THE SECRETARY OF STATE

WASHINGTON

August 21, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

From

Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Pakistan. Pakistan's Foreign Minister Agha Shahi called today and delivered orally a letter to you from President Zia. After strongly praising you and the new relationship between the US and Pakistan, Zia requested that you intervene to assure delivery of an unspecified number of F-16 aircraft before October, 1982, when our proposed assistance would become available. While expressing understanding of the US position, Zia described his efforts to sell the new bilateral relationship to his public with the F-16 as the symbolic centerpiece. He said that a 27-month lead time for F-16 delivery would cause profound public disappointment and acute embarrassment to him and to his government. He stressed that Pakistan was highly vulnerable during the "gap" between now and the beginning of our proposed aid. Otherwise, Shahi thought our bilateral talks had been productive and underlined that Pakistan had "no intention to go back on anything already agreed". I told Shahi I would transmit Zia's message promptly to you and promised an early reply. I also raised with Shahi the problem of safeguards at Pakistan's Kanupp nuclear power plant and urged that Pakistan not let this become an obstacle to our security relationship or provide propaganda to the Soviets. I have asked Frank Carlucci to look urgently into supplying Pakistan a handful of F-16s within a year. This would meet Zia's needs and secure this strategic relationship at a very small cost. (SECRET/SENSITIVE)

2. California Produce Exports to Japan. On Wednesday, after intensive discussions, Japan agreed to continue to permit imports of produce from areas not infested with the Medfly under normal inspection procedures. At Japan's request, we sent a USDA technical team to explain the control program in California. It now appears that the Japanese have reneged and are instituting inspection procedures and guidance to importers which could result in a de facto ban on imports from California. I have sent an urgent message to Foreign Minister Sonoda making clear how seriously we view this matter. We also called in the Japanese here and have instructed our Embassy in Tokyo to likewise spell out our understanding of how imports are to be treated by Japan and the serious consequences of a failure to reach a constructive solution quickly. (C)

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August 23, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT:

Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Secretary Haig's Evening Report for August 21, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
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