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MEMORANDUM FOR CHARLES HILL

Executive Secretary Department of State

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SUBJECT:

Summary of Memorandum of Conversation Between

the President and Lord Carrington

Attached is the memorandum of conversation from the President's meeting with Lord Carrington on September 11, 1984.

Executive Secretary

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Tab A Memorandum of Conversation

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September 12, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM:

PETER R. SOMMER PEE

SUBJECT:

Summary of Memorandum of Conversation Between

the President and Lord Carrington

Attachment at Tab A is the memcon from the President's September 11 meeting with Lord Carrington.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

Following your review of the memcon that you authorize Bob Kimmitt to forward it to State and Defense.

Approve \_\_\_\_ Disapprove\_\_\_\_

Lehman concurs.

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September 27, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR CHARLES HILL

Executive Secretary Department of State

SUBJECT:

Memcon of the President's September 23, 1984 Meeting with President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire

Attached for your information is a copy of the Memorandum of Conversation covering the President's September 23 meeting with President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire.

Robert M. Kimmitt Executive Secretary

Attachment Memcon

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

· SUBJECT:

Meeting with President Mobutu Sese Seko of

Zaire (U)

PARTICIPANTS:

The President Secretary of State George Shultz Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick Counsellor to the President, Edwin Meese III Assistant to the President, James A. Baker Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, Robert McFarlane Assistant Secretary of State, Chester

Crocker

Ambassador to Zaire, Brandon Grove Frederick Wettering, NSC Staff (Notetaker) Alec Toumayan, State Department

(Interpreter)

President Mobutu Sese Seko Foreign Minister Umba di Lutete Finance Minister Kiakwama Kiakiziki Director, Office of the President, Nimy Mayidika Ngimbi

Ambassador to the U.S., Kasongo Mutuale

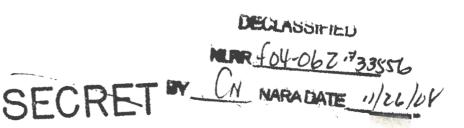
DATE, TIME AND PLACE:

September 23, 1984, 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM Presidential Suite, Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York, N.Y.

The President expressed his pleasure at seeing President Mobutu again. He characterized bilateral relations as based on solid friendship and described them as excellent. He commended President Mobutu's courage in dealing with his economic problems and maintaining the reforms. He also thanked President Mobutu for his very positive contribution to the Chad problem. He stated that he personally held President Mobutu in the highest esteem for his courageous actions. (S)

President Mobutu thanked the President for seeing him in the midst of his electoral campaign. But he felt it important to tell the President what his government is doing in economic and political spheres and what seems to be needed. (5)

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President Mobutu noted that in 1982 one senior American official asked him to help himself so that we (Americans) can help you. In 1983 we began a program of economic and financial austerity by ourselves, even without waiting for the IMF. Then in 1984 Zaire turned to the IMF and things have worked out well with the IMF. After bearing these heavy burdens in 1983 and 1984, Zaire must and will continue reform in 1985 but must call on the help of our friends and partners in the manner I will describe, he added. (8)

President Mobutu stated he was leaving a memorandum outlining in detail steps which Zaire has done and will do and what Zaire is asking its friends to do. The principal issue is that he will continue the austerity program in 1985. But the \$900 million debt due next year is beyond Zaire's capability. Hospitals must have medicines, soldiers must have clothing and ammunition, communications must work. Zaire still has aircraft engines in Italy and owes \$29 million for these. He has no stipends for Zairians abroad. We need help in these matters; we want to pay what we owe, but we need to meet around a table and talk about what Zaire can pay, he added.

President Mobutu noted that two months ago he had been massively reelected. But he was unhappy; in going around the country campaigning he found mothers and children looking to him for help, for improvement in life. What can I do, he asked. Must I tell them austerity means no medicine, no clothes? That is why I am here, he declared. (S)

President Mobutu then turned to political aspects. He noted that the US had asked Zaire for help and Zaire had responded without hesitation or bargaining. Ambassador Kirkpatrick knows, he added, that during Zaire's term on the UN Security Council we acted closely and in concert with the US. We ask you to extend all the support and understanding you can. (S)

President Mobutu noted that he had said the same thing to President Mitterrand a few days ago. Mitterrand had said something which embarrassed him, though. Mitterrand said that along with Presidents Houphouet-Boigny, Bourgiba, Sekou Toure, he, Mobutu, was the only African leader worthy of the name. Two very old, infirm men and one dead man, Mobutu grumbled. Mitterrand responded to Mobutu's pleas by saying that he understood and asked Mobutu to tell the American friends that they too should understand.

