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WASHINGTON

January 18, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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

1. Poland. I briefed a group of fourteen churchmen, including leaders of the Roman Catholic, Protestant, Greek Orthodox, and Jewish communities on the current situation in Poland. Most seemed fully supportive of our policy, although Bishop Armstrong, President of the National Council of Churches, questioned whether we were defending human rights in South Korea with the same vigor as in Poland. Armstrong seemed disinclined to lend his support to a proposed joint statement of support for Polish Solidarity Day January 30. Most of the others, led by Cardinal Krol, Dr. David Preus of the Lutheran Church, and Rabbi Schindler, were favorably inclined to working out a joint statement in support of the Polish people and will give the matter further study. (C)

2. Southern Africa. Chet Crocker met successively in London and Paris last week with the South Africans and the Angolans, as part of our effort to find a Namibia settlement, and get the Cubans out of Angola. We achieved our principal objectives in both sets of talks. The South Africans agreed to move forward on the Namibia plan and there was useful discussion of some of the next issues. In Paris, the Angolans agreed to open-ended negotiations and an agenda which addresses the issues which must be resolved, including the departure of the Cubans, if our southern Africa diplomacy is to be successful. The next steps will be a meeting of the Front Line States in Lusaka this weekend, followed by a Contact Group meeting in Bonn January 25-26. (S)

3. Central American Initiative. Our initiative for the formation of a Community of Democratic Nations of Central America has begun to take hold. In a secret meeting the Foreign Ministers of Honduras, El Salvador and Costa Rica worked out (with our assistance) the details of a communique to be issued by the three Foreign Ministers in Costa Rica on Tuesday. The communique will announce formation of the regional group, put forward a number of political and economic principles and call for the assistance of more developed nations in helping the region solve its problems. We may be able to use the formation of this group and its call for assistance as a peg on which to hang part of the Caribbean Basin Initiative in February. (S)

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January 19, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Al Haig's Evening Report for Monday,  
January 18, 1982.

CC: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
Jim Baker  
Mike Deaver

*I'm not surprised at the  
reaction (per. 1) of Bishop A.  
He needs an org. That's mainly  
comes down on the wrong side.*

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