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January 28, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. 

1. Seaga: As you instructed, I met late this afternoon with the Department's experts on Jamaica. I impressed them with the urgency of putting together a tangible economic package that Seaga can take back to Kingston with him tomorrow. It would include: asking David Rockefeller to get a business group to look into private investment in Jamaica; encouraging the World Bank to convene a donor nations group on an urgent basis (I subsequently spoke with Bob McNamara); securing an additional \$5 million in P.L. 480 to Jamaica; and modifying our tax laws to encourage American conventions in Jamaica--a subject high on Seaga's list (Secretary Regan agreed to this this evening). I plan to see the Prime Minister in the morning before he leaves to underscore again this Administration's firm intention to help Jamaica's effort to reverse the recent unfortunate political and economic trends there. (C)

2. Press Conference: My first formal press conference took place this afternoon and it went well. The questions covered the horizon, a good number of them on relations with the Soviet Union, with our principal allies, and our policy towards the Middle East.

I took the opportunity to make a couple of points:

-- Your Administration is not prepared to consider providing arms of any kind, under any circumstances, to the present Government of Iran;

-- Our commitment to Israel's security is absolute, but we will be looking for ways to move the peace process forward in the Middle East;

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-- We will not deal with the PLO in any way as long as they continue their support for terrorism, do not accept Israel's right to a peaceful existence, and refuse to recognize the appropriate UN resolutions as the basis for peace talks;

-- Finally, I stressed that we mean business in dealing with terrorism; we're very concerned about human rights and basic issues of human dignity, but international terrorism is the number one problem right now.

It's interesting to note that 30 minutes after the end of the press conference, TASS (the Soviet news agency) called with a question about terrorism, indicating that at least one customer picked up the message. (LOU)

3. Confirmation of Bill Clark: Bill has nearly completed his rounds of courtesy calls with members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. His hearing is scheduled to begin next Monday, February 2 at 10:00 a.m. The opposition appears to be diminishing, with the possible exception of liberal Senators Biden and Kennedy. Bill is meeting with Biden tomorrow afternoon. Cranston has agreed to join Hayakawa in presenting Bill to the Committee, which is a real plus. Unfortunately, Cranston will not be in town Monday to do it personally, but Justice Stanley Mosk of the California Supreme Court--a noted liberal who is highly respected among the Democrats--will be in town to speak on his behalf at the hearing. (U)

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT  
FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN  
SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Herewith Secretary Haig's Evening Report of January 28, 1981.

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