President Mobutu apologized for speaking candidly, but noted that was his style when in the presence of good friends. (8)

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The President responded by stating that Ambassador Kirkpatrick had kept him well informed on Zaire's strong support in the Security Council and General Assembly. He noted that he has raised our bilateral assistance this year over last and had asked Congress for an increase for next year. Regarding debt rescheduling, he went on to say, we will try to be of help and we want to be of help, and will work with his people on this.

Secretary Shultz noted that we would carefully study the aide memoire and sit down with President Mobutu's advisors. He thought we could parse it into separate areas - Paris Club, bilateral aid, etc. - and that we would sit down with his people and go through it with them. No doubt we can develop a program, he added. (8)

President Mobutu added that he was not asking us to bear the burden alone. He had met with President Mitterrand and on Wednesday he would meet with the Belgians and Chancellor Kohl of the FRG, on Friday he would be in Rome, and possibly on Thursday he would meet with Prime Minister Thatcher. (S)

The President wished President Mobutu well and asked him to pass the President's regards to the leaders he would soon see. He concluded that we would study President Mobutu's memorandum carefully. (5)

President Mobutu wished the President well in his campaign and the meeting ended on pleasantries.

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SUBJECT:	Zaire: Memorandum of Conversation Covering the President's September 23 Meeting with President Mobutu (8)			
Herewith is the memorandum of conversation covering the President's bilateral meeting with Zaire President Mobutu Sese Seko on September 23, 1984, in the Presidential Suite, Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York, New York. (S)				
As is customary I have attached a Kimmitt/Hill memo transmitting a copy of the memcon to State for their information. (W)				

APPROVE	<u> </u>	DISAPPROVE	

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the memcon; approve the attached

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#### CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT

September 29, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR CHARLES HILL

Executive Secretary Department of State

SUBJECT:

Summary of Memorandum of Conversation Between

the President and Prime Minister Willoch

Attached is the memorandum of conversation from the President's meeting with Prime Minister Willoch on September 23, 1984.

Robert M. Kimmitt Executive Secretary

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Tab A Memorandum of Conversation

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September 25, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM:

PETER R. SOMMER PETER

SUBJECT:

Summary of Memorandum of Conversation Between the President and Prime Minister Willoch

Attachment at Tab A is the memcon from the President's September 23 meeting with Prime Minister Willoch.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

Following your review of the memcon that you authorize Bob Kimmitt to forward it to State.

Approve Disapprove

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#### NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

September 27, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR CHARLES HILL

Executive Secretary Department of State

SUBJECT:

President's Meeting with Sihanouk and Son Sann,

September 24, 1984

Attached is the approved Memorandum of Conversation for the meeting between the President and Prince Sihanouk and Son Sann, September 24, 1984, at the Waldorf-Astoria.

Robert M. Kimmitt Executive Secretary

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Tab A 9/24/84 Memorandum of Conversation

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MEETING WITH PRINCE SIHANOUK AND SON SANN OF THE DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA COALITION, SEPTEMBER 24, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR BOB KIMMITT

FROM:

DICK CHILDRESS

SUBJECT:

President's Meeting with Sihanouk and Son Sann,

September 24, 1984

Recommend you sign the memorandum at Tab I transmitting the cleared MEMCON of conversation (Tab A) to State.

Approve \_\_\_\_

Disapprove \_\_\_\_

#### Attachments

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Tab II Original of 9/24/84 MEMCON

cc: Gaston Sigur Don Fortier





#### MEMORANDUM

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FROM:

DICK CHILDRESS

SUBJECT:

President's Meeting with Sihanouk and Son Sann,

September 24, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM:

PAULA DOBRIANSKY

SUBJECT:

Memcon of the Romanian Vice President Manescu's

Photo Opportunity with the President

Attached at Tab I for your approval and for the record, is a memorandum of the President's brief encounter and conversation with Mr. Manescu.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the memorandum at Tab I for the record.

