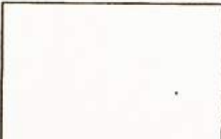



THE SECRETARY OF STATE
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February 12, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From: Alexander M. Haig, Jr. 1. Mexico: Special Emissary: This morning our
Ambassador to Mexico delivered your letter  Walters will then visit Brazil, Argentina, and
Chile. At each stop he will impress on the head of state
the direct, worldwide, active support of the Soviets and
their allies for the insurgents in El Salvador and indicate
our determination to halt this Cuban-coordinated intervention.
He will also indicate that U.S. relations with each country
will improve during your administration. (S)2. Talks with Italian Foreign Minister. In my talks
with Italian Foreign Minister Colombo, I outlined our foreign
policy priorities, with emphasis on defense, reciprocity in
U.S.-Soviet dealings, and the need to combat terrorism,
especially in El Salvador. In addition, we wanted a close
relationship with Italy and our other allies, based on real
consultations, not briefings after the decision.Colombo stressed the need to pursue negotiation on
Theater Nuclear Forces (TNF) with the Soviets; these nego-
tiations should proceed in parallel with installation of the
new cruise missiles in Europe as decided by NATO in December
1979. I assured him we had this very much in mind but re-
minded him of the need to re-assert linkage in all our dealings
with the USSR. Colombo was also informed of our need to
discuss global political issues with our allies and NATO's
limitations in this respect.Colombo's appraisal of the situation in Poland was
similar to our own. When Colombo referred to the internal
Italian political situation I took the opportunity to state
that, while the composition of the Italian government was up
to the Italian people, we were opposed to Communist parti-
cipation in the governments of any of our allies. Colombo
rejoined emphatically "So are we!"~~SECRET/SENSITIVE~~

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Colombo also shared our concern about growing Soviet influence in Malta and the supply of nuclear technology to Iraq and Libya. He agreed that arms should not be given to Iran or Iraq at this time. (S)

3. Japanese Ambassador Okawara's Call. Japanese Ambassador Okawara called on me today. I told him of the importance we placed on U.S.-Japanese relations, and our intention to consult in advance with Japan on issues such as the possible lifting of the grain embargo. The Ambassador also heard our views on the El Salvador situation and its impact on East-West relations. Okawara was informed of our intention to improve the dialogue with the Peoples Republic of China. We covered economic issues: our position on tightening the AID budget and the need to resolve U.S.-Japanese economic problems before they become major political issues.

The Ambassador urged that high-level consultations be continued during the coming visits of Foreign Minister Ito, Former Prime Minister Fukuda and Prime Minister Suzuki. He also hoped that this Administration would make a strong public statement on its intention to remain in force in Asia. (C)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Herewith Secretary Haig's Evening Report of February 12, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker

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