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May 13, 1981

THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. 

1. Meeting with Wife of Anatoliy Shcharanskiy. Mrs. Avital Shcharanskiy, wife of imprisoned Soviet dissident Anatoliy Shcharanskiy, called on me today to appeal for Administration efforts to obtain the release of her husband. She pointed out that he was convicted on false charges of spying for the U.S. European leaders with whom she had spoken, including Mrs. Thatcher, told her that only U.S. influence would be great enough to effect his release.

Senators D'Amato and Spector accompanied Mrs. Shcharanskiy and gave me a copy of last night's Senate resolution concerning her husband. The Department is announcing to the press that I have agreed to give Dobrynin a copy of the resolution for transmittal to the Soviet leadership. (C)

2. Senate Action on the Clark Amendment. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today approved the repeal of the Clark Amendment which restricts our activities in Angola. But other restrictive language has been added. Any military or paramilitary operations in Angola will require a Presidential determination that it is in our national security interest. This determination must be accompanied by a statement giving the reasons for the determination and a description of the assistance and its recipients. Further, the President will have to take into account the effect of such assistance on other African nations and the prospects for an internationally acceptable Namibia settlement.

This is better than the Clark Amendment but still unduly restrictive. We will work to cut back these strictures on the floor. (U)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN *RV*

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Secretary Haig's Evening Report of May 13, 1981.

*Let us do all we can to help
get her husband freed
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cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

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Sec. 3.4(b), E.O. 12958, as amended
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