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April 6, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD G. DARMAN  
CRAIG FULLER

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK

SUBJECT: Objectives for the Working Visit of Tunisian  
Prime Minister Mzali, April 29, 1982

State Department's Objectives paper for the visit of Tunisian Prime Minister Mzali is attached at Tab A for distribution to appropriate White House staff and Cabinet officials for review and comment.

cc: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
Jim Baker  
Mike Deaver

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Attachment  
Tab A - State's Objective Paper

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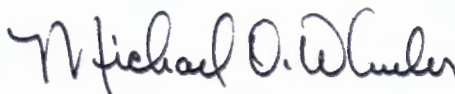
April 8, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR L. PAUL BREMER III  
Executive Secretary  
Department of State

SUBJECT: Press Announcement for the Working Visit  
of Tunisian Prime Minister, April 29, 1982

At Tab A is a copy of the Press Announcement for the Working  
Visit of the Tunisian Prime Minister on April 29, 1982.

The White House will make this announcement on Monday,  
April 12, 1982, at the regular briefing for the press which  
is scheduled for noon.



Michael O. Wheeler  
Staff Secretary

Attachment  
Tab A - Press Announcement

April, 1982

WHITE HOUSE PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT

The President has invited Prime Minister Mzali of Tunisia to pay an official working visit to Washington from April 26 to April 30 as a mark of the friendship between the U.S. and Tunisia. The President will meet with the Prime Minister to discuss bilateral and regional issues on April 29. The Prime Minister will meet with other officials of the Administration as well as members of the Congress during his visit.

MEMORANDUM

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

April 7, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL O. WHEELER

THROUGH: CHARLES P. TYSON *CP*

FROM: RAYMOND TANTER *RT*

SUBJECT: Press Announcement for the Working Visit  
of Tunisian Prime Minister, April 29, 1982

At Tab I for your signature is a memorandum to L. Paul Bremer,  
transmitting the Press Announcement at Tab A.

Recommendation

That you sign the memo at Tab I.

APPROVE ✓

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- Tab I - Memo to Bremer
- A - Press Announcement

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 6, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: WILLIAM CLARK  
FROM: MORT ALLIN ~~AAA~~  
SUBJECT: Proposed Press Announcement for Visit of  
Tunisian Prime Minister, April 29, 1982

Following is the recommended text for the announcement of Prime Minister Mzali's visit:

The President has invited Prime Minister Mzali of Tunisia to pay an official working visit to Washington from April 26 to April 30 as a mark of the friendship between the U.S. and Tunisia. The President will meet with the Prime Minister to discuss bilateral and regional issues on April 29. The Prime Minister will meet with other officials of the Administration as well as members of the Congress during his visit.

If we are not able to cite the private trips, I suggest we leave it out. Further, on an earlier visit of another leader, his cancellation of stops elsewhere that we previously announced led to questioning on why the changes were made.

Please advise when this announcement should be made.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 3, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR MORT ALLIN

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK *WPC*

SUBJECT: Proposed Press Announcement for the Working  
Visit of Tunisian Prime Minister, April 29, 1982

The attached proposed press announcement at Tab A is forwarded for your comments and/or concurrence before it is used, as well as advance notice of the date and time of the announcement.

April 2, 1982

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PROPOSED PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE WORKING VISIT OF  
TUNISIAN PRIME MINISTER

The President has invited Prime Minister Mzali of Tunisia to pay an official working visit to Washington from April 26 to April 30 as a mark of US-Tunisian friendship. The President will meet with the Prime Minister to discuss bilateral and regional issues on April 29. The Prime Minister will meet with other officials of the Administration as well as members of the Congress during his visit. He will make private trips to other points in the United States both before and after his visit to Washington.

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MEMORANDUM

2300

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

April 2, 1982

ACTION

SIGNED

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: RAYMOND TANTER *RT*

SUBJECT: Proposed Press Announcement for the Working Visit of Tunisian Prime Minister, April 29, 1982

At Tab I is a memorandum to Mort Allin transmitting a proposed press announcement (Tab A) for the Working Visit of the Tunisian Prime Minister, April 29, 1982.

The State Department and the NSC Staff concur.

Recommendation

That you sign the memo to Mort Allin at Tab I.

