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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. 

1. Israeli Incursions into Saudi Airspace. Prince Bandar advised us early this morning that twice on November 9 six Israeli aircraft had penetrated Saudi airspace near Tabuk airbase. The Saudis told us they would open fire if the aircraft encroached again. Ambassador Murphy is in close touch with Crown Prince Fahd, urging the Saudis to refrain from action that would exacerbate the situation. The Saudi Government, in an unusual step, has publicized the incident, claiming its aircraft intercepted and forced the Israeli aircraft to withdraw. Ambassador Murphy has turned off, for the moment, the anticipated Saudi request that AWACS aircraft be redeployed along the northern border to provide early warning of any further Israeli overflights. While the Israelis have not confirmed that such overflights took place, they seem to be stalling--lending credence to the Saudi claim. Ambassador Lewis told the Israelis in the strongest terms that they should cease any further overflights in the area, and is pressing for clarification. We have promised a further report to the Saudis. The official Saudi press agency announcement is overstated. We believe the Saudis put out this version in order to preempt a more unfavorable story from appearing just before the Gulf Cooperation Council Summit, scheduled to open November 10. (S)

2. European Participation in the Sinai MFO. Representatives of the Four (Britain, France, Italy, Netherlands) came to see me today to ask that we take another look at the statement which they presented last week and which we found unacceptable. They stressed that they have no intention of setting conditions to their participation in the Sinai force or of going beyond their Venice Declaration. In fact, we had learned earlier that their approach was for face-saving purposes--so as not to appear to be caving in too rapidly to the Israelis and us. I heard them out but stated that my objections of last week have only been reinforced by the heavy press play given Lord Carrington's statements over the weekend in Riyadh. They asked for a bit more time to reflect. We expect they will be back later in the week with a version of their statement that will come much closer to our request. (S)

3. Danish Foreign Minister. In a very good two-hour meeting with Danish Foreign Minister Olesen, I found general understanding and support for our foreign policy toward the Soviet Union, the Middle East and southern Africa. Olesen was surprised that we had not been properly informed about the statement on European participation in the MFO, recalling that at Venice he had stressed the importance that Europeans must not do anything to hamper our efforts. In closing, Olesen indicated that the Soviet submarine incident in Sweden has reinforced the Danish position that any Nordic Nuclear Weapon Free Zone must include all relevant Soviet territory and systems and that the Nordics should never negotiate with the Soviets directly on this issue. (S)

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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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, November 9, 1981.

CC: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

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