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THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

April 14, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

1. Pakistani and Honduran Hijackings: We have been making progress in our efforts to ensure that the perpetrators of the recent international hijackings do not escape punishment. At a meeting in Ottawa at the end of last week, we persuaded our Economic Summit Allies that they should keep up the pressure on the Syrians and Panamanians. They (and we) will be making renewed demarches in Damascus and Panama over the next few days. So far we have succeeded in preventing the transfer of the hijackers to some third country; they remain in custody; and even the Cubans will not give them asylum. We have also obtained a commitment from our allies to develop more effective policy coordination procedures for future hijackings and terrorist incidents. The experts will be meeting again in mid-June for this purpose. (C)

2. Japan: Reaction to Submarine Collision Incident: The collision of a Navy Polaris submarine with a Japanese freighter in the East China Sea last Thursday created a surprising degree of anti-American criticism in Japan. The Japanese were very critical of the submarine's post-collision conduct, especially the delay in informing the Japanese authorities and its failure to pick up survivors. Mike Mansfield did a fine job in Tokyo in promptly expressing our regrets; Navy Secretary Lehman and I also issued personal statements. While the Japanese appreciate our sympathy and sincerity, public opinion awaits a satisfactory explanation, appropriate compensation, and punishment of the guilty, if necessary. We are working closely with the DOD and the Navy to conclude the matter before Suzuki's visit. (S)

3. Quad Ambassadors' Concerns: In a meeting today, Walt Stoessel briefed the British and French Ambassadors on our conclusions about the Middle East. The French Ambassador especially underlined the need for some signs of activity, including the autonomy talks.

On TNF all three hoped that at the NATO Foreign Ministers meeting in early May, US readiness to arrange talks with the Soviets would be signalled. (S)

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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  
April 14, 1981.

cc: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
James Baker  
Michael Deaver

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