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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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

1. Libyan Pilot Defects to Greece. A Libyan pilot landed his Soviet-built MIG 23 on Crete today and was granted asylum by the Greek Government. We have been offered a brief opportunity to examine the aircraft, originally mistaken for the highly desirable MIG 27, before the Libyans collect it. Our Ambassador in Athens has been instructed to impress upon the Greeks the importance of our having adequate access to the MIG. The Greeks will try to delay the Libyan arrival. This aircraft will be available only until some time early tomorrow and an Air Force Technical Intelligence team has been dispatched from Germany to examine it. (S)

2. Meeting With Omani Foreign Minister Zawawi. Today's meeting with Omani Foreign Minister Zawawi confirmed the identity of U.S. and Omani views on global and Middle East threats posed by the Soviet Union. Zawawi was told of American determination to meet the Soviet challenge by rebuilding our military power and strengthening consultations with our friends, especially in NATO and the Persian Gulf. Zawawi emphasized Oman's determination to provide its own defense while recognizing the need for security cooperation with the United States.

Zawawi said that Oman's overall relationship with the United States was satisfactory. He predicted a promising future for increased cooperation among the Persian Gulf states.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Zawawi asked about two military equipment issues -- additional M60 A-3 tanks and TOW missiles. I replied that the tank matter was among our priorities and we would inform him before he left Washington about TOW missile deliveries to Oman. (S)

3. Appointment by Waldheim of a Special Representative on Afghanistan. UN Secretary General Waldheim, attending the Non-Aligned Foreign Ministers Meeting in New Delhi, announced the appointment of a special representative on Afghanistan; UN Under Secretary General Perez de Cuellar of Peru. The special

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representative, whose mission will be to facilitate a solution to the Afghanistan problem, was called for by the November 1980 UN General Assembly Resolution that demanded the immediate withdrawal of all foreign troops from Afghanistan and had been urged on a reluctant Waldheim by Pakistan.

While this appointment should serve to pressure the Soviets, we will have to ascertain that de Cuellar's mandate conforms closely to the text of the General Assembly Resolution, with its call for Soviet withdrawal. Otherwise negotiations under his auspices could work to legitimize the Soviet occupation.

Pakistan's position is crucial to the outcome of the special representative's mission. The Pakistanis, feeling Soviet pressure, have been anxious to begin a process that might relieve it. Pakistan has refused, however, to recognize the Soviet puppet regime in Kabul, and has insisted upon Soviet troop withdrawal as part in any settlement. (C)

4. Madrid CSCE: Beginning of the Final Stage: On Tuesday, delegates to the Madrid meeting of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) completed discussion of new proposals and turned their attention to the final Conference document. So far, East and West have found little common ground. Backed by the other Warsaw Pact countries, the Soviets continue to tout their initiative for a Conference on Military Detente and Disarmament in Europe (CMDD), soliciting the important "swing vote" of the neutral and nonaligned countries. Against this stands the French proposal for a Conference on Disarmament in Europe (CDE). The US decision on the CDE is awaited as the key to further progress. We have recommended that you call President Giscard personally to convey U.S. support for the French proposal. (C)

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