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THE SECRETARY OF STATE WASHINGTON

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February 25, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

From

Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

1. Congressional Consultation on F-15 Enhancement. Today we began the necessary Congressional consultations on the sale of hardware for Saudi Arabia's F-15's. Cap Weinberger and I telephoned the Congressional leadership as well as the Chairmen and ranking members of our major committees. We will continue individual briefings tomorrow for key Senators; executive sessions for the House and Senate Foreign Relations Committees will be handled jointly by State and DOD.

The initial reaction is mostly favorable, and, together with Israel's tacit understanding of our position, we hope to put this matter quickly behind us, strengthening our relations with the Saudis in the process. (C)

2. Election of Spanish Prime Minister; Coup Arrests. The Spanish parliament voted February 25 to invest Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo as Prime Minister. He should be sworn in February 26, and we have sent a congratulatory message for your approval. Calvo Sotelo does not enjoy a firm majority but he has gained more support than expected.

Meanwhile, the armed forces acting under the King have arrested the principal actors in the failed coup and have relieved others of their commands. High level military complicity may have been more widespread than originally suspected. (C)

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February 26, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Herewith Secretary Haig's Evening Report of February 25, 1981.

cc: The Vice President Ed Meese James Baker

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