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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

October 31, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. 

1. Meeting With Dobrynin. Dobrynin came in this morning on instructions from Moscow to deliver two brief papers, one on Cuba and the other on Afghanistan. The Cuba paper charged we were artificially increasing tension by alleging the presence of Cuban military personnel in Nicaragua when in fact the Cubans in question were school teachers. The Afghanistan paper proposed a formal exchange of views on the Afghan problem through our embassies in Washington or in Moscow. During the informal conversation that followed, Dobrynin asked when the Soviet side could expect a reply to Brezhnev's recent letter to you. We will give you our thoughts on these matters in the next few days. (C)

2. Siberian Natural Gas Pipeline to Western Europe. We are sending a State/Defense/Commerce team to follow-up on your Ottawa commitment to consult with our European allies on their plans to increase imports of natural gas from the Soviet Union. The team will point out the questionable economics of the proposed pipeline deal and suggest specific energy alternatives. We also intend to emphasize our serious concern about the security implications of the project and the substantial Western vulnerabilities that might arise. However, the momentum of the Soviet-Western European negotiations is great. We are not confident of our ability to turn the allies around now, but intend to make a major try. (S)

3. Hijackers Held in El Salvador. The five hijackers and six released prisoners from Costa Rica are being detained by the Salvadoran military. Costa Rican President Carazo has advised President Duarte that Costa Rica will request their extradition and has asked that Salvador continue to hold the hijackers in custody. We have reminded both governments of their responsibilities under the Hague Convention on international hijacking, which requires contracting states to prosecute or extradite hijackers apprehended in their territory. (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 Saturday,
October 31, 1981.

CC: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

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