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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

April 27, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. 

1. Call to Duarte. Following our conversation this morning, I telephoned President Duarte to stress your concern for prompt and vigorous action by his government in solving the murders of the four U.S. churchwomen and two AFL-CIO specialists. Duarte committed himself strongly to find and punish the guilty, specifically to ensure that Sol-Meza, a suspect in the labor specialists' killings, was not released prematurely. Knowledge of your personal interest may further help Duarte to overcome foot-dragging on these cases. (S)

2. Invitation to South African Minister Botha. The invitation for Botha to meet with me in Washington on May 14 was announced today. Botha's visit would continue the consultations on southern African issues (including Namibia) initiated by Assistant Secretary-designate Chet Crocker. South African Ambassador Sole has informed us that Foreign Minister Botha wishes to meet with you to deliver a personal message; it may be related to the issue of U.S.-South Africa nuclear relations. As we plan the other elements of Botha's visit we shall make a specific recommendation to you on his request for a meeting. (U)

3. Polish Debt. The Western official creditors reached agreement on Polish debt rescheduling today in Paris. We achieved most of our objectives, and our negotiators initialed the agreement on an ad referendum basis. This should pave the way for the private banks to act as well. Even after both re-schedulings, however, there will still be a substantial need for new credits. In our view these should be the responsibility of the Soviets and the Western Europeans. (C)

4. Israeli Protest About Saudi Minister's Speech. Israeli Ambassador Evron saw Assistant Secretary-designate Veliotes this morning to protest remarks made by Saudi Petroleum Minister Yamani in a speech at the Foreign Policy Association on April 23. Veliotes told Evron that we had cautioned Yamani earlier about unhelpful remarks; further representations might be appropriate, once the full text of the latest utterances had been studied. Evron went public immediately on the matter after his meeting with Veliotes, as expected. If asked we will acknowledge Evron's demarche but refuse to divulge our actions (if any) on grounds of diplomatic confidentiality. (C)

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April 28, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Herewith Secretary Haig's Evening Report of April 27, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker
Michael Deaver

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