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WASHINGTON

March 25, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. 

1. Breakfast With Senators Baker and Percy. Our breakfast discussion this morning was dominated by talk of the political pressure rapidly developing on the START negotiations. Both Senators emphasized the importance of a Presidential initiative on the subject and I shared with them some of our tentative plans along these lines. Percy agreed reluctantly to hold off any START hearings in his committee for the time being. (C)
2. Meeting With Central American Ministers. After our brief session with you this morning I met with the Foreign Ministers of the Central American Democratic Community (CADC) and reassured them about our recent discussions with Mexico and Cuba, stressing our support of the CADC and for the elections in El Salvador. Following the meeting we issued press statements supporting the Caribbean Basin Initiative and the elections. I reiterated our support for negotiations in El Salvador which would broaden participation in the electoral process and rejected negotiations to share power. The occasion also offered me the opportunity to outline the policies (land reform, curbing human rights abuses, democratic process) which must be carried out if Salvador is to obtain our support and succeed in combatting the insurgency. (C)
3. Nicaragua in Security Council. Nicaragua's Junta Coordinator Ortega opened Security Council debate today with a long list of grievances against the U.S., to which Jeane Kirkpatrick gave a tough, detailed reply ending with a repetition of our offer to meet with Nicaragua on the basis of our five points. She also noted that the Nicaraguan complaints should be presented to the OAS, a point echoed by the Honduran and Argentinian representatives. The debate will continue and the outcome is still uncertain. (U)
4. Lebanon. The Sinai withdrawal and the West Bank violence should not distract us from the dangerous situation still prevailing in Lebanon. The Israeli forces remain at the ready; another Palestinian infiltration was intercepted on March 24. The Begin Government is under a good deal of pressure from several directions, as Tuesday's Parliamentary deadlock indicated. (S)

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March 26, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Al Haig's Evening Report for March 25, 1982.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

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