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THE SECRETARY OF STATE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Alexander M. Haig, Jr. *AD* *PR*

1. Meeting with Somali President. In his meeting with me this afternoon, President Siad Barre, who you will see Thursday morning, expressed his concern about Soviet and Libyan influence in the Horn of Africa and their threat to his regime. He requested additional economic assistance to help meet this threat. Following up on a request from the Kenyan Foreign Minister earlier in the day, I suggested to President Barre that he undertake specific steps to improve his relationship with Kenya. (S)

2. Testimony Before the Foreign Operating Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee. I found that by and large, the Republicans on the committee were generally skeptical about our course on Central America and with respect to Polish sanctions. Senator Leahy, on the other hand, struck a defensive note, indicating to me that our intelligence briefings are beginning to have an effect. My overall impression from three hearings over the past week is that we have a very difficult year ahead of us on Foreign Assistance. (C)

3. Congressional Delegation Reports on Poland. A seven-man congressional delegation (four Democrats and three Republicans), headed by David Obey (D-Wisconsin) returned from Poland yesterday and presented its preliminary report at a press conference this afternoon. The delegation unanimously endorsed your policy both on sanctions and on the subject of default. The Congressmen urged us to consider more humanitarian aid possibly including corn for poultry feed and tractor parts to be channeled through CARE. (LOU)

4. Protest to Syria. Walt Stoessel called in the Syrian Ambassador to register a strong US protest over recent claims by President Assad that the US was instigating domestic violence in Syria. Assad's intemperate remarks followed Phil Habib's assurances to him -- on your behalf -- that the US was not involved in internal events in Syria. Walt warned that such rhetoric would not contribute to better relations. We are following up the protest here with a parallel demarche in Damascus. (S)

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WASHINGTON

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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 Wednesday March 10, 1982.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

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