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THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

February 17, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. 

1. El Salvador. The British informed us today that, despite considerable domestic political costs, they will send observers to witness the March 28 elections in El Salvador. This is an important breakthrough; Great Britain is the first Western European nation to decide to accept the Salvadoran invitation. We hope that several other European countries who are still reluctant to send observers will be influenced by the British decision.

Meanwhile, on February 16, the Organization of American States (OAS) approved El Salvador's request for election observers by a vote of 19-0, with Mexico, Grenada, Trinidad and Tobago abstaining. This clear expression of hemispheric sentiment parallels the strong supportive vote on El Salvador in December at the OAS 11th General Assembly in St. Lucia. (C)

2. Madrid CSCE Conference. At today's plenary session of the Madrid CSCE Conference, Western delegations continued their criticism of Soviet and Polish violations of the Helsinki Agreement. In addition, the neutral/non-aligned states have agreed on a plan that would bring about a recess by the first week in March. (C)

3. INF Treaty Text Given to Allies. Based on unanimous inter-agency agreement, we passed the text of the draft INF Treaty to our NATO Allies today. This draft had been tabled in Geneva on February 2 and, although previously briefed on the Treaty's substance, the Allies had expressed interest in seeing the actual text. We were especially worried that if the Soviets learned the Allies -- especially the Germans -- had not received our text, they would have passed it to them, thus embarrassing both us and the Allies. Our sharing the Treaty should be seen in Europe as a reflection of our commitment to the INF consultative process. (S)

4. Middle East Visit of Ambassador Richard Fairbanks. Ambassador Richard Fairbanks is visiting Israel and Egypt from February 17-22, 1982. His trip is intended (1) to elicit reactions from both sides to the ideas on autonomy which I presented during my January 27-29 visit to the area, and (2) to plan a follow-up working committee session to draw up suggestions on selected key issues to be presented to a Ministerial meeting. (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 February 17,  
1982.

cc: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
Jim Baker  
Mike Deaver