

THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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March 2, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

1. Meeting with Waldheim and Von Wechmar at the UN. In my meeting today with Secretary General Waldheim and his staff at UN Headquarters in New York, I indicated that the mood of the American people had changed along with Administrations. Self-doubt and uncertainty had been replaced by pride and determination; these qualities would be reflected in our foreign policy. Moreover, we intended to state the facts as we saw them on many issues now cloaked in hypocrisy, such as the Soviet role in international terrorism and the Cuban role in El Salvador.

Among other issues covered were Afghanistan (we welcomed UN efforts so long as they never accepted the Soviet presence), Chad (Waldheim indicated the Africans had simply been too slow to organize an anti-Libyan effort in the UN) and the Middle East (Waldheim said the Palestinian problem was central to a solution, and I replied that we could not accept a PLO that was part of a worldwide, Soviet-led terror campaign). Finally, on Namibia, I left Waldheim in doubt; we were reviewing our policy but we were linking the situation there to the presence of Cuban troops in Angola.

Waldheim, who is up for reelection this fall, is now on notice that we mean to pursue our interests with vigor.

In a separate meeting, the current General Assembly President, FRG Ambassador Von Wechmar, asked about global negotiations. He was informed (as was Waldheim) that you were disposed to go to the North/South Summit in Mexico under certain conditions but that we had not clarified our views on global negotiations. (C)

2. Meeting With Indonesian Foreign Minister Mochtar. In a meeting with Foreign Minister Mochtar this afternoon in New York I gave him a sense of our Asian policy priorities. We recognized Indonesia's significance as the world's fifth largest nation, a leader in ASEAN, a moderate in OPEC and the Islamic Conference, and

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a good friend of the US. In reply, Mochtar assured me of his country's friendship. He expressed his high regard for the new Administration and for you personally. Among other things, he also expressed appreciation for our economic development assistance. Mochtar was clearly pleased by our intention to invite President Suharto to the US soon. (S)

3. The F-15 Deal: Reaction in Saudi Arabia and Israel.
In conversation with Ambassador West, both Crown Prince Fahd and Prince Saud approved of our proposal to sell F-15 enhancement items, though Saud suggested that the Saudis may expect us eventually to sell them the bomb racks.

In Israel, Prime Minister Begin told Ambassador Lewis that he approved of your general approach towards the Soviet challenge and the Mideast region, but that he was unhappy about the F-15 issue. Lewis believes the Israelis will want an improved American financial offer or additional technology. (S)

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March 3, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Herewith Secretary Haig's Evening Report of March 2, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker

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