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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

April 29, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. 

1. El Salvador: New President Elected. Dr. Alvaro Magana was elected today as the new provisional president of El Salvador. The agreement worked out last night among the three major parties and the military, whereby there will be three vice presidents, appears to be holding. In light of assembly president D'Aubuisson's persistent opposition to Magana, however, anything is still possible on the vice presidency. Magana, an independent banker with close ties to the Salvadoran military and no identification with any political party, is regarded as a moderate pragmatist who has long recognized the need for political and economic reforms. (S)

2. Law of the Sea. While we have not seen the final treaty text being prepared by Conference President Koh, all indications are that it will fall far short of your six objectives. Despite our efforts, the G-77 has refused to negotiate seriously on any of the issues of major concern to the U.S. except protection for pioneer miners. Koh will seek to have the treaty adopted by consensus on Friday. Unless there are significant changes in the situation, the U.S. delegation will call for a vote at the final session. Despite our opposition, the treaty will probably be adopted by an overwhelming majority. The U.S. delegation has been instructed to seek support from our allies to vote against the treaty, and failing that, to supplement their abstentions with statements critical of the seabed mining provisions. I have sent messages along these lines to our key allies. (S)

3. Senior Interagency Group (SIG) Meeting on START. In preparation for Monday's NSC meeting on START, Larry Eagleburger and Fred Ikle co-chaired a SIG meeting today which approved the forwarding of an interagency paper with three parts: (1) units of account as a framework START position, (2) interim restraints on the strategic forces of both sides once negotiations begin, (3) a listing of other relevant START issues. Agency differences remain on the units of account issue which will be the focus of Monday's NSC discussion. On interim restraints, we are considering two possibilities: simply observing existing agreements or adding a cap on missile warheads. The SIG recognized the danger of letting such restraints bog down the negotiations instead of concentrating on arms reductions. Finally, the SIG agreed that decisions on the category of "other issues" should be postponed until the units of account question has been settled. (S)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

DR

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Al Haig's Evening Report for Thursday, April 29, 1982.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver