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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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

1. Brezhnev Letter. An analysis of the letter and recommended course of action has been forwarded to you separately for your approval. The letter does not contain startling new proposals, but we must consult quickly with our allies about it. Hopefully, you will have a chance to review our recommendations soon. (S)

2. Meeting with FRG Foreign Minister Genscher. Foreign Minister Genscher's meeting with me today was distinguished by a very useful exchange on many subjects. As expected, Genscher sought assurances from us on our arms control policies, especially those concerning theater nuclear forces (TNF) in Europe. These assurances would enable him and Chancellor Schmidt to withstand domestic pressures against vital Western defense programs. He was therefore delighted to hear that we plan to hold an early meeting in NATO of the TNF Consultative Group. Genscher supported our efforts in El Salvador and was anxious to proceed with the "Contact Group" approach developed by the Carter Administration for resolving the Namibia crisis. He assured me that the Europeans want to make their efforts in the Middle East complementary to our policy objectives. (C)

3. Mozambique In response to the expulsion of four of our diplomats from Mozambique on March 4, the Mozambican authorities have been told that their action will impair our relationship.

An AID team, which had arrived in Maputo on the eve of the expulsions, has been withdrawn and Mozambique's share of the PL480 program has been withheld. The Mozambicans are not represented in Washington, so we cannot retaliate against their diplomats. (C)

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