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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

August 13, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. 

1. Evron Demarche on Suspended Aircraft. Ambassador Evron presented a formal demarche to me today protesting the continued suspension of F-16s. Evron reiterated that our suspension was giving a wrong signal to the Arabs and expressed dismay at Egyptian intervention in this important bilateral U.S.-Israeli matter. I reviewed the background of our decision and emphasized that the Egyptians had only asked for "daylight" between Sadat's visit and the announcement of resumed deliveries. I assured Evron that the suspension did not represent any major departure in our approach to the U.S.-Israeli relationship and reaffirmed our expectation of a positive announcement next Monday or Tuesday. Privately, Evron also indicated Israeli concern over continued Palestinian terrorist activities and the flow of weapons into Southern Lebanon, both of which he saw as threatening the ceasefire. We need to preserve the momentum we have achieved with the Lebanese ceasefire. I will have suggestions on our next steps to you soon. (S)

2. Law of the Sea. On August 3, the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea resumed in Geneva. The United States explained the nature and range of our concerns about the draft treaty. The Group of 77 response, while blunt, was measured and held open the door to consider U.S. concerns. A small discussion group was formed to provide a forum to present our case and today we explained in some detail our main areas of concern. We are awaiting the G-77 response, which may be shrill. At this point, however, we are hopeful that a constructive dialogue can be achieved. (S)

3. Angola - Exchange of Soviet Airmen for American Mercenaries. The Soviets requested the Zairian Government (GOZ) in June to use its good offices to obtain release of two Soviet airmen captured by UNITA forces in Angola. We have asked our Ambassador in Zaire to ask the GOZ to act as an intermediary to obtain release of the Soviets held by UNITA in exchange for the Angolan Government's releasing two American mercenaries. If the GOZ agrees to propose this exchange, we believe that UNITA would cooperate (it has already approached us seeking advice on what to do with the Soviet airmen). Soviet and Angolan reactions are uncertain, however. (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 13, 1981.

CC:
The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker
Michael Deaver

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