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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

March 27, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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

1. Nicaragua: DOD will be putting contingency forces in place in Panama over the weekend. We therefore intend to announce your determination cutting off aid to Nicaragua on Wednesday. We have prepared a plan to notify Congress, various countries and the Nicaraguans on Tuesday. We will send you talking points on Saturday for your call to Lopez Portillo informing him of our decision. We recommend you make that call Tuesday. (S)

2. Pakistan: The Pakistanis have asked for more time and in-depth discussions before making decisions on a strengthened security relationship with the US. We have invited Foreign Minister Agha Shahi to Washington for this purpose, probably in mid-April. The Pakistanis expressed gratitude for the seriousness of our approach, welcoming the prospect of closer ties. Key Congressional leaders have been told that there will be no budget request for Pakistan at this time. We have stressed the positive nature of the Pakistani response in talking with the Congress and the press. (S)

3. Poland: We are hoping that yesterday's White House statement may provide some help to the moderates in the Polish leadership as they approach a possible confrontation with the hardliners at the Party Central Committee meeting scheduled for Sunday. We held a further inter-agency meeting this afternoon to review contingency planning, and we will be monitoring the situation carefully over the weekend.

Meanwhile, US bankers meeting in New York agreed to establish a national committee to coordinate positions on debt relief for Poland. They agreed that they would not declare a technical default on Polish loans at least until the conclusion of a multilateral meeting of banks in London next Tuesday. (C)

4. Herrera: Venezuelan President Herrera says he regretted your invitation because the dates proposed fell during Easter. We think there are other reasons, too. El Salvador is a delicate issue in Venezuela. Herrera's Christian Democratic government and the Social Democratic opposition are just beginning to move toward a greater understanding with each other on El Salvador. Herrera may feel that it is best politically to cooperate with us on El Salvador at some distance rather than being seen as too closely tied to us. This is in line with Venezuela's general desire to appear as an independent leader in the hemisphere. Venezuela is working on developing common Latin positions to discuss with us. (C)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

RICHARD V. ALLEN *Allen*

SUBJECT:

Secretary Haig's Evening Report

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

CC: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker

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