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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE ALEXANDER M. HAIG, JR.

B The Secretary of State

D THE HONORABLE CASPAR W. WEINBERGER
The Secretary of Defense— THE HONORABLE DAVID STOCKMAN
The Director, Office of Management and BudgetA THE HONORABLE WILLIAM CASEY
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Director, Arms Control and Disarmament AgencyB THE HONORABLE FRANK E. MAESTRONE
Director, Sinai Support Mission

SUBJECT: Future of the Sinai Support Mission

The U.S. Government has agreed to provide a military contingent and a civilian observer group (COG) to the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) to be established by March 20, 1982 to supervise certain terms of the Egyptian-Israeli Peace Treaty in the Sinai and a zone in Israel after total Israeli withdrawal from Egypt on April 25, 1982. After this date, the COG will take over the verification and inspection duties currently performed by the Sinai Field Mission (SFM) and will be the only MFO unit to monitor the entire controlled area. SFM is a joint government-private sector operation directed by the Sinai Support Mission (SSM) established by Presidential Executive Order in January 1976.

An early decision is needed on how to organize and support the COG which Egypt and Israel requested be drawn from and operate in a manner similar to SFM. If SSM is to support the COG, amendment of the Executive Order under which it operates will be required. There is also the question of whether SSM should provide to the Director General of the MFO similar support and

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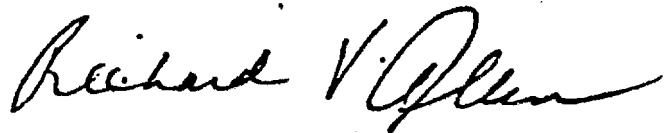
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coordination with USG agencies such as now furnished to SFM. Alternatively, other arrangements could be considered to support the COG and possibly also the MFO Director General. In any event, recruitment of USG volunteer personnel for COG duty in March/April 1982, if drawn from the foreign affairs agencies as at present, should begin by mid-October. Contractual arrangements to obtain civilian observers with military expertise and any other administrative and logistic support should also begin by the same date to ensure a smooth transition from SFM to COG operation.

Because several agencies are represented on the Sinai Inter-agency Board which was set up to advise on SSM activities and because of U.S. security assurances to Israel in case of violation of the Peace Treaty, an interagency meeting will be convened on Friday, October 16 at 2:30 p.m. in the White House Situation Room to recommend whether any Presidential action may be necessary or what other arrangements should be made to deal with this issue. Decisions on the level of resources to be made available to support these activities also need to be taken.

Please call in the name of your representative to Geoffrey Kemp at 395-3491.

FOR THE PRESIDENT:



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