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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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March 17, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. 

1. Nicaragua. Our Chargé in Managua has been instructed to tell the Nicaraguan Government that the strong arm tactics used to prevent an opposition political rally raise serious questions about their commitment to pluralism. It also poses a security threat to our personnel (C)

2. Testimony Before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Justice, Commerce and the Judiciary. My testimony on the Department's FY 1982 Appropriations Bill before a closed session of the Subcommittee offered a general foreign policy overview emphasizing the dangers of the decade ahead. The State Department's willingness to take its fair share of austerity measures was also indicated. Committee Members asked about several current foreign policy issues but were chiefly concerned about the adequacy of plans to spend defense appropriations. (C)

3. Costa Rican Request. Costa Rican Ambassador Jose Rafael Echeverria, called on Walt Stoessel this afternoon to deliver a letter expressing regret over today's bombing incident in San Jose. (Three U.S. Marines were injured). Echeverria used the occasion to request that you receive Costa Rican President Rodrigo Carazo for a brief, unofficial visit to discuss Central American developments.

You will receive our recommendations on this request shortly. We are mindful of the complicity of Costa Rican authorities with Cuban subversive activities in El Salvador (including involvement of members of the President's family). (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 17, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker

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