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THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

February 23, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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

1. Meeting With Exiled Miskito Indian Leader. Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs Elliott Abrams met with Stedman Fagoth, exiled Miskito Indian leader, to discuss Nicaraguan government repression of the Indian community in the Atlantic coast area. Fagoth said that the Sandinista government is attempting to eliminate Indian political opposition, to end the Indians' communal and traditional way of life, and to take away their resources. According to the Indian community's Council of Elders 35,000 Miskitos have been displaced from the Honduran border area. Many villages have been burned, whole communities of Indians force-marched into Nicaraguan government camps, and large numbers of Indians killed by Sandinista forces. Fagoth was planning to publicize these outrages and Abrams assured him that we would render appropriate assistance in telling the Miskitos' story to the world. Fagoth expects to meet with human rights organizations, Congress and the press. (C)

2. Polish Debt. Larry Eagleburger testified on behalf of the Administration before the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee on the Polish debt, along with Treasury Under Secretary Beryl Sprinkel. This testimony was preceded by the former Polish Ambassador to Japan's impassioned plea for default. Eagleburger's presentation, stressing that your policy on default was the tougher stance to take at this juncture of events, impressed Chairman Garn. Garn said that he had not decided in his own mind whether Poland should be forced into default. (C)

3. Afghanistan. The Afghanistan Deputy Foreign Minister confirmed February 20 the Afghan regime's refusal to issue a visa to our new Charge-Designate. The Afghans maintained that he is unacceptable because of his previous contacts with government opponents in Kabul and in Delhi, as well as his associations with Embassy Delhi. In response, we are imposing travel restrictions on Afghan diplomats in Washington and the United States. (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 Tuesday, February 23, 1982.

cc: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
Jim Baker  
Mike Deaver

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