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WASHINGTON

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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: The Vice President *af*

SUBJECT: Briefings to the Congress on the Middle East

Yesterday I had briefings on the Middle East in the Senate and in the House, and I came away with these conclusions:

- (1) There is a strong negative reaction in the House to the Begin government's policy on settlements, and a view, although not uniformly shared, that Begin is being too negative.
- (2) There was some favorable comment about the possibility of a federation of the West Bank with Jordan and some good comments about Sadat's reference to a Jordan connection in his National Press Club speech.
- (3) All agree with the need for security arrangements for Israel on the West Bank.
- (4) Frank Church indicates that he intends to speak very strongly to Dayan when he is in town about their settlements policy. I will be talking with Frank Church about that matter.

cc: Zbigniew Brzezinski

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