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THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

January 22, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. 

1. Cancun Follow-up: Global Negotiations. The Mexican and Canadian Ambassadors today gave Walt Stoessel a letter from Trudeau and Lopez Portillo (which was also sent to all other Cancun participants) urging that you take a direct interest in the consultations on global negotiations which will resume soon in New York. The joint message appears intended primarily for Cancun participants from developing countries. The Group of 77 still owes us a response to the draft resolution approved by the NSC on December 8. However, the ball could very rapidly come to our court if, for example, the Group of 77 endorses the "compromise" resolution proposed December 11 by the European Community. (C)
2. Namibia-Angola. The South Africans have responded favorably to us on the constitutional principles proposed by the Contact Group for Namibia and the conclusion of Phase One of the negotiation. In doing so, they have raised several concerns, including the idea of Western economic support to underwrite the viability of the settlement and the issue of security in the event SWAPO comes to power in Namibia. Some of these concerns will be difficult to resolve, but are still manageable. The Front Line States and SWAPO meet tomorrow in Lusaka, and Assistant Secretary Crocker will meet with the Western Five Contact Group next week in Bonn. (C)
3. Government Crisis in Sudan. There is a good possibility that senior Sudanese military personnel may ask President Nimeiri to resign within the next few days in favor of First Vice-President Abdel Magid Hamid Khalil. A disorderly transition could have a serious negative effect on our bilateral relations and our broader interests in the region. On the eve of the January 27 Paris donors meeting, such a move could also seriously delay meeting Sudan's desperate need for foreign exchange. (S)
4. Polish Debt Negotiations with the Private Banks. The Polish Finance Ministry has cabled private banks stating that overdue 1981 interest will be paid in full by February 15. This could clear the major hurdle in reaching final agreement with the banks on a 1981 rescheduling, which the Poles are suggesting be signed on February 28. If payment is made -- and we still doubt that the Poles can come up with the required \$250 million -- many of the European banks, as well as some U.S. banks, may want to move quickly on a 1982 rescheduling. This will in turn place additional pressure on governments to begin negotiations for rescheduling of Polish official debt due in 1982. (S)
5. Moroccan Counselor Guedira Meeting. King Hassan sent his Counselor Guedira to deliver a special message on US-Moroccan relations. The message, delivered to Stoessel yesterday, is that King Hassan wants to examine carefully the possibility of an alliance relationship with the US, either bilaterally or on an interregional context. Hassan would like to discuss this idea with me when I visit Morocco in a few weeks. (S)

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January 23, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK *wpc*  
SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

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Attached is Al Haig's Evening Report for Friday, January 22, 1982.

cc: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
Jim Baker  
Mike Deaver

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