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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

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SITUATION ROOM

1. Poland: A visiting Polish bishop told Vatican officials on December 23 that the Polish Episcopate had received a promise that a meeting will be permitted between Walesa and other Solidarity leaders. He expressed the belief that the military may be able to bring the situation to a point where dialogue can be restored. The Vatican believes this reflects a feeling among Polish bishops that they must proceed with extreme prudence if they hope to influence the situation. For now the Pope plans to back the attitude of the Polish Episcopate. (S)

2. Crown Prince Fahd's Meeting with Ambassador Murphy: On December 21, Crown Prince Fahd told Ambassador Murphy that, at his meeting with Syrian President Assad the next day, he would urge him to restrain Palestinian groups under his influence, and to work closely with the US in the Security Council. Fahd asked what he could tell Assad about the kind of resolution the US would support. Ambassador Murphy was instructed to encourage Fahd to press Assad along lines he planned. Fahd was also informed that the US remains firmly committed to the concept that all issues in the peace process are negotiable in the context of Resolutions 242 and 338. Finally, Murphy pointed out that we have made clear to the Syrians our opposition to formal sanctions. We believe that much has been achieved through the unity demonstrated by the Security Council.

On another matter, Fahd hinted that Saudi Arabia might soon resume relations with Libya in response to recent conciliatory overtures from Qadhafi. (S)

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December 25, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

JAMES W. NANCE *Bud*

SUBJECT:

Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Al Haig's Evening Report for December 24, 1981.

cc: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
James Baker  
Michael Deaver

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