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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

April 21, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. 

1. Talks with Pakistani Foreign Minister. We reached broad agreement with Shahi on the framework of our new relationship. He talked with President Zia last evening and was authorized to accept our offer of \$100 million in ESF for FY 82 contingent upon a change in the Symington Amendment. The Pakistanis want this kept confidential. We indicated that the Pakistani proposal of leasing F-16s would pose problems. (In a subsequent meeting, Cap told the Pakistanis that we would look closely at the request and at alternative aircraft). The Pakistanis said they would welcome a U.S. delegation to discuss contingency planning against Soviet threats through Afghanistan, out-year assistance proposals, and military procurement matters. We agreed to keep in close touch on our diplomatic strategy on Afghanistan.

These talks have registered significant progress in clarifying our intentions and dispelling misconceptions. Difficult decisions remain to be made on aircraft and assistance sufficient to satisfy Pakistan. But the most important element in our relations--confidence and mutual trust--has been established. (SECRET/SENSITIVE)

2. Violence in Lebanon. The situation in Beirut and South Lebanon has deteriorated significantly over the last two days, and is unlikely to improve soon. We again asked our embassies in Beirut, Damascus, and other key posts to encourage all the parties in Lebanon to calm the situation. I have also sent a personal message to Prime Minister Begin asking his further cooperation in our efforts to halt the violence. The deterioration in the security situation has made conditions more hazardous for our personnel in Beirut--a Vice Consul was slightly wounded by a stray round yesterday but is in good condition. We are taking every precaution to minimize risks to our people. (S)

3. Saudis on the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. At lunch today, Saudi Arabian Petroleum Minister Yamani suggested to Under Secretary Rashish that we should wait until 1982 to increase the fill rate for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR). He was concerned that a quicker fill rate would put upward pressure on oil prices complicating Saudi Arabia's effort to unify the OPEC price at about \$32.00 per barrel. Rashish explained to Yamani that even if full funding were included in the FY '82 budget the funds could not begin to be expended before 1982. (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 April 21, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker
Michael Deaver

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