solution in Afghanistan.

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1. Call on Prime Minister Suzuki. My call on the Japanese Premier at Blair House went well. Suzuki is looking forward to his meetings with you and to a frank discussion. He appears very close to us in his world view and clearly seeks an exchange that will aid him in shaping future Japanese policy. The Prime Minister expressed his "great appreciation" for our acting on the submarine incident, referring especially to your letter and to the preliminary report.

I raised the defense question with Suzuki assuring him that this visit would demonstrate U.S. confidence in his ability to deal with the issue. The Prime Minister concluded by repeating his interest in frank discussions and common approaches. (C)

- 2. Action on Libyan People's Bureau. The head of the Libyan People's Bureau, Ali A. Elhouderi, was called to the Department of State today and informed that the United States Government was closing the Libyan People's Bureau immediately. The Libyans have been given one week to wind up operations and depart the United States. Prior to the meeting, U.S. companies doing business in Libya were notified of this action and capitals worldwide were also informed. (U)
- 3. Habib Mission to Middle East. Ambassador Habib left Washington today for Lebanon, Syria and Israel. I saw him this morning before he departed and he very much appreciated the opportunity to talk with you yesterday. Habib will try immediately to gain time for diplomacy and facesaving. His longer term objective will be to arrange for removal of Syrian SAM missiles and the withdrawal of Syrian forces from the Sannin mountain ridge overlooking Lebanon's Christian heartland. Habib begins in Beirut, visits Syria for a meeting with Assad either Saturday or Sunday and then proceeds to Israel on Monday. (S)

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1. SFRC Hearings on Arms Control and SALT. Walt Stoessel and Politico-Military Affairs Director Richard Burt testified on SALT and TNF at a closed session of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee this morning. Those Senators who attended were for the most part strong arms control proponents (e.g., Cranston, Pell, Biden). These Senators stressed the costs and risks of an intensified arms competition, and the difficulties of making real arms reductions in the future if both sides substantially increased their forces in the coming years. There was strong endorsement of your decision to begin TNF negotiations with the Soviets by the end of the year.

Stoessel and Burt made clear that we had not turned our back on serious arms control but intended to proceed cautiously and deliberately, with a realistic view of what arms control can accomplish and recognizing that we must rely in the first place on our own defense programs to redress military imbalances. Stressing that arms control had in the past contributed little to our security, they noted that specific arms control policies -- e.g., SALT observance, future SALT objectives --remained under internal Administration review.

- 2. Aid for Turkey. The OECD's aid consortium for Turkey met in Paris today and received total assistance pledges of \$938 million, down slightly from the 1980 level of \$1.16 billion. The Germans were unable to match last year's aid level but hope to do so later in the year. We were particularly pleased that Japan, apparently after the intervention of Prime Minister Suzuki, not only matched their 1980 pledge but made it more concessional. The total pledge will be somewhat disappointing for the Turks, but we believe it will meet their actual needs this year, particularly if the Germans are able to do more later in the year. (C)
- 3. Spain Terrorist Attacks Increase Danger of Coup. Leftist terrorist attacks have now reached the military advisor to King Juan Carlos. Aimed at provoking a rightist-military takeover and polarizing the political situation, these killings may complicate the King's ability to keep military conspirators in check. We have made clear to an informal emissary from coup plotters that the U.S. supports Spanish democracy, and opposes any move against the government. We have also sent a strong message of support to the King. (SECRET/SENSITIVE).

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