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January 26, 1981

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



1. Nicaragua: In light of the continuing evidence of Nicaraguan support for the leftist insurgency in El Salvador, I today sent a strong message to the Nicaraguans stating that we could not tolerate continuation of these activities and would cut off immediately all US aid to Nicaragua if they persisted. After he has delivered this message, our Ambassador will return to Washington on consultations. I am sending you separately a memorandum dealing with this situation. (S)

2. El Salvador: As you requested, I have sent to you today an options paper on El Salvador. The basic thrust is to suggest some immediate actions which we can take to show our strong support for the Government's efforts to resist externally-supported subversion. At my instruction, State will urgently develop interagency recommendations for you on a longer-term course of action. I hope to have this to you within the next two weeks. Bob White, our Ambassador to El Salvador, has been called back on consultations and will arrive in Washington Tuesday. We will then send a tough-minded professional as Chargé as quickly as we can. (S)

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3. Meeting with British Ambassador: During my first meeting with British Ambassador Henderson this afternoon, he expressed agreement with our assessment that the Polish situation could quickly become ominous. He thought the West Germans would pose the most serious threat to maintaining Allied solidarity in the event of a Soviet move, and suggested that we should be prepared to secure Schmidt's support.

Henderson also stressed the importance of continuing the special American-British relationship and the confidential consultations between ourselves, British, French, and Germans (the Quadripartite Forum). He also underlined British concern over the Namibian problem and the potential threat it could pose to our shared interests in southern Africa. Henderson, finally, informed me of the UK's intention to proceed with independence to Belize, notwithstanding threats from Guatemala. (S)

4. Update on the Status of the Returnees: There was an air of relaxation about the returnees contacted today. The family groups seem well integrated and comfortable with each other. The breakfast buffet got rave reviews. The whole mood is upbeat and exactly as we had hoped for.

Most of the returnees and families attended the inter-faith service at the chapel. They were accompanied by a large number of cadets. The service was moving and was greatly appreciated by all the participants. Following the service the returnees and their families mingled with the cadets.

The press hall has been readied for tomorrow and it is planned that the families will be kept "off stage" and in the wings. (U)

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January 27, 1981

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