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February 3, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. 

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1. Korea: The Korean reception last evening was well-attended and an atmosphere of trust and confidence between the US and Korea was evident. In a session with the National Press Club today President Chun expressed great confidence in America and the American Government under your leadership. Inter-agency coordination before and during Chun's visit went well, and the message given the Korean party by other agencies was completely consistent with your wishes. (C)

2. Soviet Grain Embargo: The Japanese requested that we keep them abreast of our thinking on the Soviet grain embargo. If the US lifted the embargo without advance consultation, the remaining Japanese economic sanctions against the Soviet Union would probably be dismantled. Clearly, any decision on the embargo should be preceded by (1) allied consultation and (2) an attempt to seek economic and political concessions from the Soviets. (C)

3. Meeting with Foreign Ministers: The emergency OAS meeting in Washington on the Peru-Ecuador border conflict afforded the opportunity to meet briefly with several Latin American Foreign Ministers and to convey to them aspects of your new policy:

- we seek candid and close relations with each country;
- you do not believe the US should tell countries how to organize their societies;
- socio-economic progress and the growth of democratic institutions should evolve from the internal dynamics of each society;

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- large-scale Cuban intervention in El Salvador, using Nicaraguan territory, is an unacceptable intervention;
- Cuban intervention challenges the entire hemisphere.

The Ministers from the Dominican Republic, Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela, and Peru offered general agreement. The Honduran Minister was delighted. The Panamanian was cautious, urging consultations before major steps were taken. (C)

4. Inter-Agency Meeting on Jamaica: Today, we chaired a meeting of the Inter-Agency Group on Latin America to brief its members on the results of Prime Minister Seaga's visit. Tasks were assigned to follow through on your conversations with the Prime Minister. We shall review progress in three weeks. (LOU)

5. Meeting on CSCE With Max Kampelman: Max Kampelman, head of our CSCE delegation, met with me today to discuss our strategy for the "new proposals" phase of the Madrid meeting, now underway. The French proposal for a Conference on Disarmament in Europe (CDE) is being studied and a recommendation will be forthcoming in a few days. (C)

6. Justice Clark: The Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted this morning on Justice Clark's nomination. Ten Senators (Percy, Baker, Helms, Hayakawa, Lugar, Mathias, Kassebaum, Boschwitz, Pressler, Cranston) voted yes; four voted no (Biden, Glenn, Sarbanes, Dodd); and three were present by proxy (Pell, Zorinsky, Tsongas).

The Senate will not vote on confirmation until after the recess (February 6-16th), because the Foreign Relations Committee must write a report on the hearing. We will be able to influence the report language. (U)

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February 4, 1981

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

Herewith Secretary Haig's Evening Report of February 3,
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