APPROVE *RT*

DISAPPROVE \_\_\_\_\_

Attachments

- Tab I - Memo to Mort Allin
- A - Proposed Press Announcement

cc: Jerry O'Leary  
Charles Tyson



## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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April 1, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK  
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Press Announcement of the Working Visit of Tunisian  
Prime Minister

We propose the following press announcement for Tunisian  
Prime Minister Mzali's official working visit at the end of  
April:

The President has invited Prime Minister Mzali of Tunisia to pay an official working visit to Washington from April 26 to April 30 as a mark of US-Tunisian friendship. The President will meet with the Prime Minister to discuss bilateral and regional issues on April 29. The Prime Minister will meet with other officials of the Administration as well as members of the Congress during his visit. He will make private trips to other points in the United States both before and after his visit to Washington.

We would appreciate receiving a copy of the approved text before it is used, as well as advance notice of the date and time of the announcement. This information will enable us to coordinate the announcement with our Embassy and the Tunisians.

L. Paul Bremer, III  
Executive Secretary

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OF CLASSIFIED ENCLOSURE(S)MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK  
THE WHITE HOUSEWHITE HOUSE  
SITUATION ROOMSubject: Working Visit of Prime Minister Mzali of  
Tunisia: Background MaterialAttached is background material for use during  
Tunisian Prime Minister Mzali's meeting/luncheon  
with the President on April 29.

*L. Paul Bremer Jr.*  
L. Paul Bremer, III  
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. U.S.-Tunisian Relations
2. Tunisian Foreign Policy
3. Mzali and Tunisian Politics
4. The Tunisian Economy
5. Prime Minister Mzali's Schedule in the U.S.
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SUMMARY SCHEDULE

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SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 1982

- 7:45am His Excellency Mohamed Mzali, Prime Minister of Tunisia, arrives New York-JFK Airport via AIR FRANCE Concorde.
- 8:45am Depart New York-JFK Airport via U.S. Presidential Aircraft enroute Andrews Air Force Base.
- 9:40am Arrive Andrews Air Force Base.  
Welcoming Committee.
- 10:00am Depart Andrews Air Force Base via U.S. Presidential Helicopters enroute the Washington Monument Grounds.
- 10:10am Arrive the Washington Monument Grounds.
- 10:15am Depart the Washington Monument Grounds via motorcade enroute the Ambassador's Residence, 5131 Broad Branch Road, N.W.
- 10:40am Arrive the Ambassador's Residence.  
Approx.
- 4:00pm Tour the National Gallery of Art.
- 8:00pm Private dinner at the Ambassador's Residence.

Overnight: The Ambassador's Residence

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 1982

- 7:00am Jog along Beach Drive.
- 8:30am Breakfast with Embassy Staff.
- 10:30am Tour the National Air and Space Museum.
- 12:30pm Private luncheon.
- 3:00pm Receive members of the Tunisian Community at the Ambassador's Residence.
- 3:30pm Depart the Ambassador's Residence via motorcade enroute Princeton, New Jersey.
- 7:00pm Arrive Princeton, New Jersey.
- 8:00pm Private dinner at Nassau Inn.

Overnight: Nassau Inn  
Palmer Square, Stockton St.

SUMMARY SCHEDULE

MONDAY, APRIL 26, 1982

- 7:00am Jogging.
- 8:30am Breakfast with Mr. Robert Goheen, President Emeritus of Princeton University.
- 9:30am Tour of Princeton University.
- 11:30am Luncheon with Princeton and University Officials hosted by the Institute for Advance Studies.
- 3:00pm Seminar.
- 4:15pm Depart Princeton University via motorcade enroute the President's Guest House, 1651 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
- 8:00pm Arrive Blair House.  
Private evening.

Overnight: Blair House

TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 1982

- 8:15am Breakfast with Mr. Alden W. Clausen, President, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, at Blair House.
- 10:00am Interview by Mr. John Wallach, Hearst Newspapers at Blair House.
- 11:30am Meeting with The Honorable Caspar Weinberger, Secretary of Defense, at Blair House.
- 12:15pm Luncheon with The Honorable Caspar Weinberger, Secretary of Defense, at Blair House.
- 3:15pm Meeting with The Honorable Alexander M. Haig, Jr., Secretary of State, at Blair House.
- 4:00pm Meeting with The Honorable James Buckley, Under Secretary of State for Security Assistance, Science and Technology at Blair House.
- 5:30pm Meeting with Mr. Jacques de Larosiere, Chairman of the Board and Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, at Blair House.
- 6:00pm Interview by Mr. McLane, THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE, at Blair House.
- 8:00pm Private dinner at Blair House.

