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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

October 28, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Alexander M. Haig, *AMH*

1. Situation in Chad. The Libyans may have pre-empted Chad President Goukouni's alleged plans to call for their withdrawal. According to unconfirmed reports, Libyan military units have supported an apparently successful move against Goukouni by Chad's pro-Libyan foreign minister. Though unable to confirm a coup attempt against Goukouni the French have observed armored movements in the Chadian capital and signs that may indicate fighting. The French Government has denied that its military forces in Africa have been placed on alert. At the very least the Libyans seem to be increasing pressure on the Chadian Government, underlining the desirability of dispatching an African peacekeeping force as soon as possible. If the Libyans have moved against Goukouni, direct French military action may be necessary to prevent the establishment of a puppet regime or a complete Libyan takeover. It is not clear if Paris would authorize such action. We are urgently reviewing the situation and cannot discount the possibility that the French could ask us for support should they decide to take direct action. (S)

2. UN Secretary General Election. The Security Council remained deadlocked after two ballots today. In the fifth round of balloting, Salim received 8 "yes" votes, 1 "no" and 6 abstentions while Waldheim received 11 "yes" votes and 4 "no" votes, one of the latter a Chinese veto. In the sixth round, Salim's total was 8-2-5 and Waldheim's remained the same with the Chinese continuing to veto.

The Security Council is scheduled to hold a formal meeting on Friday when balloting will resume. There will be informal consultations of the Council tomorrow to discuss the situation. At that time, the focus could be on the two Latin American candidates, Perez de Cuellar (Peru) and Ortiz de Rozas (Argentina). (C)

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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 Wednesday,
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CC: The Vice President
Ed Meese
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