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THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

July 27, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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

1. Pakistan Reacts Strongly on F-16. Pakistan President Zia and other senior officials have told us through a variety of channels that they believe we have broken an alleged promise to make early deliveries of the F-16. Apparently Zia is becoming convinced that our decision was the result of Indian pressure. The issue centers on Jim Buckley's undertaking in Islamabad to see whether the early (27-month) timeframe for delivery of F-16s could be even further advanced. After review, we decided that a diversion would cause such a significant adverse impact on U.S. forces that we questioned whether the Congress would accept it. Accordingly, we sought alternative ways to meet the Pakistanis' immediate requirements while adhering to 27-month time frame for F-16s, a decision that has caused great disappointment to Pakistan. Buckley called in the Pakistani Ambassador this afternoon to set the record straight. While Buckley may have dealt with the allegations of a broken promise and the "Indian pressure" canard, Pakistan may still ask for reconsideration of the delivery schedule. (S)

2. French Support on Theatre Nuclear Forces (TNF). In a press interview on Saturday, French Foreign Minister Cheysson again voiced strong support for NATO's TNF modernization, emphasizing that only the prospect of modernization would induce the Soviets to negotiate seriously. He suggested the West would be in a good position to begin negotiations "in the fall" -- "before US missiles were installed but after a decision to install them has been confirmed by all parties directly concerned." Cheysson may have been indirectly referring to Belgium and the Netherlands, the two basing countries which have yet to make decisions regarding deployments on their soil. Belgium is discretely moving ahead with concrete deployment preparations but has made no firm public commitment; the Netherlands' decision is due by the end of the year, but is unlikely to be positive. Cheysson's remarks continue recent statements of support for the NATO decision by the new French Government -- a sharp departure from the noncommittal stance of the Giscard regime. The Cheysson statement will be welcomed by other NATO Allies -- Schmidt in particular. (S)

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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 for July 27, 1981.

cc: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
James Baker  
Michael Deaver

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