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THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

March 31, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. 

1. Soviet Pentecostalist Families in Embassy Moscow.

In response to your question Friday, we have been unable to obtain guarantees from the Soviets for the safe emigration of the seven members of the Vashchenko and Chmykhalov families, who have lived in the Embassy since June 1978. Gromyko turned down Ambassador Watson's January 4 request. I will raise the issue again with Dobrynin at our next meeting, though I am not optimistic. (S)

2. SALT Standing Consultative Commission (SCC). The

Soviets agreed today with our request that the next session of the SCC be rescheduled for May 27. State is chairing an interagency review of SCC-related SALT issues which will be completed in time for the session. (S)

3. Soviets on U.S. TV. In view of the current Soviet

media blitz here and our lack of reciprocal access to Soviet TV, we have decided to refuse a visa extension for Georgiy Arbatov, Moscow's leading "Americanologist", which would have enabled him to appear on the Bill Moyers' Journal show (April 10). This refusal will underline for the Soviets our desire to introduce greater reciprocity into our relationship. We did not want to scuttle the Bill Moyers show entirely, so we are permitting two lower-ranking Soviets to enter the country to appear on it. (S)

4. Dutch Prime Minister. In our meetings with the Dutch

Prime Minister today, van Agt expressed his happiness at your progress and his profound gratitude that, despite the circumstances, we continued his complete program. The Dutch beamed when the Vice President announced, on your behalf, the invitation to Queen Beatrix to visit the US next year on the occasion of the bicentennial of US-Dutch relations. In our discussions, van Agt agreed with the TNF modernization decision but doubted whether the Dutch Parliament would approve it. He also emphasized that the US must be seen as seriously prepared to enter into nuclear arms control talks with the USSR in order to secure European support for TNF. (S)

5. Visit of Indian Ambassador. The Indian Ambassador and

a visiting Indian diplomat conveyed to me today Mrs. Gandhi's concerns about reports of large scale US military assistance to Pakistan. They acknowledged that India also wants a stable Pakistan, but feared the introduction of sophisticated weapons would upset "the natural balance" between the two countries. The visitors were told that our evolving relationship with Pakistan was not directed against India, that we hoped for better relations with New Delhi, and that Soviet violations of international norms were unacceptable. (S)

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April 1, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Herewith Secretary Haig's Evening Report of March 31, 1981.

cc: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
James Baker

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