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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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January 22, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN *rw*
SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Herewith Secretary Haig's evening report for January 21, 1981.

We have agreed that, if available at the hour I brief you, I will bring it to you personally. Otherwise, it will be forwarded to you when received.

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
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January 21, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. @

1. My Meeting With Warren Christopher: I met with Warren Christopher when he returned today and congratulated him on the completion of a very difficult negotiation. He praised the Algerians for their role and suggested that we have a special opportunity to develop further this relationship. We agreed that we should wait a decent interval after this agreement before new arms shipments (OV10 aircraft) or sales of new items (M-60 tanks) to Morocco. I have this question under study. On the agreement, I assured him that, while we wished to study it and learn more of its implications, we recognized it generally as a binding obligation.

2. Working Group on the Iran Agreement: David Newsom today chaired the first interagency working group meeting on Iran. Frank Hodsoll represented Jim Baker at the meeting. Part of the negotiating team in Algiers had just returned and, along with State, Justice and Treasury officials, briefed the group on the components of the agreement with Iran. Among items we need to consider in implementing the agreement, several were identified for early attention: a) publication in the Federal Register of the Executive Order signed by President Carter; b) interagency review of the Treasury regulations that give effect to these orders; c) establishment of the security account to which US claimants will apply; d) a new Executive Order transferring claims from US courts; and e) our overall policy toward imminent litigation. The group will meet again Friday morning.

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The agreement is immensely complicated and technical. Once we have decided our policy on how to proceed with implementation, we will need to move quickly to allay anxieties in the business and financial communities. Much of this is based on misinformation. Even so, we can expect considerable litigation in our courts in the months ahead.

A working group is also reviewing plans for the reception of the returnees in the United States. I will send you my recommendations shortly. (S)

3. Upcoming Visits by European Foreign Ministers:

I used my meeting this morning with West German Ambassador Hermes to stress the central importance you attach to West Germany in our relations with Europe. We also discussed the proposed visit here by Foreign Minister Genscher, for which the dates of March 9-11 now seem likely. Hermes made clear that Chancellor Schmidt wants very much to meet with you before too long, and he proposed a visit in April. I believe it is important that you and Schmidt meet soon.

In addition, Foreign Minister MacGuigan of Canada has asked to come to Washington late next week to meet with me. Foreign Minister Colombo of Italy will be in New York February 11 and I will meet with him in Washington the following day. French Foreign Minister Francois-Poncet will also visit Washington in February.

I am considering how best to sequence the several visits which should take place. (C)

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