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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

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1. Poland. The danger of an open confrontation between the Government and Solidarity has increased significantly in the wake of the recently concluded first session of Solidarity's two-part Congress. The Union openly challenged the Government internally over major domestic issues such as media access and enterprise self-management. It also went international with its appeal to workers in other Warsaw Pact countries to form free trade unions. The latter step was particularly upsetting to the Soviets who will increase pressure on Kania and Jaruzelski to reassert their authority over Solidarity. If the Government decides to move decisively against Solidarity, Kania may find it necessary to utilize force having already openly threatened martial law should Solidarity push its challenge to the State too far. The use of force by the Government, however, could provoke unpredictable responses from Solidarity. The situation could quickly get out of control and ultimately lead to civil war. Over the past year every escalation of confrontation between the Government and Solidarity has been resolved by compromise with the Church frequently playing a mediating role. It is conceivable, but by no means certain at this point, that this new sharp crisis could be similarly defused. (C)

2. AWACS Briefing. We continued our AWACS briefings today, meeting with Senators Bentsen, Kasten, Stevens and Tsongas. Senator Bentsen is opposed, not as a matter of philosophy and Israeli concerns, but rather on vague geopolitical grounds which we believe can be resolved by a personal meeting with you. Senator Kasten, who generally distrusts the Saudis, is uncommitted. We will continue working with him on his concerns and will also introduce him to Prince Bandar. Senator Stevens will remain formally uncommitted in order to serve as a bridge to uncommitted Senators and will also meet with Prince Bandar. Senator Tsongas signed the Packwood letter, but is susceptible to rational arguments on the subject which we will continue to make to him. (S)

3. Pakistan Aid Program. Jim Buckley presented the Administration's case for our Pakistan program to Chairman Zablocki and members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee this morning. Committee action is required both for a change in the waiver provision of the Symington Amendment and for authorization of \$100 million of Economic Support Funds in FY 82. (The Senate Committee has already acted favorably.) The proposed sale of 40 F-16 aircraft generated persistent questioning, though only one member (Dymally) expressed outright opposition. Several members also expressed deep concern over opium production in Pakistan and urged stronger measures to gain Pakistani cooperation on eradication and control of trafficking. (C)

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FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Secretary Haig's Evening Report for
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CC: The Vice President
Ed Meese
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