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THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
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May 7, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. 

1. SFRC Hearings on Arms Control and SALT. Walt Stoessel and Politico-Military Affairs Director Richard Burt testified on SALT and TNF at a closed session of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee this morning. Those Senators who attended were for the most part strong arms control proponents (e.g., Cranston, Pell, Biden). These Senators stressed the costs and risks of an intensified arms competition, and the difficulties of making real arms reductions in the future if both sides substantially increased their forces in the coming years. There was strong endorsement of your decision to begin TNF negotiations with the Soviets by the end of the year.

Stoessel and Burt made clear that we had not turned our back on serious arms control but intended to proceed cautiously and deliberately, with a realistic view of what arms control can accomplish and recognizing that we must rely in the first place on our own defense programs to redress military imbalances. Stressing that arms control had in the past contributed little to our security, they noted that specific arms control policies -- e.g., SALT observance, future SALT objectives -- remained under internal Administration review.  
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2. Aid for Turkey. The OECD's aid consortium for Turkey met in Paris today and received total assistance pledges of \$938 million, down slightly from the 1980 level of \$1.16 billion. The Germans were unable to match last year's aid level but hope to do so later in the year. We were particularly pleased that Japan, apparently after the intervention of Prime Minister Suzuki, not only matched their 1980 pledge but made it more concessional. The total pledge will be somewhat disappointing for the Turks, but we believe it will meet their actual needs this year, particularly if the Germans are able to do more later in the year.  
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3. Spain - Terrorist Attacks Increase Danger of Coup. Leftist terrorist attacks have now reached the military advisor to King Juan Carlos. Aimed at provoking a rightist-military takeover and polarizing the political situation, these killings may complicate the King's ability to keep military conspirators in check. We have made clear to an informal emissary from coup plotters that the U.S. supports Spanish democracy, and opposes any move against the government. We have also sent a strong message of support to the King. (SECRET/SENSITIVE).

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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May 8, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Secretary Haig's Evening Report of May 7, 1981.

CC: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
Jim Baker  
Mike Deaver

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