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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

April 1, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. 

1. Nicaragua. Our demarche to the Nicaraguan Junta went as well as could be expected. They accepted our need to act, resented our public statement affirming their support for violence and reiterated their fundamental interest in maintaining a relationship with us.

On the subject of Embassy security, our Ambassador was assured by Junta head Ortega and Sandinista Directorate member Wheelock that "nothing violent will occur."

Tomorrow will probably bring a strong expression of official outrage, a lambasting in the Sandinista media and probably a public protest demonstration -- peaceful and under Government control. Our readiness posture will be maintained, however, and we shall be prepared to react quickly if necessary.

Extensive press leaks led us to advance our timetable and our public statement was issued at 5:00 p.m. today. Congressional reaction was almost uniformly supportive.

Now that the required Congressional consultations are completed, I am forwarding to you the formal determination and waiver certificate for your signature. (S)

2. Visit of Turkish Foreign Minister. In our meeting today, Turkish Foreign Minister Turkmen expressed support for our efforts in Southwest Asia to resist the growing Soviet threat to the region. He was particularly pleased with our policy on Pakistan. Turkmen accepted our approach to the Middle East peace-making process but believed that the Palestinian issue required more attention. He assured us that Turkey would not reduce further the level of its relations with Israel.

On other issues, Turkmen declared his government's commitment to work for a solution to the Cyprus problem. Turkey would also strive to improve its relationship with Greece. Turkmen asked for continued American economic and military assistance and for our support with other aid donor nations, particularly Saudi Arabia. He was assured that the United States attached a very high priority to Turkey's well-being and that we would do our best to help. (C)

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April 2, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Herewith Secretary Haig's Evening Report of April 1, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker

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