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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: Alexander M. Haig, Jr. 

1. Saudi Ambassador Requests Strong U.S. Response to Israel's Action Regarding the Golan Heights. At a meeting this afternoon, the Saudi Ambassador conveyed Crown Prince Fahd's message that Saudi Arabia was doing its best to maintain calm in the area. The Saudis believed that the United States must take a clear position. Condemnation of Israel in the U.N. was not enough; there must be some punishment or sanction. Otherwise, there would be no Israeli restraint, the situation would deteriorate and the Soviet Union would be the beneficiary. I assured the Ambassador that the United States viewed Israel's action as outrageous and unjustified. We would not condone Israel's action by a failure to react properly to it. (S)

2. Security Council Meeting on Golan Heights Resolution. The Security Council met twice today to discuss the Israeli annexation of the Golan Heights. The Syrians have circulated a draft resolution which terms the Israeli action "null and void," demands that Israel rescind the law, and calls for the Council to meet again in a week to consider further "measures" (i.e., sanctions). We are working to amend the text in order to have the Council reinforce Resolutions 242 and 338 as the basis for Middle East peace and to remove reference to the threat of sanctions. (C)

3. Jamaica. The Senate gave its consent to the bilateral tax treaty and protocol with Jamaica this afternoon. Tom Enders called Prime Minister Seaga and gave him the good news. The Prime Minister was delighted. (U)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JAMES W. NANCE

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Al Haig's Evening Report for Wednesday,
December 16, 1981.

CC: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

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