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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

February 27, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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

1. Meeting With Foreign Minister Carrington. Lord Carrington and I met for two hours this morning, covering a broad range of topics. He passed a message that President Zia of Pakistan had sent Mrs. Thatcher before her departure, asking that she intercede with you on his behalf seeking assurances that assistance to Pakistan not be subject to an Indian veto and that such commitments match Pakistan's requirements. I assured him that we understood the need to assist Pakistan and were currently examining our options. Carrington reiterated once more that British are trying to be helpful on the Arab/Israeli dispute, not competitive and suggested that resumption of Euro-Arab dialogue, with PLO participation, might be a useful device to bring about PLO acceptance of the existence of the State of Israel.

On Belize, Carrington indicated that the British will have to leave some troops in place if they cannot get an agreed settlement with Guatemala. If they get agreement, they will rely primarily on a training cadre to work with the Belize armed forces and police. Carrington reaffirmed that the UK will grant Belize independence regardless of the outcome of the talks. We spent a good deal of time on El Salvador and I again underlined our appreciation for the UK's strong public statement condemning arms shipments to the guerrillas there.

The Foreign Minister seemed to agree with our pre-conditions for your attendance at a Mexican Summit in the fall: that Castro not be present and that there be advance agreement on the agenda. He urged that we obtain French and German support. In the European context, Carrington stressed the need for us to proceed on both tracks of the TNF decision-- deployment and disarmament talks with Soviets --in order to reassure the Europeans.

Carrington appealed for American generosity at the upcoming donor conference for Zimbabwe. He praised Mugabe's leadership

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and argued that he truly hates the Russians. Carrington also suggested we send a high-profile emissary to southern Africa to explore ways of moving the Namibian problem towards resolution. I indicated that we would consider his suggestions seriously.

Finally, the Foreign Minister offered to receive any guidance or message we would like him to take to China and Japan when he visits these two countries in the end of March. I thanked Carrington for his offer and promised to get back to him after consulting with you. (S)

2. Canadian Fisheries. In smoothing the way for your Ottawa visit, the Canadians have been told that we will move next week to delink the boundary and fisheries treaties and obtain passage of the less contentious boundary treaty alone. They accept our decision and seem relieved. The question of joining us to make the move look mutual will be brought up during a meeting of the Canadian Cabinet next week. At this point prospects are good that the issue will be well on track by the time you get to Canada. (C)

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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February 28, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

RICHARD V. ALLEN *Allen*

SUBJECT:

Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Herewith Secretary Haig's Evening Report of February 27, 1981

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker

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