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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

October 19, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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

1. Resumption of SR-71 flights along North Korean Coast.
In accordance with your instruction of September 29 the Air Force will, weather permitting, resume high altitude intelligence flights Wednesday, October 21 (10:00 p.m. October 20 EDT), along tracks close to the North Korean coast. The track previously flown has been slightly modified to ensure our aircraft remains outside of the North Korean three mile limit. Ambassador Walker has informed the South Korean Government of this and of US plans to knock out the North Korean missile site before sunset in the event the North Koreans again fire at and hit our aircraft. We have also told the Koreans that in the event our aircraft is fired upon and not hit, we will reassess our options. (TOP SECRET)

2. Dutch Government Crisis. The Dutch Queen has "taken under consideration" the resignation of the five week old Van Agt Government. The three party coalition (Christian Democrats, D'66 and Socialists) came apart over the issue of Government-sponsored job creation versus reducing the ballooning national deficit. Defense policy, particularly TNF modernization, was not an issue. The Government is effectively in caretaker status until the Queen and her advisers decide whether to accept the Government's resignation, ask the coalition to reform itself, or reopen the Government formation process. (C)

3. State Authorization Bill. House Minority Leader, Bob Michel, hosted a meeting between key Republican House leaders and Deputy Secretary Clark, Under Secretary Kennedy and David Stockman. In a generally cordial meeting, it was concluded that new '82 and '83 budget numbers could probably be sold to the House Foreign Affairs Committee leadership and eventually to the full House. Minority Whip Trent Lott said the House Republicans would accept these numbers. House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman, Clement Zablocki, is holding up all of our foreign affairs legislation until this bill is passed. Our hosts were cautiously optimistic that this could be the first step to breaking the impasse. (U)

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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 Monday,
October 19, 1981.

CC: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

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