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THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

October 26, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. 

1. Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) Breakthrough. Embassy London reports that the Foreign Ministers of Britain, France, Italy and Holland met in Luxembourg today and agreed to join the MFO. Their decision will not be announced until all four governments have ratified it. This major breakthrough should lead Australia to join and, perhaps, Canada and New Zealand as well. Belgium may participate, too. Assistant Secretary Veliotos will be meeting with French and British officials later this week to guard against any backsliding. (C)

2. High Level U.S. Representation at the Autonomy Talks. Israeli Ambassador Evron passed Prime Minister Begin's request today that the U.S. be represented at the November 4 autonomy ministerial meeting by a senior American official. The Israeli rationale is that such an expression of higher level interest by the U.S. will help to give an impetus to the talks. Assuming that reports of a similar Egyptian interest are confirmed, I am planning to send Under Secretary Stoessel to represent us at the next meeting. This would please our partners and hopefully encourage them to make some substantial progress at the next meeting. It is still too soon to judge the accomplishments of the current tripartite working group meetings in Israel. All reports indicate, however, that the general atmosphere of the discussions is cordial and intimate, encouraging frank exchanges. (S)

3. Chad. President Goukouni's campaign for help against the Libyans in Chad has prompted positive responses in a number of African capitals. Nigerian Foreign Minister Audu outlined a specific proposal for the organization of the force to Assistant Secretary Crocker today, including a commitment to provide 2,000 Nigerian troops. Audu asked for American help in supporting the force. President Diouf of Senegal has promised 600 men, and the Nigerians believe Kenya and Togo can be approached for an additional 1,500 men. Gabon has joined France in promising financial assistance for the force, and Zairian President Mobutu has offered help in transporting arms. (C)

4. Meeting with Austrian Foreign Minister Pahr. In meetings today, Pahr stressed Austria's close ties to the United States. He also made a strong statement at lunch in favor of AWACS which Senator Huddleston said he found to be persuasive. Pahr will be having coffee with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee tomorrow morning and we can expect him to repeat his views. On other subjects, I took the occasion to stress that the peace process would benefit if Chancellor Kreisky would refrain from any initiatives with the PLO at this juncture. (C)

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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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 26, 1981.

CC: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
Jim Baker  
Mike Deaver

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