September 2, 1981

## THE SECRETARY OF STATE WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

From

Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

- 1. Pakistani Concerns about India. Pakistani Foreign Minister Shahi, in New York for Namibia discussions, came down to see me at President Zia's request. Zia is concerned over reports that Mrs. Gandhi may soon bring military pressures to bear on Pakistan. Shahi's evidence--from diplomats, journalists and similar sources -- was not particularly strong. I tried to reassure him; our intelligence has given us no indication of serious Indian intent to act against Pakistan, although Indian rhetoric was mounting over the F-16 issue. Nevertheless, we would send State Department Counselor McFarlane to India (we were already planning a trip) and he would speak frankly about our concerns for South Asian peace. We also compared notes on the Soviets and Afghanistan; Shahi believes increased U.S. defense preparedness can help get the Soviets to withdraw their forces by increasing the cost of Soviet adventurism.
- 2. The French-Mexican Communique on El Salvador. As we expected, the French-Mexican communique on El Salvador has prompted some strong reactions in Latin America. Venezuelan, Argentine and Peruvian officials have criticized it. Colombia and Venezuela have drafted a joint statement which would attack the communique as an interference in El Salvador's internal affairs. Venezuela is actively seeking the support of most of the Latin American countries and has good prospects of gaining a number of co-signers. The kind of reaction from the Latin American countries advances our policy interests and helps repair some of the damage done by the communique. We are instructing our Embassies in selected countries to urge the Latin Americans along in this direction. (C)

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September 3, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Secretary Haig's Evening Report for September 2, 1981.

CC: The Vice President Ed Meese Jim Baker Mike Deaver

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