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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE CASPAR W. WEINBERGER  
The Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT: Gulf of Sidra Exercise

The decision to postpone a naval exercise in the Gulf of Sidra until political and military conditions in the Middle East improve is certainly in our best interests. This postponement should not preclude the continuing examination of military options and related planning as proposed in your July 20, 1982 memorandum.

Recognizing the sensitivity of this issue and the likelihood of a Libyan response to any U.S. military activity focused on the Gulf of Sidra, the standing notification procedures will allow prompt analysis and decision on a case-by-case basis. The papers prepared for the SIG earlier this month should serve us well in future deliberations.

FOR THE PRESIDENT:

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William P. Clark

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