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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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April 30, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: Alexander M. Haig, Jr. 

1. Law of the Sea. As expected, the final text of the Law of the Sea treaty fell far short of your six objectives. Despite strong appeals to our allies to vote against the treaty, 130 countries voted in favor, 4 countries voted against (United States, Israel, Turkey, Venezuela), and 17 countries abstained (the entire Eastern bloc, United Kingdom, Federal Republic of Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Belgium, Spain and Thailand). The United States delegation made a statement which outlined our good faith efforts to reach an acceptable treaty, described the shortcomings of the final text, and explained the deep convictions that supported our negative vote. The delegation is preparing a detailed analysis of the treaty text which will be forwarded to you together with the recommendations of the Senior Interagency Group on the future course of US action.

2. El Salvador. The Constituent Assembly has now selected both the military-backed candidate Alvaro Magana as provisional President and the three Vice Presidents representing three major parties. A cabinet must still be formed, but the leadership of a national reconciliation government is now in place.

Of the Vice Presidents, Raul Molina (Secretary General of the Party of National Conciliation) has persistently sought a leadership role, but we do not expect him to be influential in policy making. Gutierrez Castro of ARENA (a University Professor) is a moderate and well respected, but his political experience is limited. Pablo Alvergue, the Christian Democrat, was a close advisor to Duarte and the Embassy has had an excellent relationship with him.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Al Haig's Evening Report for Friday April 30, 1982.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver