


THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

August 3, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. 

1. Deteriorating Economic Situation in Poland. While in Cancun this weekend I met with the Foreign Ministers of France, Germany, and the UK to discuss Poland. All of them stressed the dramatic worsening of that country's economic situation and the growing seriousness of the food problem. They felt these problems would aggravate the already alarming unrest in the cities, avoiding a possible pretext for a Soviet invasion. Even if that did not happen, Solidarity and the liberalizing efforts of the government would be discredited by the failure of the Polish "experiment", reducing the willingness of the other East European countries to undertake similar efforts.

All three Ministers felt that additional Western economic support and food aid was needed. I said that you took the current Polish situation seriously, but you had not yet decided on a response. I stressed that the Europeans would have to take a larger share of any new assistance effort. We began urgent interagency work on the Polish situation today and I hope to brief you on our thinking at Wednesday's NSC meeting. (S)

2. Nicaragua and Senator Dodd. The Senate confirmed a treaty late last Friday resolving a dispute between Colombia and the United States over a small island in the Caribbean near Nicaragua. This was vital to us because it was the key to obtaining Colombian participation in the Sinai Multinational Force. The treaty had been stalled in the Senate by Senator Chris Dodd (D-Conn.), who had objected at the request of Nicaragua which also claims the island. Dodd dropped his objections at my request but asked for a meeting on Nicaraguan problems.

In my meeting with Dodd today, he asked that we send some emissaries to the Nicaraguan government to work for a better relationship and also that our new ambassador be an experienced diplomat. He wanted us to continue to be able to provide economic assistance in Nicaragua. Finally, he suggested that I agree to meet with their Ambassador. I assured Dodd that we would send an Ambassador shortly, but I told him that other matters would remain under review pending a change in Nicaraguan attitudes and actions. I also discussed more broadly with him the Cuban situation, the developments in Cancun last weekend, and French Foreign Minister Cheysson's current trip through Central America. (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 August 3, 1981.

cc: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
James Baker  
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