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THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

June 24, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

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1. Meeting with Romanian Foreign Minister Andrei. I emphasized to Andrei today that your policy toward Eastern Europe endorses the concept of differentiation among the individual countries of the region. We firmly support those countries such as Romania which seek to pursue a foreign policy independent of that of the USSR within the constraints imposed by geography and history.

On Lebanon, Andrei agreed to use Romania's contacts with the PLO to urge Arafat to agree to listen to Lebanese President Sarkis, to stop making demands on the Israelis and to consider a solution which would permit the PLO to continue as a political organization, giving up its military role.

Andrei also told me of President Ceausescu's efforts to convince Iraq to adopt a more moderate position in its relations with Egypt and Israel. Andrei claimed that Ceausescu had played an important role in convincing the Iraqis to withdraw their troops from Iran and to seek accommodation with the Iranians. (C)

2. Senior Interagency Group (SIG) Meeting on Post-Falklands Policy Toward Latin America. Larry Eagleburger chaired a SIG meeting to address next steps in Latin America in the wake of the Falklands episode. While there has been short-term damage to our relations with the hemisphere, it was generally felt that as emotionalism subsides most countries will resume business as usual with the United States--but with some new twists that require further analysis. Demands for advanced military technology may increase, but the deep indebtedness of many countries may limit expansion of military budgets. Cuban opportunities for mischief will be few but the Soviets will have several, particularly through military sales to Argentina.

The Group concluded that our basic priority in favor of Mexico and the Caribbean Basin should not be changed. On the contrary: Latins will view our ability to follow through on the Caribbean Basin Initiative as a litmus test of U.S. attitudes toward the hemisphere. Overall, we should continue careful application of existing policies within our present guidelines, rather than begin any special U.S. programs or policies in the wake of the Falklands war. Finally, the Group believes that public relations efforts toward Latin America, such as those suggested by President Monge to you today, can help rebuild an atmosphere of trust in the hemisphere.

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June 25, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK *PR*

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Al Haig's Evening Report for June 24, 1982.

cc: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
Jim Baker  
Mike Deaver