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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

August 22, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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

European Reaction to Libyan Incident. The Soviet reaction has been restrained in both public and private. Reporting began slowly, starting with both Libyan and U.S. versions of the affair, and has since moved on to generalized attacks on U.S. "provocation" and use of force which stop short of endorsing either the Libyan sea claim or Qadhafi counter-moves. Walt Stoessel informed the Soviet Charge of the incident shortly after it occurred. The response delivered two days later was cautious though accusatory, ending with the "hope" we will stop "provocative acts" in the region. Walt expressed clearly our disagreement with the thrust of Moscow's response.

Western government reaction has generally been supportive of the U.S. In Italy, the Foreign Minister has expressed concern about the increase of tension in the Mediterranean. Nevertheless, the Italian Foreign Office today issued a statement denying allegations in a left-wing paper that the U.S. had misled the Italian government about the operation.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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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 22, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker
Michael Deaver

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THE HAIG REPORT -- AUG 22, 1981

RANCH: DELIVER TO THE MILITARY AIDE WITH THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS: DO NOT DELIVER TO THE PRESIDENT UNTIL YOU ARE ASKED TO DO SO BY MR. MEESE IN SANTA BARBARA.

SANTA BARBARA: DELIVER TO MEESE WITH THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS: THE ATTACHED HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO THE MILITARY AIDE FOR THE PRESIDENT, HE IS AWAITING YOUR INSTRUCTIONS AS TO WHEN TO DELIVER IT TO THE PRESIDENT.

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