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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

July 24, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. 

1. Meeting with Arab Ambassadors. I met this afternoon with a delegation of five Arab Ambassadors representing the Washington Arab diplomatic corps. The Ambassadors expressed pleasure at Phil Habib's announcement of the cease-fire which they all viewed as a positive step. Their presentation, however, stressed three themes: the desire for good relations with the U.S.; continuing concern about Israeli military activities; and the centrality of a resolution of the Palestinian problem for the advancement of U.S. interests in the Middle East. I discussed with them our desire for continued cooperation on the crisis in the region and assured them of the Administration's dedication to the search for a permanent resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict. The exchange was friendly. (C)

2. Madrid Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE). The Madrid CSCE Follow-up Conference has agreed to recess from July 28 to October 27, with a mid-December target date for ending the meeting. Earlier this month, the U.S. and NATO Allies tried to break the Conference deadlock over human rights and the area of applicability of military confidence and security building measures (CSBMs) to be discussed at the French-proposed Conference on Disarmament in Europe (CDE). The Soviets rejected this initiative demanding instead that the CSBMs zone be expanded westward to include even North America. They also spurned our call for further human rights advances. By taking such a harsh line, the Soviets are widely seen as having wrecked chances for agreement at Madrid this summer. We will conduct a vigorous public relations campaign condemning the Soviet position. We also plan to develop with our Allies and major neutrals a common approach for the fall session. (C)

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July 25, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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

Attached is Secretary Haig's Evening Report for July 24, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker
Michael Deaver

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