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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

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1. Meeting with French Defense Minister Hernu. In my meeting today I took Hernu to task about the French decision to supply arms to Nicaragua, telling him very frankly that this action would exacerbate a difficult situation; that it would necessitate public comments by us and many Latin American countries; and that it was especially annoying to learn of French plans from the Cubans. Hernu was almost apologetic, but argued that the French saw an opportunity to wean Nicaragua away from Soviet and Cuban influence and thus to help defuse a potentially dangerous point of confrontation. He did make a point of saying the French decision was not directed against us. I will pursue this matter vigorously with Foreign Minister Cheysson in Brussels on Monday. Hernu delivered a letter from President Mitterrand to you, which has been forwarded separately to the White House. (SECRET/SENSITIVE)

2. Meeting with West German State Secretary von Staden. Walt Stoessel met today with State Secretary von Staden, spending most of the time discussing the prospects for the Monday meeting of Foreign Ministers in Brussels. Both agreed that the EC-10 communique on Poland followed by the joint U.S.-FRG statement provided a good foundation for the declaration to be issued Monday. Von Staden suggested, and we agreed, that we add two elements to the declaration: (1) a reference to international agreements other than Helsinki Final Act to provide a worldwide context; and (2) a condemnation of the communist system's inability to satisfy the legitimate aspirations of its people as contained in the U.S.-FRG statement. Von Staden was non-committal on economic measures. He emphasized the need to develop a long-term framework with regard to the Soviet Union and Poland, and the need to emphasize the positive benefits available to Poland if our three conditions were met. (C)

3. Meeting with Felipe Gonzalez. This afternoon I met with Felipe Gonzalez, the Spanish Socialist leader and Chairman of the Socialist International's Committee to Defend the Nicaraguan Revolution. He recently returned from a visit to Nicaragua and Central America and shares our apprehensions over the future course of events in the region. He is pessimistic about Nicaragua and agrees that the arms buildup is an ominous development. He suggested a regional security guarantee for Nicaragua and I explained that we had offered such a guarantee twice already and it was rejected by the Sandinistas. On El Salvador, he is skeptical that the climate will be conducive to elections but agrees that a good turnout could get a political reconciliation process started. (S)

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January 9, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Al Haig's Evening Report for January 8, 1982.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker
Mike Deaver

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