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February 2, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. 

1. Korean President's Visit: The discussions today with the Korean President apparently ended a period of strained US-Korean relations. The Koreans are pleased with their reception. They understand that we expect a less restrictive political atmosphere.

In his discussions with me this afternoon, President Chun was particularly concerned about the state of the Korean economy. An informal interagency meeting with Korea's top economic leader, Deputy Prime Minister Shin, chaired by Mike Rashish, elaborated on the theme of economic relations.

President Chun handled himself well in the meetings with the Congressional leadership. (C)

2. Polish Contingency Planning and Allied Consultations: You will receive a memorandum concerning the current allied consultations on Poland. In the event of a Soviet intervention, the proposed political and economic measures would hurt Moscow and merit public understanding here. We have agreed to participate in very confidential meetings next week with the British, French, and Germans, the better to insure united action. (S)

3. Soviet Grain Embargo: Ambassador Stoessel's inter-agency group met again today to review the domestic and international factors you will want to consider before deciding whether to lift the grain embargo. We have developed several options on how to proceed. These are now being circulated to Cabinet members in preparation for Wednesday's meeting. (C)

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4. Meeting with Reverend Jesse Jackson: At his request, I met today with the Reverend Jesse Jackson. He was about to leave for the Middle East and wished to explore the possibility of this Administration's holding a dialogue with the PLO. He was informed in no uncertain terms that this Administration holds the same position as its two immediate predecessors, as established in 1975 and reaffirmed recently by yourself: the PLO must accept Israel's right to exist and UN Security Council Resolutions 242-338 before such a dialogue can commence. Mr. Jackson was also alerted to our concern that the PLO's situation was complicated by the Soviet Union's support for international terrorist organizations.

Let it not be said that we were unwilling to listen.
(S)

5. Justice Clark: The Senate Foreign Relations Committee concluded its hearing on the Clark nomination this afternoon. The questioning was intense and detailed and focused on his lack of experience in foreign policy, despite his obvious strengths in administration. Senators Helm and Boschwitz were particularly helpful; Senators Biden and Dodd were most critical, and have announced they will vote against confirmation. Chairman Percy has scheduled the committee vote on confirmation for Tuesday, February 3 at 10:00 a.m. Senator Glenn is still undecided, as are Pell and Sarbanes. We have asked all nine Republican Members to be present for the vote. (C)

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February 3, 1981

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

Herewith Secretary Haig's Evening Report of February 2, 1981.

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