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November 16, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

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On 07/20/2000, as amended
With Exempt OADR from Sept. 11, 2006
BY [signature]

1. Lebanon: Impasse on Hill 880. The Israeli-supported Christian militia in southern Lebanon led by Saad Haddad occupied strategic Hill 880 deep inside the UNIFIL area on Saturday in retaliation for the deaths the day before of three of Haddad's men. Haddad claims he needs the hill to prevent PLO infiltrations into his territory, which puts him in a dangerous confrontation with UN peacekeeping forces in southern Lebanon. Against the background of continued Israeli nervousness, Haddad's actions could ignite this already tense area. At the request of the UN Secretariat, we have tried to be helpful; we have emphasized to the Israelis our hope that they will try to calm the situation. The impasse between UNIFIL and Haddad on Hill 880 may drag on for some time. The situation is worrisome, but the UN believes it is not life-threatening for the moment.

2. OAU Decides to Provide Troops to Chad. A six-nation OAU meeting ended on November 13 with the participants firmly committed to establish an OAU peacekeeping force. Important decisions were taken on the command structure, mission and duration of the force. Participants agreed to send a team of military officers to N'Djamena immediately to explore the situation. The chiefs of state of the participating countries will meet in Kinshasa November 19-20 to make final decisions on troop deployments. Meanwhile, the first 200 troops of the Zairian contingent arrived in N'Djamena yesterday.

3. My Meeting with Mondale. Walter Mondale, who is about to go to China, met with me today to be briefed on the new complications in our relationship with Beijing. He said that the Carter Administration had been determined to continue arms sales to Taiwan, and the Chinese should not have thought otherwise; I expressed the hope that he would make this point to the Chinese. We also discussed your rationale for selling arms to Taiwan and signs that Deng Xiaoping may be under some pressure from critics of his policies among the top Chinese leadership. Mondale declared at the conclusion of our meeting that he agreed with us on the value of our strategic relationship with Beijing.

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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 Monday,
November 16, 1981.

CC: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

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