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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

April 3, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: William P. Clark, Acting *WPC*

1. Meeting with Howard Baker. Howard Baker and Al met this morning over coffee to discuss his trip to the Middle East. Leaving next week, Baker will visit virtually the same countries as Al. Howard was informed that Al would return in the event of an emergency in Poland. Baker said that he will also cancel his trip or return from it in that event. They then joined Senators McClure, Garn, Simpson, and Baucus, who will accompany Howard on his trip. They were told that your Administration sees their visit as very helpful. They agreed that they would endeavor to show the new unity of the Legislative and Executive branches on the definition of American interests and our foreign policy objectives. (S)

2. Central American Hijacking. The hijackers of the Honduran SAHSA airliner remain in detention in Panama. The demarches which we and our European allies have made to the Panamanian authorities seem to have led them to reconsider sending the hijackers to Cuba. Our demarches in Havana, which the Canadians have supported, may also have had the effect of persuading the Cubans not to grant asylum. Although it is still possible that Panama will allow the hijackers safe passage out of the country, it is clearly rethinking its position. (C)

3. Madrid CSCE Meeting. The delegates at the Madrid CSCE Review Meeting agreed today to an Easter Recess from April 10 to May 5. No significant progress at Madrid is likely until the delegations return after the Easter break. There is no target date for ending, though our delegation pressed for one. (C)

4. Consultations on Nicaraguan Aid Determination. While full returns are not in yet, our friends and allies were generally understanding of the U.S. decision, if we are willing to provide Nicaragua a "carrot" as well as a "stick." Many feared, however, that our determination might provoke a Nicaraguan radicalization. The British and Belgians believed our decision the only logical one, while the EC Commission expressed concern that Nicaragua not be written off. The Germans expressed full understanding of our aid cutoff. Meanwhile, things remain quiet in Managua with no apparent security threat brewing for our Embassy. (C)

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

SECRET ATTACHMENT

April 4, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN
SUBJECT: State's Evening Report

Herewith is the State Department's Evening Report of
April 3, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker

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