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## THE SECRETARY OF STATE WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

From

Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

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1. Progress in the El Salvador Murder Investigations. There is a major break in the case of the four murdered churchwomen. A National Guard informant has provided our Embassy with the names of the men alleged to have committed the crime. We now believe it was conceived and carried out at the direction of a National Guard Sergeant assigned to the international airport. Circumstantial evidence supports this new lead. We have sent the regional Legal Attache to San Salvador to review this new information.

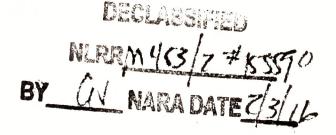
We are working closely with the Salvadorans to ensure that all legal requirements leading to the extradition of the AIFLD murder suspect, Hans Christ, are met. (S)

2. Food Shipments to Poland. Polish Ambassador Spasowski called on Secretary Block and State Department Officers today to report that U.S. grain shipments to Poland were about to end because U.S. commercial bankers are no longer willing to pick up Commodity Credit Corporation loan guarantees. About \$113 million of the \$670 million CCC allocation made to Poland remains outstanding but the U.S. banks are no longer willing to accept these guarantees because they cover only the principal and 6% in interest. Our options are to either guarantee interest at market rates or convert the loan guarantee into a direct CCC credit. These steps would have budgetary and policy implications, however.

We are working with Agriculture on a solution to this problem as an end to U.S. grain shipments to Poland could have a destabilizing effect. Two Polish ships are calling at U.S. ports this week and unless the banks decide to cover the credits or another approach is found, they may return empty. (C)

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