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THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

September 18, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. *A*

1. Poland. The September 17 Soviet demarche to the Poles has raised tensions within Poland to their highest level since the crisis began. In the past, crisis situations have been defused by compromises on both sides, and it is possible this will happen again. Nevertheless, the Soviets may push Kania and Jaruzelski so hard to take decisive steps against Solidarity that they see no alternative but to use force -- with unpredictable consequences. We are reviewing our options for dealing with such an eventuality. We will of course want to look carefully at any measures actually taken by the Polish authorities before deciding on our reaction. We are calling in the ranking Soviet embassy official to express our concern, and are instructing Ambassador Meehan in Warsaw to register our concern with the Poles. I will also discuss the matter with Polish Foreign Minister Czyrek and Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko next week in New York. If there is a crackdown, we will set up a working group in the Department and then, if events warrant, a higher-level interagency task force. (S)

2. Gromyko and TNF. Assistant Secretary Eagleburger called in Dobrynin's deputy today to make another proposal for a statement announcing the start of the theater nuclear force negotiations. There was still no agreement, however, on the basic problem of describing the subject of the negotiations. The Soviets will study our proposal and get back in touch. Eagleburger also used the meeting to reiterate our concerns about Soviet policy toward Poland after the Soviet message of September 17. He warned that use of force by the Polish authorities, particularly if it should occur after instigation by the Soviets, would have an extremely negative effect on prospects for improved relations with us. (C)

3. Contact Group and Namibia. In preparation for my meeting on Namibia and Angola with Contact Group Ministers on September 24, Assistant Secretaries Crocker and Eagleburger chaired two days of meetings with their counterparts September 17-18. Significant progress was made in formulating constitutional principles for Namibia, and the allies were informed of Crocker's travel to Zurich to meet the South Africans at their request on September 21. This meeting is aimed at reassuring the South Africans about our approach and pinning down the basis for getting the Contact Group formally back into action with all parties. (S)

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September 19, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Secretary Haig's Evening Report for  
September 18, 1981.

cc: The Vice President  
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