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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

December 18, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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

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1. U.S. Actions on Golan Heights. In Israel, Ambassador Lewis reviewed our decisions on the Golan and the reasons for them with Foreign Minister Shamir, who appeared quite sobered by what we have done. Significantly, Shamir's response focused on what Israel now might do to ameliorate the situation. Apart from rescinding the Golan law (which is virtually impossible) and reaffirming their commitment to Resolutions 242 and 338, Lewis suggested to Shamir that a more positive and flexible Israeli approach to the autonomy talks would be welcome; Shamir appeared to take the point well.

This afternoon I met with a group of five Ambassadors (Bahrain, Jordan, Kuwait, Syria and Somalia) to discuss our position regarding the Israeli action on the Golan. They were pleased with our vote in the Security Council, and were impressed with the measures we announced today. The Ambassadors said they hoped further progress in working for solutions to regional problems could now be made on the basis of cooperation by their governments with what they said was a positive U.S. position. I reviewed in detail our position and tried to condition them not to expect miracles from the Israelis, and seized the occasion to warn that nothing must be done to provoke Israeli military action in Lebanon or on the Golan at this tense time.

I backgrounded selected journalists on the same topic, who were by and large understanding of our position. Congressional consultations also yielded no major objections to our decisions. (S)

2. Kidnapping of U.S. General in Italy. Italian Prime Minister Spadolini met with Ambassador Rabb this morning and assured him that the Italian Government has organized itself to deal with the Dozier kidnapping and takes it very seriously. With the concurrence of the Italians, we are sending two members from the Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC), the U.S. counter-terrorist force, to survey the situation and assist the Embassy. A working group has been established in the Department of State Operations Center to coordinate the U.S. Government's response to the kidnapping. (S)

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DECEMBER 19, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JAMES W. NANCE *JWN*

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SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Al Haig's Evening Report for December 18, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker
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