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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

February 26, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. 

1. San Jose Meeting of Presidents Cancelled. The Costa Rican Government announced late today the cancellation of tomorrow's meeting with the Presidents of El Salvador, Costa Rica, Panama, Nicaragua, and the Foreign Minister of Honduras. It was already known that Suazo, the President of Honduras would not attend. When news that Panama's Royo would not attend surfaced, Carazo cancelled the meeting. The meeting was expected to be largely symbolic and its cancellation should not cause us problems. (C)

2. Ecuadorean Foreign Minister Visits Washington Unofficially. Foreign Minister Valencia of Ecuador passed through Washington today enroute to a meeting in Geneva. Valencia found our attitude toward democracy and human rights in the hemisphere impressive. He warmly endorsed your speech and the CBI concept, and was particularly struck by your sensitivity about the U.S. role in the hemisphere. (S)

3. Australia to Buy Carrier Invincible. Australian Defense Minister Killen announced February 25 that Australia will buy the British anti-submarine carrier "Invincible" to replace the aging "Melbourne" which is currently out of commission. This decision was criticized by the opposition Labor Party and opposed from within Prime Minister Fraser's own cabinet as beyond Australia's financial means. The decision is another example of Fraser's determination that Australia should more than pull its weight in ANZUS and other allied operations, e.g. possible Indian Ocean deployments, in addition to maintaining a credible self-defense force. (C)

4. Madrid CSCE Conference. A neutral/non-aligned (NNA) effort to report on their recess initiative without the sharp East-West exchanges of recent days failed when the Soviets launched a diatribe at today's plenary against U.S. defense policies. The Soviet action might well have served to give the NNA additional incentive to advance a recess proposal, perhaps early next week. In anticipation of this, we are instructing Max Kampelman and others to work out a coordinated public posture that would preempt Soviet attempts to blame a recess initiative on us rather than on the crackdown in Poland. (C)

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

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Attached is Al Haig's Evening Report for Friday, February 26, 1982.

cc: The Vice President
 Ed Meese
 James Baker
 Michael Deaver

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