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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

August 27, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. 

1. Security Council on Angola. At the request of Angola, the UN Security Council will meet tonight or tomorrow to begin consideration of the South African incursions into southern Angola. A resolution condemning South Africa and perhaps calling for action against them will probably be tabled in the next several days. Our delegation will coordinate closely with the French and the British stressing that this attack must be seen in the context of Cuban and Soviet involvement in the region, and South African resistance to Namibian independence. We hope to concentrate attention on our Namibia initiative and the probable effects of the Council censuring the South Africans when their cooperation with the UN is so necessary for movement on Namibia. (C)

2. Canadian Ambassador Towe. Canadian Ambassador Peter Towe, on the eve of his meeting with a Canadian Cabinet committee reviewing US-Canada relations, asked to see me to strengthen his hand in recommending changes in Canadian investment policies. I told Towe that pressures are building within the Congress, and also within the Executive Branch, to respond to Canadian policies which are seen as unfair and discriminatory toward US investment in Canada. These policies are generating a stream of protests from American companies with investments in Canada. I warmly praised Canada's cooperation on international issues and expressed the hope that Towe would recommend to the Canadian Cabinet means to mitigate bilateral economic problems. He agreed on the need to improve the atmosphere, otherwise, Canada would risk losing important projects like the Alaska Gas Pipeline. (C)

3. Paraguayan Foreign Minister Nogues. I had a good meeting with the Paraguayan Foreign Minister Nogues this week who expressed great satisfaction at the progress made toward improving relations since you took office. I emphasized our admiration for what President Stroessner has accomplished in Paraguay and the convergence of our interests and view points. We were in full agreement on the Soviet-Cuban threat in the Hemisphere. I also noted that human rights and personal liberties remain a factor in our relations but assured the Foreign Minister that we would address this through diplomatic channels. Finally, I asked that the Paraguayan Government do all it can to insure a rapid decision on the Allis-Chalmers bid to provide turbines to a major hydro-electric project. At the end of the meeting the Foreign Minister gave me a private message from President Stroessner requesting certain military items. We will look into the matter and reply. (C)

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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August 28, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Secretary Haig's Evening Report for
August 27, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker
Michael Deaver

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