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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Alexander M. Haig, Jr. *(Signature)*

1. Breakfast Meeting with Chancellor Schmidt. My meeting this morning with the Chancellor confirmed our success in bringing him, and West Germany, closer to our position on Poland. He was extremely positive about his meeting with you.

Specifically, Schmidt assured me that (a) Germany would join with the other Allies in reaching a consensus on dealing with the Polish crisis, although we should not look to West Germany to take the lead, especially on Soviet sanctions; and (b) Germany was not "wandering somewhere between the East and West." On the latter point, I warned him against portraying West Germany as an "intermediary" or "interpreter" between the US and the USSR. He took this advice in the constructive spirit with which it was offered.

Schmidt repeatedly suggested that we must avoid public tests of manhood with the Soviets as an excuse for his reluctance on sanctions. I told him neither the Soviets nor Western interests, and especially US public opinion, would understand our failure not to pressure the Soviets. Clearly we will have an extremely difficult task in NATO next Monday trying to drive the consensus beyond the statement of the Ten. For this reason I tried to dampen excess press expectations yesterday so that Monday's meeting will not be portrayed as a major US failure in the Alliance.

Schmidt told me that he was particularly pleased with your reaffirmation of the points in your November 18 speech and your statement that the US did not intend to withdraw from the INF talks or delay the beginning of START under present circumstances. He seemed very struck by the fact that you volunteered this information rather than waiting for him to ask the question.

All in all, I believe the visit was a success. We still have a lot of work to do with the Allies. Nonetheless, the Schmidt visit, and the joint statement issued by you and the Chancellor yesterday, marked a further step ahead. (S)

2. Under Secretary Stoessel's Meeting with Japanese Ambassador. Japanese Ambassador Okawara informed Under Secretary Stoessel this evening that Prime Minister Suzuki took advantage of the farewell call by Soviet Ambassador Polianskiy to make it clear that Japan agreed with the United States: Soviet intervention was responsible for the turn of events in Poland. (C)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Al Haig's Evening Report for Wednesday,
January 6, 1982.

CC: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

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