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**Summary:**

National Security Advisor Richard V. Allen informed Reagan that the administration was "not required to make a legal determination on whether Israel violated U.S. law" and commented that the issue of the raid was "to be treated as a political rather than a legal question."

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