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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. 

1. West German Interest in Improved U.S.-German Exchanges. Hildegard Hamm-Bruecher, State Minister in the German Foreign Office, met with me today to discuss the question of improved German-American exchanges. At Chancellor Schmidt's request, she has put together a report which concludes that political support will be needed to make clear to the younger generation the importance of the closest possible Atlantic cooperation. I told her that we shared this concern and would investigate with you and with Charlie Wick the possibilities of improving coordination of German-American exchange activities on the American side. Hamm-Bruecher said that Chancellor Schmidt wished to provide a political impetus and that he hoped we could announce publicly the appointment of a U.S. coordinator for U.S.-German exchanges. I believe that appointment of a coordinator would be useful, but that the task should be tied closely to our political relations with the FRG. For this reason, I suggest that Larry Eagleburger be given the job. Perhaps we can discuss the question in more detail some time soon. (C)

2. Proposed POW/MIA Mission to Vietnam and Laos. As you agreed in principle in September, we will propose to the Vietnamese and Lao governments within the week a high-level POW/MIA mission to Hanoi and Vientiane. The mission will discuss only POW/MIA matters, and is not authorized to raise or discuss any other issues. Normalization of US-Vietnamese relations is an explicitly forbidden topic.

We will contact the Vietnamese and Lao, through their missions in New York and Washington respectively, at the conclusion of the UNGA debates on Kampuchea. We are informing ASEAN and other concerned friendly countries in their capitals, and are also this week briefing key Congressional figures on this initiative.

Our preferred timing for the mission is late November or early December, but the actual timing will, of course, depend on the response of the Vietnamese and Lao governments. It may be some weeks before we have their responses. (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 Tuesday, November 3, 1981.

cc: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
Jim Baker  
Mike Deaver

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