Overnight: Blair House

SUMMARY SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 1982

- 7:45am Breakfast with Mr. James Hoagland, THE WASHINGTON POST, at Blair House.
- 9:00am Coffee meeting with the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Rayburn Office Building, Room 2172.
- 10:30am Wreath-laying Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.
- 11:45am Luncheon hosted by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, U.S. Capitol, Room S-116.
- 4:00pm Meeting with Arab/African Groups, at Blair House.
- 5:30pm Meeting with Mr. Lane Kirkland, President, AFL-CIO, at Blair House.
- 8:00pm Private dinner at Blair House.

Overnight: Blair House

THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 1982

- 8:00am Private breakfast at Blair House.
- 11:30am Meeting with President Reagan at the White House.
- Noon Working luncheon hosted by President Reagan at the White House.
- 4:00pm Press conference, at Blair House.
- 5:00pm Interview by Mr. Claude Hippeau, UPI, at Blair House.
- 8:00pm Dinner hosted by His Excellency Habib Ben Yahia, Ambassador of Tunisia, in honor of His Excellency Mohamed Mzali, Prime Minister of Tunisia, at the Ambassador's Residence, 5131 Broad Branch Road, N.W.

Dress: Business Suit

Overnight: Blair House

SUMMARY SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 1982

- 8:30am Depart Blair House via motorcade enroute the Washington Monument Grounds.
- 8:35am Arrive the Washington Monument Grounds.  
Farewell Committee.
- 8:45am Depart the Washington Monument Grounds via U.S. Presidential Helicopters enroute Andrews Air Force Base.
- 8:55am Arrive Andrews Air Force Base.
- 9:00am Depart Andrews Air Force Base via U.S. Presidential Aircraft enroute Chicago, Illinois-O'Hare Airport (Military Side).
- 9:50am Arrive Chicago, Illinois.

PRIVATE SCHEDULE

- 10:30am Depart airport enroute The Drake Hotel.  
Arrive The Drake Hotel.
- 11:15am Meeting with Standard Oil Officials, Standard Oil Building.
- Noon Luncheon hosted by the Foreign Affairs Council, at the Chicago Club.
- 3:00pm Tour of Chicago Institute of Art and Sears and Roebuck Building.
- 8:00pm Informal dinner hosted by Mr. Chambers.

Overnight: The Drake Hotel

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 1982

- 8:30am Depart Chicago via UNITED #902 enroute New York-LaGuardia Airport.
- 11:26am Arrive New York-LaGuardia Airport.  
Depart New York-LaGuardia Airport via motorcade enroute Federal Plaza, Wall Street.
- Noon Meeting with The Honorable Richard M. Nixon, at his office, Federal Plaza, Wall Street.
- 12:45pm Depart Federal Plaza via motorcade enroute New York-JFK Airport.  
Approx.
- 2:00pm Depart New York-JFK and the United States via AF #002 enroute Paris.

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THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT AFTER  
MEETING WITH TUNISIAN PRIME MINISTER MOHAMED MZALI

Prime Minister Mzali and I met at 11:30 today and lunched together afterwards. I welcomed this opportunity to meet the Tunisian Prime Minister. His visit to Washington has initiated a personal exchange of views that I look forward to continuing.

I was particularly gratified by the Prime Minister's visit because I did not have the opportunity to meet with Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba when he visited the United States privately earlier this year.

It is a special pleasure to meet with a leader of a country with which our relations have been and are characterized by continuing trust and friendship. I am proud that the United States has been able to play a role in the outstanding economic growth and development of Tunisia. I have told the Prime Minister that he can count on us as Tunisia faces the external threats that have emerged in the past few years. The Prime Minister and I renewed our hope for an increased level of trade and commerce between our two nations as a means of benefitting our peoples and sealing our friendship.

The Prime Minister and I exchanged views on the Middle East. I reassured the Prime Minister of my determination to spare no exertion in seeking to bring a just and lasting peace to the Middle East.



