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WASHINGTON

October 14, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Alexander M. Haig, Jr. *AMH*

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1. Message from King Hassan of Morocco. Moroccan Ambassador Bengelloun passed on urgent message to you from King Hassan concerning the destruction of two Moroccan aircraft flying at high altitudes over the Sahara. He sent similar messages to the UN and the OAU. The King believes that the Libyans have introduced sophisticated surface to air missiles (SAM-6 or SAM-8) into the Polisario inventory. More importantly, Hassan believes that no African personnel are able to manage these weapons, suggesting that Cuban, East German or even Soviet personnel might now be involved. Under the circumstances the Moroccans have requested a public statement from us reaffirming our support and continuing close consultations as the situation on the ground worsens. I took the occasion of my public remarks at Joe Reed's swearing in to make some appropriate comments, as did the Department's press spokesman today also in answer to questions. (S)
 2. Meeting with Spanish Foreign Minister. During my meeting with Spanish Foreign Minister Perez Llorca, he informed me of the progress which has been made toward Spanish Parliamentary approval of accession to NATO. He was confident that the Parliament would approve NATO entry without pre-conditions, although there would be several guidelines for Spanish Government action within NATO once Spain is a member. Perez Llorca expressed concern that hesitations over Spanish membership on the part of some allies could be seen in Spain as a rebuff, and have a negative effect. He also referred to the Spanish application for entry into the European Community (EC), explaining that NATO and EC membership would complete the construction of a stable democracy in Spain. He is particularly worried over French opposition to EC entry, and I said we would try to be helpful. You will want to raise this with Mitterrand this weekend. Perez Llorca urged that we approve a generous security assistance program for Spain, which would demonstrate to the Spanish public the benefits of NATO membership and alliance with us. He said Spain would be a worthwhile ally and this money would be well invested. (S)
 3. Meeting with Australian Ambassador on the Sinai Force. In a meeting with Ambassador Parkinson today (as a follow-up to Prime Minister Fraser's letter to you), Parkinson made the familiar arguments concerning domestic opposition to Australian participation in the Sinai Multilateral Force and Observers. I listened sympathetically but urged that the Australians retain flexibility in their position given the problems we see with British and/or Canadian participation. We plan to approach the French and the Italians again in the near future. (S)

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The President has seen _____

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October 15, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Secretary Haig's Evening Report for October 14, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

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