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February 7, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Alexander M. Haig, Jr. *AMH*

1. Ship Visit to Agadir, Morocco: Sending one of our capital ships this week to Agadir has produced exactly the result I had hoped for. It is seen as a show of US support for Morocco and a warning to the Soviets.

Specifically, a French wire service report (obviously stimulated by the Moroccans) interpreted the American naval visits "as particularly directed at the Soviets who have had several warships cruising, since the end of 1980, close to Moroccan waters." The piece continues: "American support to Morocco has also become clearly evident with the arrival in-country of the first two OV-10's ordered in the United States and by the submission to Congress by the Reagan Administration right after it took control of the government of the proposed sale of 108 M-60 tanks to the Moroccan Army." Finally, the article concludes that "the very strong statements of the new President and of Secretary of State Haig concerning the Soviet Union...have been particularly well-received in Moroccan political circles."

2. Mexico: You will be receiving from me separately a proposed letter from you to Lopez Portillo. The letter calls his attention to the dangerous situation in El Salvador [redacted] Nicaraguan and Cuban subversion there as a means to bring him closer to our position.

3. Sinai: I chaired an in-house meeting today to look at our strategy for underpinning the scenario for the final phase of Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai. This must take place before next spring, and as required by the Camp David agreements, a monitoring force is to replace the Israeli presence. The accords originally envisaged a UN force as a replacement,

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but this has no hope of developing. Instead, in bilateral talks with the Egyptians and Israelis, we will begin to explore organizing a limited multi-national force. We may need to commit ourselves to participating, and eventually we may have to offer an entirely US force. However this develops, we want the decisions to further our overall strategic interests in the region, as well as influence the course of future Middle East negotiations.

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February 10, 1981

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

Herewith Secretary Haig's Evening Report of February 7, 1981.

cc: The Vice President  
Edwin Meese, III  
James A. Baker, III

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