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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

July 2, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. *AMH*

1. Namibia and the Contact Group. I sent a message to our Contact Group colleagues last night saying we needed a bit more time for discussion with the South Africans on Namibia before we meet with them. The Western Europeans and the Canadians are increasingly nervous about our protracted discussions with the South Africans, our purpose being to determine whether there is a basis for progress. In the wake of Bill Clark's very useful trip to southern Africa, however, we believe we need further clarification from Pretoria on several points. I am sending a message to Pik Botha on those issues and hopefully we will be able to consult with the Contact Group in depth before the Ottawa Summit. (S)

2. French President Mitterrand's Thoughts on Allied Political Cooperation and the Ottawa Summit. At lunch today with Walt Stoessel and the British and German Chiefs of Mission, French Ambassador de Laboulaye expressed President Francois Mitterrand's preference for the Quadripartite forum as the venue for discussion at the most important and sensitive Western political questions. The Ambassador stated that knowledge of the Quadripartite discussions, both at the level of political directors and in Washington, would be held extremely closely in the French Government--an obvious reference to the Communist Ministers. As for the Summit, the French do not wish to engage in formal, prepared political discussions in Ottawa. The French view the Summit as a chance to build good personal relationships during informal, general discussions. They believe the emphasis should be on macroeconomics and North-South relations. They do not want the communique to express political conclusions. (SECRET/SENSITIVE)

3. Caribbean Basin Initiative. I will lead a delegation that includes Bill Brock to meet with the Foreign Ministers of Canada, Mexico, and Venezuela in Nassau, The Bahamas, July 11, to discuss the cooperative approach you have approved toward solving economic problems of the Caribbean Basin area. Our objective is to call a Caribbean Basin Conference among potential donors and recipients in early 1982. The Nassau meeting follows closely upon the Washington visit of Mexican President Lopez-Portillo. You discussed with him our ideas about working jointly for sustained economic growth in the Basin area through trade incentives, investment, and increased economic assistance. (LOU)

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July 3, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Secretary Haig's Evening Report for July 2, 1981.

CC: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

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