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May 15, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig (A)

1. Meeting with Dobrynin. Soviet Ambassador Dobrynin was given a copy of my letter to Gromyko this evening to coincide with delivery of a copy in Moscow by our Charge. Dobrynin was relatively well informed on Lebanese developments. His initial reaction to our message held out some promise. However, only Moscow's response will be authoritative. I also gave Dobrynin the Congressional resolution on Soviet dissident Shcharansky and made clear our displeasure at Soviet overreaction to the search of an Aeroflot flight at Dulles two days ago. (S)

2. Romanian Foreign Minister's Visit. Following our meeting with you, Romanian Foreign Minister Andrei and I discussed a range of bilateral and international issues. He believes the Poles have a good chance to become more independent of Moscow and of engineering more internal changes if they stress a nationalistic approach and avoid looking anti-Soviet. On Lebanon, he recounted Romanian efforts to ease the situation and will urgently ask for President Ceausescu's help in persuading Assad to be more flexible. He also asked for support for extension of Most Favored Nation status. I reassured him of our strong support for Romania's independence, our willingness to do what we could in bilateral areas and our appreciation for their help in crisis situations over the years. (C)

3. General Walters' Mission to Guatemala and Honduras. General Walters told Guatemalan President Lucas that if he could assure us that he would take immediate steps to halt government instigated and tolerated killings of political opponents and promote an atmosphere conducive to free elections in 1982, the U.S. Government could renew a military supply relationship with the Guatemalan Government. Lucas gave some rather general assurances on political violence, which help our needs. In Honduras, General Walters met with President Paz who said his May 13 summit with Nicaraguan leaders had not altered his distrust of them. Paz suggested that we might provide him assistance against internal subversion and affirmed his intention to hold elections this November. Walters is continuing his mission to Panama today. (S)

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May 16, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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

Attached is Secretary Haig's Evening Report of May 15, 1981.

cc: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
James Baker  
Michael Deaver

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