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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

March 26, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. 

1. Italy. The theme at my luncheon today for President Pertini was that which has characterized this visit--a celebration of the excellent relations between our countries. Today Pertini was especially demonstrative about the personal relationship he has established with you. He told me of his admiration for you, your direct approach, sincerity and clarity of thought and purpose. (C)

2. Security Council Meeting on Nicaragua. The Security Council resumed consideration of Nicaragua's complaint against us this afternoon. No resolution was introduced. During the meeting, Mexico reiterated its willingness to arrange a meeting between the U.S., Nicaragua and any other parties to the situation in Central America. The debate ended without the Council taking any decision on the matter. (U)

3. Access Negotiations With Honduras. A small interagency team headed by State is leaving for Honduras on Sunday to negotiate an access agreement. The agreement, which flows from your guidance to allocate \$21 million for Western Caribbean military construction projects, would permit us to use selected airfields in Honduras for exercises, rescue, relief and reconnaissance missions, and, with prior consultations, other military activities. Clearly, these negotiations come at a sensitive time. We believe, however, that an agreement will provide important reassurance to Honduras and other friends in Central America that we are prepared to contribute to their security and regional stability. The negotiations should last just a few days and we expect an agreement to emerge. (S)

4. SFRC Briefing on China and Taiwan. Assistant Secretary John Holdridge briefed the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in executive session on the status of our discussions with the Chinese and of our plans to proceed with formal notification of the pending \$60 million spare parts package for Taiwan by the end of Easter recess. Holdridge told the Committee that we are making every effort to resolve our differences with the PRC over Taiwan without abandoning our principles and our obligations under the Taiwan Relations Act. The members appreciated the frank discussion and expressed understanding of the sensitivity of our current exchanges with Beijing. (S)

5. Meeting with Dutch Defense Minister. Minister Van Mierlo told Larry Eagleburger this afternoon he is confident that Dutch ratification of the protocol permitting Spain to join NATO will be completed in time for the June NATO Summit. On INF deployments in the Netherlands, he stressed that if a decision were pressed now, the answer would be negative--although time may be on our side. (S)

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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 Friday, March 26, 1982.

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