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Interviewer: Can we ask you about the reasons for this visit and what you talked about?

Mr. Haig: Why sure. I have just completed an important trip - meetings in Geneva with Foreign Minister Gromyko. A trip to Israel and Egypt where we dealt with the peace process. I briefed the Prime Minister on both of these events and it was particularly pertinent because President Mubarak of Egypt will be here at the end of next week, in London.

Interviewer: Did you discuss Poland at all?

Mr. Haig: Of course.

Interviewer: Can you tell us whether, can you tell us a little more about your discussions, Sir, and you are a long long way away from the microphone!

Mr. Haig: Well I don't make it a habit of kissing tele - you know that now - I've been here too long for that.

Interviewer: But was it a kissing situation so to speak. In other words are you satisfied that Europe and the United States are now in step over Poland?

Mr. Haig: I've been very very encouraged by the Western unity demonstrated first at the NATO meeting several weeks ago, subsequent action that have been taken here in Europe, in the Ten, and unilaterally by our Member States. And thus far I would say we have kept a very strong united front and that was clear in my discussions with the Prime Minister.

Interviewer: With the benefit of hindsight, Sir, do you think the United States could have been a little more tough in its initial approach over the Polish crisis?

Mr. Haig: Well I think one can debate that. I think we sent a very strong signal and that was re-enforced again this week at

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the Ministerial level with the Soviet Union.

Interviewer: You didn't seem very happy, Sir, at the beginning with the reaction in Europe over Poland. Have you now been reassured, have you been more encouraged by what you have been hearing from Europe now?

Mr. Haig: Well, as I said I was very satisfied with the NATO Meeting which I participated in and the actions that have occurred subsequently. I think its vitally important we all stay together in a united front.

Interviewer: But do you now think its time to step up the reaction on Poland. Are you thinking now in terms of more sanctions?

Mr. Haig: Well I think that we all have judged that the situation continues to deteriorate. And that means we have to assess every step of the way when those conditions continue to prevail as they have. We made it very clear what we hope for and expect.

Interviewer: What do you think the next step along the road, as it were, will be?

Mr. Haig: Oh I'll leave that to the events. Thank you very much.