Approve PMC Disapprove

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THE PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH MANEA MANESCU, VICE PRESIDENT OF ROMANIA'S STATE COUNCIL: PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

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FROM:

NEA - Arnold Raphel

SUBJECT:

Meeting between the President and Foreign

Minister Meguid

PARTICI PANTS:

The President Secretary Shultz

Mr. McFarlane

Mr. Kemp

Mr. Raphel

Egyptian Foreign Minister Meguid

Ambassador Ghorbal

TIME AND PLACE: September 27, 1984, 1630, the Oval Office

The President opened the conversation by noting that the resumption of diplomatic relations between Jordan and Egypt was encouraging. The Minister agreed, and then complimented the President on his UNGA speech. Meguid said that many delegations were pleased by the speech, especially its reference to peace in the Middle East.

The Minister then gave the President a letter from President Mubarak. After reading it, the President said that we would be back to the GOE with a response.

Meguid said that the Jordanian move on recognition would help the peace process. He added that there had recently been some positive moves from the new Israeli government. There was the possibility of movement on Lebanon, the Palestinian issue and Taba.

The President responded that we are determined to move. Jordan's action is a good step. He then added that we hope Egypt will soon return its Ambassador to Israel. Meguid said that he had a good, frank discussion with Foreign Minister Shamir in New York. Meguid has noticed that the GOI no longer links its withdrawal from Lebanon with Syria's. It no longer insists on specifically mentioning the Camp David framework when it talks about discussions with Jordan. On the third issue, Taba, Egypt is prepared to go to arbitration. Once this is settled, there can be a Summit meeting between Mubarak and

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Peres and then "we can go ahead". Meguid summed up his mood, and concluded the substantive part of the meeting, by saying he was "cautiously optimistic".

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM: HOWARD R. TEICHER // (7)

SUBJECT: Memcon of the President's Meetings with

Shimon Peres

Attached at Tab A for your approval is a consolidated memcon of the subject meetings.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the memoon at Tab A.

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Tab A Memcon of President's meeting with Peres

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION
OCTOBER 9, 1984
THE OVAL OFFICE, ROOSEVELT ROOM, CABINET ROOM
11:30 a.m. - 1:40 p.m.

#### United States

The President
The Vice President
Mr. Meese
Secretary of State Shultz
Ambassador Lewis
Assistant Secretary Murphy
Mr. Howard Teicher, NSC

#### Israel

Prime Minister Peres Foreign Minister Shamir Ambassador Rosenne

The President began with the observation Israel is facing an enormous challenge. The United States has an unwavering commitment to Israeli security and maintenance of its qualitative edge. U.S.-Israeli ties have grown significantly, and we are determined to see the alliance grow stronger. The President invited Peres to comment on the Israeli economy. (C)

Peres thanked the President for his sincere friendship to the Jewish people. As a small country surrounded by so many difficulties, the Israelis particularly appreciate the human aspect of Reagan's support. The President thanked him. He then said he felt that Israel's economic situation could only be solved by reforms which would be difficult, as he knew from his own experience. (U)

Peres said that economic problems stem from Israeli mistakes, which Israel itself must correct. After a prolonged period, a generation of austerity, the new generation wanted to enjoy higher living standards. The government policy had probably relaxed too much. However, Israel would never ask the U.S. to make the lives of Israeli citizens easier and more comfortable. He observed that if Israel sacrifices its defenses it can solve its economic problems. But Israel is a real fighting democracy ready to pay the price not to let the Middle East become another tumultuous area. Virtually 50

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percent of Israel's operational budget of \$11 billion will go to defense. So Israel can be made stronger economically if the policy is chosen to make it weaker militarily. Israel, however, thinks it is a mistake to give up military strength. Israel has and will always act without U.S. troops but does need U.S. financial and military support. Shamir and he do not intend to take any easy way out of their present economic difficulties. There will be economic restraints and they will appreciate it if the U.S. can help both maintain its military posture and give a ray of hope for the future as it works for economic independence. (S)

The President commented that the JEDG should be an effective way to consult on economic policies. He understood Peres' views on a strong defense and assured the Prime Minister that the U.S. is committed to peace in the Middle East. Achievement of peace would be all the more important because it would mean Israel would not have to pour the percentage of its resources it now does into defense. The President noted our plans for the Free Trade Area and his hopes for quick implementation. (C)

After a brief one-on-one meeting, the President and Peres joined the full delegations in the Roosevelt Room and invited Peres to make an opening statement. Peres said that the new government was only 20 days old. It would try to decrease divisiveness within Israel. It would work on the economy, put an end to problems with Lebanon through secure borders, and reopen, under reasonable conditions, negotiations with its neighbors. He touched on economic measures already taken against inflation: cutting the budget, restricting luxury goods, and reducing foreign travel allowances. He said he was close to achieving a national compact to restrain wages and profits for a short period. The political-military situation is more complex. The last two wars have cost Israel \$10 billion. Its total bill on the costs of war and peace (returning the oil fields to Egypt and removing its infrastructures from Sinai) came to a total of \$14 to 15 billion. (S)

U.S. inflation in the course of a decade has totalled 50 percent. An F-4 equivalent aircraft is now \$40 million a copy instead of \$4 million twenty years ago. Israel knew the U.S. is committed to its maintaining a qualitative edge. We ask the U.S. to share the burden with us. Israel is a worldwide U.S. ally and is so out of complete confidence. Were Israel not in the Middle East, the U.S. would have had more troubles there. (S)

Peres said he was not asking for immediate help but rather for a safety net through this difficult stretch of time and a ray of hope to encourage the Israeli people that after a period of reform and standing on its own feet, production and exports would increase. He aims to make his people self-reliant. (C)

The Secretary remarked there had been several hours of discussions on the economy and Lebanon. He had heard Israeli analyses and a number of programmatic ideas concerning a safety net. We had discussed this with Treasury and worked out an understanding of our competence on the situation, our capabilities and limitations. He noted that Peres had suggested ideas which we want to think through: just what is sought, how it would be funded, what incentives could be found, etc. The JEDG is a way to go about this and it should meet promptly. By the time Congress reconvenes, we should be in a position to make recommendations to be considered for the long term. Israel has a vision of long term development which will place it on the cutting edge of modern technology. Only Israelis can deal with their own problems. We have said we are ready to help more; particular attention needs be paid to the inflation rate. (C)

Peres said he had met with Secretary Weinberger. It is customary for our respective military people to meet and plan ahead three to four years. The Secretary will review plans for the Air Force and other aspects of the Israeli military establishment. He urged that offsets/buy back be continued. He asked that the 15 percent offset rate be raised slightly to 20 percent, and if possible continued. He noted the President had mentioned the LAVI program in his B'nai B'rith speech. He asked that the U.S. Army be enabled to buy supplies from Israel since Israel buys most of its technology in the U.S. (S)

Secretary Regan said that a strong defense has top priority but this comes only from having a strong economy. He added that Treasury is worried about Israel's economy. There is no halt to inflation in sight. Although your Foreign Minister talked about new policies, other ministers are saying they can't live with it. How are you going to crack the whip? What discipline will you put into the economy? Peres replied that the basic reason for having a GNU was that no minister can effectively threaten the government by resigning. The government has already taken Draconian measures and more will be taken shortly.

Peres then expressed thanks for U.S.-Israeli strategic cooperation, for the unprecedented FTA and added his personal thanks to the President and the Secretary for their helpfulness

(S)

on Soviet and Ethiopian Jews. The Department's efforts may have saved the lives of 10,000 Ethiopian Jews now in the Sudan. Israel feels there is a new awakening among Soviet Jewry. The President observed that the Israelis may not see our focus on Soviet Jewry on the front pages, but this is because we realize we should work quietly with the Soviets on this issue so their position does not become more rigid. A previous President had successfully followed quiet diplomacy on this issue and he was determined to do the same. He emphasized his personal strong feelings on the issue. (S)

At the follow-on lunch, Weinberger said they had discussed a number of questions during the Prime Minister's call on him at the Pentagon earlier in the morning. The JPMG should consider a joint review of FMS and hardware, looking several years ahead. The best way to pursue this would be through a military to military framework. Peres had raised stage three of the LAVI program. DOD will look at it sympathetically, as it will the question of offsets. Weinberger said he would take all of these issues up with Rabin next week in Israel. (S)

