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THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

July 9, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. 

1. Far East Trip Debriefing for House Foreign Affairs Committee. This morning I debriefed the Members of the Committee on my Far East trip. They were particularly interested in arms sales to Taiwan although a broad range of foreign policy issues was discussed, including our evolving Caribbean Basin initiatives, Central American security, and relations with Cuba. The overall tone, from both sides of the aisle, was congenial and supportive. (C)

2. Meeting with EC Commission President Thorn. I met with Gaston Thorn today and found him friendly, but deeply concerned about the need to preserve strong US-EC ties in the face of growing economic difficulties in Europe. Thorn emphasized that there was no EC desire for a confrontation at Ottawa. The EC realizes we cannot bring down interest rates overnight and hopes that your economic policies will succeed, thus permitting interest rates to moderate some months from now. The EC hopes we will make clear at Ottawa our awareness of European concerns and our willingness to be responsive. I reminded Thorn of our own domestic constraints, but agreed that we want a constructive outcome to Ottawa. (C)

3. Four-Power Meeting on Namibia and CSCE/CDE. Bill Clark and Walt Stoessel met with the British, French, and West German Ambassadors today to discuss Namibia and CSCE/CDE. Bill assured them that we remain committed to working through the Contact Group (CG) toward a solution in Namibia, but that we are awaiting further information from South Africa. On CSCE/CDE, we conveyed our willingness to work with the Allies toward a satisfactory formulation on the geographical area for CDE (Conference on Disarmament in Europe) confidence-building measures as part of an overall strategy to end the Madrid CSCE review conference. (SECRET/SENSITIVE)

4. Sinai Negotiations. Ambassador Sterner has received authoritative notification from both Israel and Egypt that the text of the agreement establishing the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) in the Sinai is agreed. There is still the possibility, particularly in the fluid post-election political atmosphere, that one or another of the Israeli hard-line opponents of final Israeli withdrawal will attempt to force Begin to reopen some portion of the text. Thus, we are attempting to arrange the initialling of the agreed documents by next Thursday or Friday. (S)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Secretary Haig's Evening Report for July 9, 1981, which was delivered to my office today.

cc: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
James Baker  
Michael Deaver

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