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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. *TH*

1. Cubans on Military Alert and Fostering War Psychosis. Cuba apparently has put at least a major part of its armed forces (2 to 3 divisions or more) on alert, and some reserves and militia were activated. The Cuban media are also creating a war psychosis, alleging U.S. plans to attack Cuba, citing my statements and those of other senior U.S. officials, and maneuvers in the Atlantic (Readex I-82 is underway with two Carrier Battle Groups off Puerto Rico). Cuban diplomats in London and at the UN are reported to have expressed "deep concern" about "U.S. war plans." Tass has chimed in with charges of U.S. threats and pressures against Cuba. This "alert" may be merely an exercise to divert attention from economic ills and to rally public support; Cuba may also be honestly worried. At the least, we are getting their attention. (S)

2. Chad: Consultations with the French. In high level consultations with the French in Paris today, we learned that the Libyans are indeed leaving Chad. The withdrawal from N'Djamena is proceeding in a slow, almost leisurely fashion; it is unclear whether any troops have actually left the country. The Libyans are also taking everything with them, hoping to show that Chad cannot live without them. Meanwhile, the Paris announcement that Zaire, Congo and Benin are willing to contribute troops has accelerated plans for the OAU peacekeeping force. The French may help to support the Nigerian contingent as well as the francophones, but they look to us to pitch in, possibly in support of the Zairians. (C)

3. Talks with the Europeans on the Siberian Pipeline. Mike Rashish has now made strong presentations to the French and Germans emphasizing the concerns that you expressed at Ottawa about European dependence on Soviet gas and the importance of exploring alternative sources. The French and Germans responded that their dependence will be limited and that Soviet gas helps them diversify away from Persian Gulf oil. But the Germans in particular expressed interest in further talks on energy alternatives that could supplement but not replace the Siberian pipeline. Mike and his team will be holding further talks in Paris, Brussels and London. (C)

4. Departure of King Hussein. King Hussein departed this afternoon, extremely pleased with his visit. He was deeply grateful to you for your personal participation and the close attention you obviously paid to his views. We have now healed the scars of the past and have set the stage for a productive and intimate relationship with this key Middle East leader. (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 Thursday, November 5, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

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