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November 19, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

From

Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

1. Meeting with Gromyko. Ambassador Hartman met on November 18 with Gromyko to deliver your letter to Brezhnev. Gromyko had no immediate response to your letter, but responded in familiar terms to Hartman's talking points. While seeming to accept the general premise of linkage, Gromyko rejected any attempt by us to impose "pre-conditions" for improvement of US-Soviet relations. Gromyko challenged our evidence of Cuban arms assistance to Latin American insurgencies and hoped that we would take a more "sensible" stance toward Cuba. He asserted that there has been no change in Moscow's position on Afghanistan. On arms control, Gromyko claimed that the USSR wants a successful outcome of negotiations, specifically in the upcoming TNF talks. But he warned against a US effort to seek military predominance and alleged that US positions thus far have not been "conducive to progress." Gromyko claimed that our recent statements on nuclear issues have raised tensions and he called for a clear US statement on non-first use of nuclear weapons.

- 2. House GOP Leadership Breakfast. In today's breakfast with the House Republican leadership, I emphasized that to bring about a change in foreign policy your Administration would require new legislation authorizing such tools as concessional military sales, a new arrangement for allies such as Pakistan, and removal of the Clark Amendment for Angola. The leadership indicated its general support for these initiatives, but strongly emphasized the need for your personal involvement on behalf of this foreign assistance legislation.
- 3. Pakistan. Ambassador Spiers raised our concerns over Pakistan's foot-dragging with the IAEA on upgrading safeguards at the Kanupp nuclear reactor with President Zia yesterday. Zia's nuclear expert asserted that Pakistan had responded positively to eight of eleven safeguard enhancement proposals made by the IAEA, carrying out Zia's instructions to be forthcoming. (We disagreed with this assertion.) It is clear that this vitally important matter is far from resolved, and we may have to approach the Pakistanis again.
- 4. Chad. Following your November 16 decision authorizing us to move on assistance to the OAU peacekeeping force, we alerted key Congressional leaders of our intention to reprogram up to \$12 million for this purpose, and instructed certain of our Embassies to begin consultations on the precise form our assistance might take. We are preparing formal notifications to Congress of our intentions, which will be forwarded to the White House for signature as soon as possible. We are also working closely with DOD to prepare for possible commencement of our assistance as early as next week.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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November 20, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Secretary Haig's Evening Report for Thursday, November 19, 1981.

CC: The Vice President Ed Meese Jim Baker Mike Deaver

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