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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. 

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1. Possible Ethiopian Break of Diplomatic Relations. The latest  indicate a strong possibility that Ethiopia will soon break relations with the US, possibly as early as Saturday when a massive demonstration against our Bright Star exercise will reportedly take place in Addis Ababa. We have asked several European governments to caution the Ethiopians against initiating such a further deterioration in their relations with the West, and we have informally asked the Italians to represent our interests in the event of a break. Contingency preparations are under way for pulling our few people out and for closing the Ethiopian Embassy here. We do not anticipate violence against our personnel in Ethiopia. (S)

2. Meeting with King Hassan's Emissary. King Hassan sent his Royal Councillor Guedira to talk with me today about the Arab League Summit in Fez. I gave Guedira a long explanation of the extreme delicacy in the Middle East at this time and detailed the reasons for our opposition to Soviet participation in the peace process, as well as our continued commitment to the Camp David process. Guedira indicated that the King hoped the Arab Summit would endorse Fahd's Eight Points and issue an appeal to the US and all other countries to endorse Fahd's Plan. I told Guedira in the strongest terms that such an outcome could drive Israel to take dangerous actions, force us to embarrass the Saudis by opposing the Fahd Plan, and jeopardize peace in Lebanon as well as Israel's withdrawal from the Sinai. Guedira assured me that King Hassan will take these views into account in his chairmanship of the Arab League Summit. (S)

3. US-EC High-Level Consultations. Mike Rashish led the US side in recent consultations with senior European Economic Community (EC) officials. We underscored your remarks on the Atlantic Alliance and stressed the need to speak frankly with one another to deal with intractable trade issues so that those disputes do not damage our overall relationship. We also expressed to the EC our serious concerns over the direction they were moving in agricultural policy. Both sides recognized that the current economic slump is making trade issues even more difficult to handle, but agreed that the prospect for an upturn is good on both sides of the Atlantic in the course of 1982. (LOU)

4. General Walters' Mission to Zaire. Dick Walters arrives in Zaire this weekend to begin three days of straight talk with Mobutu about the urgent measures he must take to counter the potential threat against his government. Walters' trip follows on his discussions with Mobutu in Paris and DOD Assistant Secretary West's visit to Zaire. Walters will focus on getting Mobutu to make the decisions that will permit us, our allies and the IMF and World Bank to protect both his regime and our interests. This trip will also set the stage for your meeting with Mobutu December 1. (S)

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November 20, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

RICHARD V. ALLEN *Allen*

SUBJECT:

Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Secretary Haig's Evening Report for Friday,  
November 20, 1981.

CC: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
Jim Baker  
Mike Deaver

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