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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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

1. Meeting with President-Designate Viola of Argentina.  
The meeting with President-designate Viola was marked by full agreement on the Soviet-Cuban threat in the hemisphere and Viola pledged Argentine support for U.S. efforts in El Salvador. He also promised Argentine aid in moderating the actions of the Bolivian Government, especially on the issue of drug trafficking. He was pleased to hear that we wish to remove restrictions on U.S. arms and military training for Argentina.

Viola said that his government will ratify the Treaty of Tlatelolco after working out problems on safeguards, and is looking forward to improved relations with us in the nuclear field. He said that Argentina is now a country of order and considerable liberty moving toward democracy. He was assured that the Argentines have heard their last public lecture from us on human rights. (C)

2. Meeting with FRG Economics Minister Lambsdorff. In a meeting this afternoon, FRG Economics Minister Count Lambsdorff explained in some detail the belief of the German Government that the proposed natural gas pipeline deal with the Soviet Union presents no danger of increased vulnerability. The Minister was urged to delay the conclusion of the deal, allowing us sufficient time to establish the basis for a new relationship with the Soviets. Lambsdorff was encouraging but noncommittal on this point.

Lambsdorff urged that we resist restraints on Japanese imports, lest major protectionist actions be taken by the EC Ten against both Japan and the United States. (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 March 16, 1981.

cc: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
James Baker

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