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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

April 25, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. 

1. Genscher and Carrington Letters. Foreign Ministers Genscher and Carrington wrote me separately, urging us to include a timetable -- Genscher says a "specific date" -- for resumption of TNF talks in the communique from the May 4-6 NATO Ministerial in Rome. Genscher emphasizes the great importance of reconfirming the two-track approach to TNF, which foresees TNF deployments going forward in tandem with negotiations on TNF limitations. Carrington argues that this will help blunt the Soviet peace offensive and turn back challenges in Europe to TNF deployments. Genscher also indicates his concern that the Rome communique not be unbalanced in the direction of defense and deterrence. I am responding to both, noting that we understand and will do our best to meet their concerns. (S)

2. Namibia Developments. UN Secretary General Waldheim called today to discuss Namibia. He was very disturbed that a compromise may not be found to avoid confrontation in the UN with the black Africans. He was assured that we too were concerned but could not endorse UN Resolution 435 -- the basis of the previous Administration's policy -- without some elaboration. I subsequently discussed the issue with Jeane Kirkpatrick and Chet Crocker, who has just returned from his mission to Africa. Chet is developing alternative language for a resolution which is consistent with your views and policy. We will send it to Jeane to discuss with Waldheim on Monday. Chet is also having his second round of confirmation hearings Monday and will be questioned closely on his mission to Africa and on Namibia. Reactions to his trip have been especially positive among our European allies. (S)

3. Cubans Claim to Have Been Set Adrift by Castro. On April 24, 13 Cubans in two small boats were found by the Coast Guard near Key West. They claim to have come here last year from Mariel and later returned to Cuba for relatives. They say they were imprisoned for months before the Castro regime put 55 of them into eight boats and towed them to within 40 miles of the U.S. Coast Guard searches since dawn today have revealed no other boats or people; the Immigration Service is checking their claims and our Interests Section has been in touch with the Cuban Government. So far we have not been able to substantiate the story. There is currently no evidence that this is more than an isolated event. (C)

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April 27, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Herewith Secretary Haig's Evening Report of April 25, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker
Michael Deaver

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