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THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

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April 29, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. 

1. Meeting with Thai Foreign Minister Sitthi. My discussions with Sitthi today reviewed the international situation, the Kampuchean problem, and the state of our bilateral relations. I assured Sitthi that our commitment to Thai security under the Manila Pact provided the basic framework of our strategy towards mainland Southeast Asia. We were grateful to Thailand for allowing renewed use of Utapao air base for support flights to the Indian Ocean and certain contingencies. On Cambodia, Sitthi declared that the Thais would continue to oppose the Vietnamese occupation. Thailand would work with others to foster the Cambodian resistance. Sitthi offered Thailand's services as a conduit, if we wished to assist the non-communist elements opposed to the Vietnamese. We agreed to discuss this matter further at my meeting with the ASEAN Foreign Ministers in Manila June 19-20. Sitthi was also informed that I would tell Dr. Waldheim tomorrow of our strong support for ASEAN's plan to hold an international conference on the Cambodian situation.

Finally, Sitthi raised the possibility of a visit by his Prime Minister to Washington before the end of the year. I told him that we agreed in principle though the timing was subject to your schedule. (SECRET/SENSITIVE)

2. World Health Organization (WHO): Draft Code of Conduct on the Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes. The World Health Assembly of the WHO, meeting in Geneva on May 4-22, will consider and vote on a code of marketing practices for infant formula and other breastmilk substitutes. The code has become a highly emotional and politically charged issue. Its proponents argue that it represents a choice between babies' lives and company profits; business groups regard it as an attack on free enterprise.

After consulting with Secretary Schweiker, we have instructed our delegation to abstain on the code, provided that: (1) amendments are made to the language of the implementing resolution that eliminate all inferences of mandatory and binding actions; and (2) formal clarification is obtained that the code applies only to infant formulas and not to baby food supplements. Otherwise the U.S. will vote against the code. (LOU)

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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April 30, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN  
SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Herewith Secretary Haig's Evening Report of April 29, 1981.

cc: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
Jim Baker  
Mike Deaver

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