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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Visit by Ambassador Atherton (U) -- ACTION MEMORANDUM

(U) Ambassador Roy Atherton, our Ambassador to Egypt, will visit with me at 1215 today. He is back in the United States for the just concluded visit of Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali, who delivered a message to the President from President Mubarak on the Lebanon and PLO crisis. He intends to remain in the States for several weeks of leave after this. He is also calling on General Vessey (at 1300).

(S) I think it might be worthwhile for you to see Atherton while he is here. As he has been closely involved with the Habib negotiations on PLO relocation to Egypt, and having been privy to Ali's visit here with the President, I recommend that you spend a few minutes with him.

(S) Other points that you might wish to discuss with Atherton are:

- US/Egyptian security assistance program.
- Effect of current crisis on our security relationship with Egypt.
- His views on the prognosis for settlement in the current crisis and the implications.

(U) If you agree, I will arrange for Ambassador Atherton to see you sometime in the next two days.

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Do not desire to see Atherton _____

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