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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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

1. Initial Reaction to Your Speech. Initial media reaction in Europe to your speech is very enthusiastic, with even some leftist and Communist sources noting its favorable impact. The speech was broadcast live in several countries, including West Germany, the Netherlands and Belgium, and segments -- particularly the INF proposal -- were aired extensively on nightly newscasts. Thus far, television news commentaries on the speech are very positive. Prime Minister Thatcher, Chancellor Schmidt, Japanese Foreign Minister Sonoda, and other officials praised the speech as a clear and effective statement of America's commitment to peace, placing the onus on the Soviets to respond. Allied embassy reaction in Washington indicates that your speech offers powerful ammunition to combat anti-nuclear sentiment in Europe and to begin INF talks with a public opinion advantage over the Soviets.

2. Nimeiri Visit. Sudanese President Nimeiri, who is scheduled to see you on Friday, met with me this afternoon. He agrees with us on the importance of restoring stability to Chad. He is also coming to share our concern that the Tripartite Alliance among Libya, Ethiopia and South Yemen poses a new threat to Sudan. Nimeiri is pleased with our official assistance, but would also like our help in getting a better reception from the banking community.

3. Hong Kong Governor Warns of the Impact on China of Arms Sales to Taiwan. Hong Kong Governor MacLehose took the unusual step of scheduling a Sunday meeting with Under Secretary Stoessel to present his concerns about the possible foreign policy impact of US arms sales to Taiwan. Assuming that the Chinese would downgrade relations in the event of a major sale, the Governor bluntly described the negative consequences for the stability of the Asian-Pacific region. He noted that a reversal of the trend toward better US-PRC relations would cause "consternation" in Japan, Korea, and among the ASEAN states. He also observed that such a falling out could "fundamentally affect" China's long-term course. In the Governor's opinion it would undercut Deng Xiaoping's leadership and the moderate pragmatic policies with which he is trying to reshape China's future.

4. UNGA Resolution on Afghanistan Adopted by Increased Vote. The UN General Assembly adopted a resolution today calling for immediate withdrawal of all foreign troops from Afghanistan and a political settlement based on restoration of independence and self-determination for Afghanistan. The vote was 116 in favor, 23 against, and 12 abstaining, an even stronger vote than at last year's UNGA for an almost identical resolution -- clearly a serious defeat for the Soviet Union.

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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 Wednesday,
November 18, 1981.

CC: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

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