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THE SECRETARY OF STATE

December 28, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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FROM: Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

1. Meeting with David Kimche, Director General of the Israeli Foreign Ministry. Today I received a personal emissary from Prime Minister Begin to discuss the state of US-Israeli relations. The fact that Begin took this initiative--privately, off-the-record and without rhetorical embellishment from Jerusalem--underscores that Begin has absorbed the seriousness of the Golan action, and has been chastened by our response. The meeting was extremely frank on both sides. Kimche depicted Begin's Golan decision in the context of domestic pressures, but understood that the action had raised doubts over their commitment to Camp David and UN Resolutions 242 and 338. As a consequence, they have written to the UN Secretary General stating their willingness to negotiate their differences with Syria absolutely without precondition and reaffirming their support for 242 and 338. This is a forthcoming response to our insistence that Israel take action to ameliorate the situation. It vindicates the wisdom of your decisions. In response to a request, I made clear our commitment to the Camp David process and your intention to press for early progress on the autonomy talks, while stressing that this would require greater realism and flexibility by Israel. Kimche seemed very reassured by the exchange. In the weeks ahead we will watch carefully to see whether the contrition and good will reflected by the Kimche visit will be translated into reality on the difficult agenda before us. (SECRET/SENSITIVE)

2. Poland: My Meeting with EC-10 Ambassadors. In a meeting on Poland with the 10 European Community Ambassadors today, I emphasized our collective obligation to raise directly with the Soviets their responsibility to stop repression in Poland. Underlining the importance we place on Allied solidarity, I told them that Brezhnev's negative response to your letter demanded measured US steps against the USSR. The Ambassadors were also encouraged to use their leverage in Poland to strengthen the Church and Solidarity. Finally, I said that we are seriously considering a meeting of NATO Foreign Ministers on Poland in early January and an emergency session of the CSCE to put the USSR in the dock. (C)

3. Japanese Defense Budget. The final Japanese defense budget increase of 7.75% is as much as we realistically could have expected, and far exceeds the average increase in the budget as a whole--domestic programs were cut back severely. The outcome was due to pressure from the governing Liberal Democratic Party, the personal intervention of PM Suzuki, and a vigorous demarche which I instructed Mike Mansfield to make directly with the Foreign Ministry. Ambassador Okawara told Under Secretary Stoessel this evening that Suzuki acted out of a sense of commitment reflected in his joint communique with you last May. (C)

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December 29, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JAMES W. NANCE

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Al Haig's Evening Report for December 28, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
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