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From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

- 1. My Meeting With Cheysson. Cheysson and I continued the very useful exchange after lunch. He laid particular stress again on the desire of the French to cooperate more closely with the Germans, including in the military area—a development which we will want to watch carefully. I confirmed Mitterrand's assurances to you that there will be "no more surprises" and no new sales of arms to Nicaragua. While the French were obliged to carry out their existing contract with the Nicaraguans, they will check with us before any future shipments under that contract. Cheysson also informed me that the French have decided to comply with our request that they not sell the Soviets some sophisticated telephone equipment which could have significant technological utility for the Soviets. (SECRET/SENSITIVE)
- Today Jim Buckley concluded his East-West Economic Mission. meetings with Allied Ambassadors to discuss the East-West economic mission he will lead to Europe this Saturday. Briefing the Ambassadors of France, Germany, the UK, Italy, Belgium, Canada, Japan, as well as the EC Delegation Chief over the past few days, Jim: (a) stressed that the interagency mission will focus primarily on restricting and raising the costs of official export credits to the Soviet Union; (b) noted our historic opportunity to take steps together which, while emphasizing continued concern over Poland, would significantly strengthen Western security; (c) reviewed your decision to defer further action on the sanctions announced in December pending a report on the results of the mission, and your interest in keeping a focus on Poland; and (d) explained that the mission will also discuss limits on imports from the Soviet Union and Allied cooperation to limit dependence on Soviet energy. (S)
- 3. Madrid CSCE Conference. Fulfilling the "gentlemen's agreement" reached on Monday, the Madrid conference recessed today until November 9, with an appeal to complete an agreement in the fall on the basis of the neutral's draft concluding document. Austrian Foreign Minister Pahr, who attended today's session, reportedly criticized East-West confrontation at Madrid and the refusal by the U.S. and NATO states to negotiate during the session. Anticipating such charges, especially from the East, we are undertaking an active campaign to ensure public understanding that repression in Poland is to blame for making negotiations impossible. (C)

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