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September 1, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

From

Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

1. Lopez Portillo Criticized U.S. in State of the Union Message. In his two-hour annual speech today, Lopez Portillo praised the spirit of "bilateral respect" engendered by you during his visit here, but:

- -- Placed Mexico's support for the Salvadoran rebels in the same category as its open support for the Cuban and Nicaraguan revolutions.
- -- Said Mexico and France were consulting with other UN Security Council members on how to promote a solution to the Salvadoran crisis.
- -- Criticized the U.S. and the USSR for continuing the arms race.
- -- Called the development of the neutron bomb the most ominous thing in the history of mankind.

In an obvious allusion to Cuba, Lopez Portillo said that Mexico could not permit the exclusion of friendly nations from the Caribbean Basin Initiative because of their type of government.

Jack Gavin is seeing Lopez Portillo tomorrow and will raise Mexico's new and unhelpful activism with him. (LOU)

2. The Solidarity Congress in Poland. The upcoming Solidarity Congress is the focus of attention in Poland. The Congress, which will be split into two parts (September 5-9 and September 26-October 3), may be a watershed event. Solidarity's policy of negotiation with the Government will be influenced by Walesa's ability to overcome the opposition of those who feel the Union has been too accommodating in dealing with the Government. The struggle between those who want more autonomy for local unions, and those who want to strengthen the Union's national office, will also affect the outcome. Not by coincidence, the Soviets are planning to begin large-scale exercises near the Polish borders on the eve of the Congress. (LOU)

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