Peres then initiated discussion of the quality of life for West Bankers and Gazans. He feels that the Palestinians are beginning to return to reality. For his part, he is determined to improve conditions on the West Bank (Comment: Peres used the term "West Bank" throughout his conversations). A basic thrust would be to facilitate better economic opportunities. For this purpose, there will be an Arab bank on the West Bank and new factories. The traditional system is agricultural. With population increases, there is a need for industrial development to create more jobs. More hospitals and schools are part of his program. In the near future, Arab mayors will be arranged for the five towns which do not currently have them. Arabs, Peres observed, are often surprised by what Israel means by democracy. It is not a familiar concept in Arab history. Once the Arabs rebelled against royal leaders because they felt they were the root cause for the Arabs having fallen behind other peoples. They then introduced socialism. Now West Bankers are experiencing a free press and a free society. (He recounted an anecdote involving Sheikh Ja'bari of Hebron some years ago, who complained bitterly that the Jabbari family was subjected to customs duties on their personal imports which other West Bankers and Israelis were compelled to pay.) The Palestinians are, however, a very intelligent people. (S)

On Jordan, Peres said, we would like to talk about peace. We have many economic issues, such as the level of the Dead Sea and its effect on our respective potash industries. There are

water schemes, transport organizations of mutual concern. Israel has not given up hope on the King despite some of his unpleasant declarations. We will start by suggesting Camp David as a framework for the talks, but will keep an open mind for any other opportunities. (S)

With Egypt, Israel hopes to improve its relations. There are some difficulties, but they will try their best. We want to make a real peace, having given all the land, we did not get such a peace. (S)

The Vice President asked about current Israeli attitudes on Lebanon. Peres said they were worried. Lebanon had stopped being a basically Christian country and was turning into a Shiite country with a strong tendency towards fundamentalism. Israel wants to withdraw, it never intended to remain. It had only tried to get rid of the PLO state in the south. If Israel remains too long, the resentment of Shiites toward Israel may increase. To withdraw, Israel must make sure that Syria will not extend or deploy its forces deeper in Lebanon and that Syrian controlled areas will not become areas for infiltration. Referring to Murphy's recent visit to Damascus, Peres characterized the Syrian first reaction as typical, i.e. "never generous". Israel would like to see UNIFIL replace the IDF and that there be no vacuum in the south. It sees a role for local forces. It believes that the Government of Lebanon is completely devoted, under Karami's leadership, to Syria. He thanked the President for not having received Karami. (S)

There are three points to the Lebanese problem: 1) unilateral withdrawal with secured northern border; 2) a Syrian role. The IDF is 18 miles from Damascus. If Syria wants Israel out, it must agree on Israeli conditions. Israel is not negotiating from weakness; 3) Lebanese problems are such that Israel can only talk with the GOL. It has no expectation of reaching a binding agreement. Israel would follow U.S. advice on this matter. It wants to see a U.S. success and would not ask Washington to go further than it should. Israel accepted our desire for a low profile, unpublicized role but asked that we continue our efforts. (S)

The President asked if there would be problems with the Soviets regarding UNIFIL. Weinberger observed they had a veto power twice a year on UNIFIL renewal. Peres believed that the Soviets will support the Syrian position and not veto an extension or expansion of the mandate. The Vice President said that both questions are important. The UN Secretary General may add a declaration to his report to enable him to explore

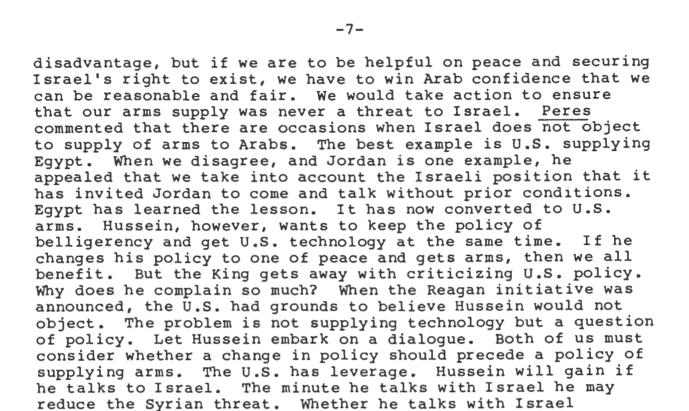
expansion of UNIFIL responsibilities. The Secretary said there is a question if this could be done without adding other things. He recalled at the time of the last renewal a number of potentially anti-Israeli actions were contemplated in connection with the mandate. Ambassador Kirkpatrick had done an excellent job facing this down and working out a simple renewal. We would be glad to see more discretion for the Secretary General, but if additional anti-Israeli items are added to the mandate, it would be better to settle for simple renewal. Peres said he would not like to see any Soviet or satellite forces in Lebanon, be they Poles or Mongolians. The further away the Soviets are, the better. (S)

