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THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

September 9, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

1. Soviet Charge Calls on Assistant Secretary Eagleburger. Soviet Charge Bessmertnykh called on Larry Eagleburger today to complain (1) that inclusion of Genscher in my Berlin party would contravene the 1970 Quadripartite Agreement (QA) by suggesting that West Berlin is a part of the Federal Republic; and (2) that Spanish Nato entry propelled by U.S. "pressure" could have dangerous consequences. By Soviet standards the complaints were mild. On Berlin, Eagleburger replied that I was visiting Berlin in keeping with our responsibilities, and that we are doing nothing not in keeping with the QA. On Spain, he rejected the allegation of pressure as nonsense and stated the U.S. position that Spanish entry is for Spain and NATO to decide, and no one else's business. Larry also took the opportunity to chastise the Soviets for failing to inform us (under CSCE guidelines) of the number of troops involved in the current Soviet maneuvers. (C)

2. Spain Rejects Soviet Warning Against NATO. On Monday in Madrid the Soviets delivered a note to the Spanish Foreign Ministry warning of the negative consequences which would result from Spanish entry into NATO. Foreign Minister Perez Llorca promptly returned the note, denouncing it as an unacceptable interference in Spain's domestic political affairs. While some Spaniards and others in Europe will see the Soviet protest as legitimizing the argument that Spanish NATO entry will upset the East-West balance, many in Spain -- perhaps a majority -- will see the Soviet move as unwarranted pressure and an affront to Spanish sensibilities. (C)

3. El Salvador. We face a potentially serious problem in terms of domestic support for our policy in El Salvador. It is possible that the Supreme Court in El Salvador will soon release Ricardo Sol Mesa, the man charged with killing the American AIFLD employees in El Salvador in January. A lower court judge has recommended Sol Mesa's release on the grounds of insufficient evidence. Another judge has also recommended that El Salvador drop its extradition request against Hans Krist, an alleged accomplice of Sol Mesa who is being held in Miami. Lane Kirkland has made it clear that if either Krist or Mesa are released we will face a possible move by the AFL/CIO to disassociate itself from our policy in El Salvador. We have explained this to the Government of El Salvador, but there is still a possibility that Sol Mesa will be released and that the extradition of Krist will not be pursued. We are continuing to press the Salvadoran Government to conduct a more thorough investigation and not to release Sol Mesa or drop the Krist extradition request while the investigation continues. (C)

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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September 10, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Secretary Haig's Evening Report for September 9, 1981.

cc: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
James Baker  
Michael Deaver

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