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THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

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February 28, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. 

1. Meeting With Foreign Minister Talboys: New Zealand Foreign Minister Talboys met Friday evening with me and Under Secretary Stoessel. Talboys reiterated that the ANZUS security treaty remains the cornerstone of the GNZ's foreign relations and defense policy but added that as an agricultural country Wellington also needs secure markets for its products to earn foreign exchange. Talboys noted that the GNZ had hoped for Ex-Im Bank financing of some of its military capital purchases, but is aware that budget cut-backs might make this difficult. He was also concerned about US domestic protectionism shutting out New Zealand imports.

I told Talboys that your Administration is very conscious of the need to rebuild American and allied military strength, since this is the only thing the Soviets understand. I underlined that we value our alliance with New Zealand highly and are sympathetic to its economic problems. Talboys was also pleased with my plans in principle to attend the ANZUS Council meeting in Wellington in late June. (S)

2. Mexico Summit: We called in the Yugoslav Ambassador late on the 27th and informed him of your decision to go to the Mexico summit if: a) the meeting could be postponed to the fall; b) Castro was not invited; c) the summit was used to discuss problems, not to reach agreements.

The Yugoslav suggested that perhaps some Cuban participation at less than the Castro level would be possible. We replied that Cuban attendance at the summit was unacceptable to us. (S)

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3. Message from King Hassan of Morocco: Moroccan Ambassador Bengelloun met with Bill Clark today to deliver a personal message from King Hassan. Hassan asked that I try to arrange for you to see two of the King's emissaries in the March 10-20 period. I received the same emissaries in January and believe it would be a misuse of your time to see them. We are considering how we might handle the King's sensitivities, however, and will keep you informed.

Hassan also sent a moderate written message, acknowledging that Security Council Resolution 242 and the Camp David Accords provide the only existing basis for the peace effort. The message specified that they were only inadequate in that they did not sufficiently consider the "question of six million Palestinians whose national rights and legitimate claims cannot reasonably be ignored by any responsible Government." (S)

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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March 2, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

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

cc: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
James Baker

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