The <u>Vice President</u> raised Central America, expressing surprise that Nicaraguan violations of human rights and the anti-Semitic actions stimulated by the PLO presence in Nicaragua had not triggered an Israeli rection. Are the Israelis aware of this phenomenon? If so, why have there been no expressions of criticism? <u>Peres</u> replied that the Socialist International was interested in keeping Nicaragua from suffering the fate of Cuba, but leaders of the S.I. had had disappointments in dealing with Nicaragua. He noted a different viewpoint toward Central America on the part of Portugal and Spain. He recalled the Sandinista grudge against Israel for supporting Somoza. He had told a Sandinista leader that Somoza had been alone in supplying arms to Israel in 1948. Israel was not ashamed and would never forget its debt of gratitude to Somoza. (S)

Shamir interjected that he had had a very successful visit to Washington last November, with two decisions already bearing fruit: establishment of the JPMG and negotiations on the FTA. He hoped that this present visit would be looked back on a year from now as equally successful. (U)

The <u>Secretary</u> said he hoped that it didn't take the passage of a year to rate this visit as a success. The <u>Secretary</u> then complained of comments by the former <u>Venezuelan</u> president, who was gentle with the U.S. in private discussions but extremely harsh in public. This has become a world phenomenon, assuming that one can say anything publicly and then explain privately it does not matter. The gap has become too wide between speech and actions. (S)

The <u>President</u> said we have occasionally had disappointments when we, in a desire to bring peace to the Middle East, provided weapons to Arab nations. We want Peres to know where we stand. We will never supply arms to be used to Israel's



The President observed that Hussein didn't take a hostile attitude until the Stinger question arose. We couldn't persuade our Congress. We believe our friendship for Jordan is beyond question, but sometimes we cannot convince our own Congress. They refused Stinger and Congress acted that way thinking they were doing it on behalf of Israel. Now Hussein is going to Moscow. (S)

directly or through the U.S., it would be good for him to change his policy. The dilemma is whether he should depart from traditional belligerency or get supplies without having to

The Secretary commented that this not need be discussed in the press. Concerning Jordan's reaction to Syrian threats, when Jordan announced restoration of relations with Egypt, there was an immediate and public Syrian threat. We are both seeing the emergence of Syrian efforts against Jordan. You suggest we ought to work on talks between Israel, Jordan and the U.S. to put Hussein's concerns to rest. If Syria were to attack, there would be a built in readiness of two friends, both of whom want to be closer to Hussein. This could improve the atmosphere for peace. The Secretary noted that he recognized this had been in effect earlier, but maybe there is something here we could quietly pursue, another way of getting at the arms issue. (S)

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Meron observed that Syrian aggression against Israel and other Arabs has been discussed in the JPMG. (S)

Peres recalled that Israel had an unpleasant experience in 1961-62 when Washington decided to supply Jordan with U.S. arms, which Hussein promised would never be used against Israel. But they were used in the 1967 war. The problem is that the King has made some mistakes. I am unsure, Peres said, that Hussein is enchanted with Soviet arms. The very missiles he has been considering from the Soviet Union were the ones Israel had destroyed in Syria. Hussein knows he needs U.S. arms. If Hussein can be convinced he has to change his policy for his own welfare, this could change Israeli views on our supplying Jordan with arms. Jordan is not a sworn enemy of Israel, but the King has "started to enjoy his disappointments." He forgets he didn't keep his promises on the Reagan initiative. Labor and Likud can act together and try to see the problem, but first there should be a change in Jordanian policy. The Secretary commented that Hussein has always supported the President's initiative but he could not assemble an acceptable Palestinian delegation. Things can be done to improve the atmosphere on the West Bank and they can possibly affect the King's overall policy. Peres observed that Arafat changed his mind after initialling a draft agreement with Hussein. The Secretary attributed this to Syrian pressure. Damascus does not want to see a peace process unless it can dominate it. (S)



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: President's Meeting with Prime Minister Peres

Enclosed for your approval is the memorandum of conversation reporting on the President's meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Peres on October 9.

Charles Hill Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Memorandum of Conversation

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