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THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

August 31, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. 

1. Meeting on Namibia. During a two-hour meeting today with the OAU Ministerial Delegation on Namibia (headed by Kenyan Foreign Minister Ouko), the Africans made clear their adherence to UNSC Res. 435 and their strong indignation at South Africa's raid in Angola. They appealed to us to pressure Pretoria on Namibia and expressed concern at the apparent lack of movement. My explanation of our sincere effort on Namibia and the protracted discussions with the South African Government seemed to clear the air. While tactical differences may remain, these senior Africans have a clearer picture of US goals on Namibia and of our parallel approach to getting Cuban withdrawal from Angola. The current UN fireworks can be expected to continue, but we have laid a stronger basis for African understanding of our Southern African policy as we develop concrete proposals with our allies in the Contact Group. (S)

2. Meeting with the Argentine Foreign Minister. In our meeting this afternoon, Argentine Foreign Minister Camilion described the struggle in Central America as decisive for all of Latin America. He said it was crucial to support the Duarte Government in El Salvador and offered Argentine backing for whatever steps deemed necessary by the U.S. Camilion was informed that we might have to take stronger measures against Cuba in the next 60-90 days. Bolivia was also discussed at length. I informed the Ambassador that we wanted to consult more frequently and thoroughly with Argentina on both Central America and Bolivia.

Other matters raised included Argentine efforts to reduce Congressional criticisms on human rights, the Beagle Channel dispute with Chile, and our interest in seeing that Allis-Chalmers gets the contract for supplying turbines to a large dam project. Camilion was responsive on each of these matters. Notably, on the dispute with Chile, he said that Argentina would not resort to force. (C)

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September 1, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Secretary Haig's Evening Report for August 31, 1981.

CC: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
Jim Baker  
Mike Deaver

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