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PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL TOAST FOR THE  
WHITE HOUSE LUNCHEON  
IN HONOR OF TUNISIAN PRIME MINISTER MZALI  
APRIL 29, 1982

MR. PRIME MINISTER AND GENTLEMEN, THIS VISIT OF OUR TUNISIAN FRIENDS DEEPLY GRATIFIES THE UNITED STATES. IT IS A PLEASURE AS WELL AS AN HONOR TO WELCOME THE REPRESENTATIVES OF A NATION WITH SUCH ENDURING TIES TO THIS COUNTRY.

OUR GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES HAVE BEEN JOINED IN FRIENDSHIP SINCE OFFICIAL RELATIONS WERE ESTABLISHED ALMOST TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO. THE PRESIDENT AND VERITABLE FATHER OF MODERN TUNISIA, HABIB BOURGUIBA, HAS PLAYED A MAGNIFICENT ROLE IN BRINGING OUR TWO NATIONS CLOSER TOGETHER SINCE HE LED TUNISIA TO INDEPENDENCE IN 1956. HE HAS BEEN A PERSONAL FRIEND OF MANY DISTINGUISHED US PRESIDENTS, WHO HAVE BENEFITTED FROM HIS WISDOM IN PERIODIC MEETINGS HERE AND IN TUNIS. I PROFOUNDLY

REGRET NOT HAVING HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH THE VENERABLE PRESIDENT WHEN HE MADE A PRIVATE VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES EARLIER THIS YEAR. I HAD LOOKED FORWARD TO A LONG AND ENLIGHTENING DISCUSSION OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES, OUR CONTINUING FRIENDSHIP, AND THE GREAT PROBLEMS OF THE WORLD.

TUNISIA HAS A SPECIAL PLACE IN OUR HEARTS BECAUSE IT IS STRIVING TO BRING ITS PEOPLE SPIRITUAL PROGRESS AND ECONOMIC WELL-BEING AS VIGOROUSLY AS IT ONCE STROVE FOR ITS POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE. PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA HAS PRESIDED OVER SOCIAL AND POLITICAL REFORMS THAT PLACE TUNISIA FAR AHEAD OF MANY NATIONS IN THE LONG MARCH TOWARD THE FULL ATTAINMENT OF WHAT HE HAS CALLED "THE DIGNITY OF MAN." TUNISIA'S ECONOMIC PROGRESS HAS PARALLELED THIS EXTRAORDINARY CULTIVATION OF HUMAN POTENTIAL SO THAT TODAY THE COUNTRY IS AN INSPIRATION TO NEW NATIONS OF THE

WORLD STRUGGLING TO RAISE THE QUALITY OF THEIR CITIZENS' LIVES. TUNISIA IS A COUNTRY THAT DEMONSTRATES THE CONNECTION BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM AND ECONOMIC SUCCESS.

THE US HAS STOOD BY ITS TUNISIAN FRIENDS SINCE INDEPENDENCE IN 1956. THE UNITED STATES WAS THE FIRST COUNTRY TO RECOGNIZE TUNISIA AS A SOVEREIGN STATE, AND ONE OF THE FIRST TO OFFER IT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. WE ARE PROUD TO SEE THE FULFILLMENT OF OUR HOPES AND EFFORTS IN TUNISIA'S ADVANCE TO THE STATUS OF A MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRY.

THE UNITED STATES HAS ALSO STOOD BY TUNISIA'S SECURITY. TODAY, WHEN THREATS TO TUNISIA HAVE ATTAINED NEW GRAVITY, THE US CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THE SECURITY OF ITS FRIEND. WE ARE PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO HELP EASE THE PAINFUL ALLOCATION OF

SCARCE RESOURCES TO MILITARY PURPOSES. I AM CONFIDENT THAT AMERICANS AND TUNISIANS ARE JOINED IN LOOKING FORWARD TO A DAY WHEN PEACE IS ASSURED AND THESE SACRIFICES ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED OF US. UNTIL THEN, MAY WE CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARD THAT PEACE TOGETHER, WITH ALL THE WISDOM, ENERGY, AND ENDURANCE THAT MAKE OUR PEOPLES GREAT.

GENTLEMEN, I ASK YOU TO RAISE YOUR GLASSES WITH ME TO OUR DISTINGUISHED TUNISIAN FRIENDS, AND ESPECIALLY TO PRIME MINISTER MZALI. THEY REPRESENT AN INSPIRED COUNTRY AND THEY REPRESENT THE VISIONARY LEADERSHIP OF PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA. I ASK YOU TO JOIN WITH ME IN WELCOMING THEM TO THE WHITE HOUSE.