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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

March 29, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

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

1. Lunch With House Majority Leader Wright and Senate Minority Leader Byrd. My purpose in inviting Wright and Byrd to lunch today was to encourage bipartisan Congressional support for the Administration's foreign policy. Congressman Wright spoke sympathetically but he said that the current economic and political climate will make it difficult to avoid cuts in your defense and security assistance budget. Senator Byrd said that protectionist sentiment was growing in the Senate and the public. He also complained that Senate Democrats did not appear to be consulted enough on foreign policy issues. (C)

2. Resumption of Security Council Debate on Nicaragua. Monday's Security Council debate featured speakers on the Nicaraguan allegations but no resolution has been introduced. Virtually all speakers called for direct negotiations between the parties. The French, unfortunately, called for the Secretary General to review the situation and to report back in several weeks. Further debate can be expected and even attempts to introduce a substantive resolution. We are making clear that all we could accept would be a procedural resolution referring the issue to the OAS. (U)

3. Meeting with OECD Secretary-General van Lennep. My meeting last week with OECD Secretary-General van Lennep focused on the OECD's role in helping us to restrain future official credits and credit guarantees to the USSR. Van Lennep shares many of our concerns and offered his assistance. Previous U.S. efforts in the OECD have failed to achieve similar objectives but the worsening international situation and the Soviet Union's financial problems, plus policy changes by some allies (notably France) make the OECD more promising this time around--especially in bringing the neutrals on board. Van Lennep also wants to be helpful on aid to Turkey, which is coordinated within the OECD. Due to Western European concerns over the Turkish human rights situation, he had decided to postpone a meeting of the Turkish assistance consortium until the fall, when he hopes prospects will improve. The Turks support this approach. (C)

4. Security Council Will Again Discuss West Bank Violence on March 30. After informal consultations, the UN Security Council decided today to meet again on Tuesday to discuss the West Bank issue. No resolution has been officially tabled. The draft texts circulating range from the unacceptable (Arab) to the unsatisfactory (Irish). Depending on the tactical situation, we may present our own text containing the balanced, non-condemnatory language that we could accept. (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 March 29, 1982.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Michael Deaver

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