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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

October 20, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From: Alexander M. Haig, Jr. 

1. SR-71 Flights in Korea. The planned resumption of SR-71 reconnaissance flights near the Korean DMZ on October 21 has been postponed until Monday, October 26, due to adverse weather (Typhoon GALE). The Rules of Engagement remain that if the aircraft is fired upon and hit, a retaliatory strike will be conducted before sunset. In the event of a miss, we will provide you with a new set of options. (TS)

2. Japanese Briefing on Arafat Visit. Japanese Ambassador Okawara called on Under Secretary Stoessel on instruction this morning to brief us on the outcome of the Arafat visit to Japan. While he said the Japanese and PLO positions voiced during the visit reflected no changes, he noted Arafat wanted Japan to persuade the US to take a more forthcoming attitude toward the PLO. Suzuki and Sonoda have been anxious to pursue discussion of the Arafat visit at Cancun with us, and we detect signs that they see some new give in the PLO position. We have attempted in Tokyo and at this meeting to disabuse the Japanese of any inclination to play a broker role, noting that we see nothing new in Arafat's remarks, and initiatives toward the PLO at this time could complicate next steps in the peace process. We have also pointed out that it will not be possible to schedule bilaterals with the Japanese at Cancun. (S)

3. Former Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban. Eban told me today that earlier this year he had spent two hours with Mubarak and had come away convinced that Mubarak's dedication to Camp David is real; he has not simply been following Sadat's lead. Eban said that Mubarak's creed is "Egypt above all" and that he should prove relatively immune to Arab pressure.

Eban agrees that real progress must be made in the autonomy negotiations if we are to avoid pressure for some alternative such as the Saudi "Eight Points". He was unusually upbeat about the Begin Government's flexibility, saying that it is more pragmatic than the media has portrayed. At the same time, Eban's Labor Party opposition will "spur" the Begin Government to be flexible. Eban stressed that Egypt must compromise as well -- by stopping efforts to define autonomy as statehood for the Palestinians, and "by realizing that no Israeli government will ever go back to the pre-1967 borders." (C)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN *Dick*

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Secretary Haig's Evening Report for Tuesday,
October 20, 1981.

CC: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

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