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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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

1. Positive Alliance Reactions on INF. At my request, Larry Eagleburger and Richard Burt today briefed the FRG, UK, Italian, Belgian and Dutch Foreign Ministers in close confidence and delivered a letter from me which brought them up to date on the main elements of our negotiating approach. They informed them both of our intention to propose the dismantling of the SS-20s and the retirement of the SS-4s and 5s, in return for cancelation of our plans to deploy GLCM and Pershing II missiles, and of your decision that the shorter-range systems should be treated separately from the longer-range missiles. All five Foreign Ministers were warmly supportive of your decision and appreciative of the timely briefing. They particularly welcomed your decision to propose the complete elimination of all long-range land-based INF missiles. Genscher promised full support for our position.

Similar briefings were given to the remaining NATO Ambassadors and Secretary General Luns here in Washington. Richard Burt will be briefing the French in Paris tomorrow.

2. Meeting with Secretary General Luns. In a Monday meeting, NATO Secretary General Luns was highly supportive of you and your approach to foreign policy. Helmut Schmidt had asked Luns to convey the following concerns to the American leadership, concerns which Luns also shares: (1) The U.S. needs to take European public opinion into account when dealing with nuclear questions. (2) The economic decline in Europe is damaging support for defense programs. According to Luns, Schmidt also said that he would have to insist that two European nations, not including those with their own nuclear forces (UK and France), participate in Intermediate Nuclear Forces deployment for the Germans to move ahead with their own deployment. Previously, the Germans had been vague about this issue, and there is a chance that Luns may have misunderstood what Schmidt was telling him; we have heard nothing from the Germans ourselves. Schmidt said he would not tell Brezhnev about this condition when they meet next week, and he intends to tell Brezhnev that Germany will proceed with INF deployment even if negotiations fail.

3. Moroccan Peace Proposal. Ambassador Reed has returned to Washington with a message from King Hassan of Morocco proposing a Middle East peace conference to include, among others, the Soviet Union. Since the King apparently hoped to develop his initiative for the Arab League summit later this month, I instructed Reed to convey immediately to the King our strong opposition to Soviet participation in the Middle East peace process. Reed will return to Morocco later this week with a more formal response to supplement the oral message he has passed to the King.

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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 17, 1981.

CC: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

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