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FOLLOWING FROM PRIVATE SECRETARY

MIPT (NOT TO ALL): SECRETARY OF STATE'S MEETING WITH MR HAIG:
NORTH/SOUTH SUMMIT.

1. HAIG SAID THAT, AFTER FURTHER CONSIDERATION WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION, THE PRESIDENT WAS NOW INCLINED TO ATTEND THE SUMMIT ON CONDITION THAT IT WAS POSTPONED TO THE AUTUMN AND THAT CASTRO WOULD NOT BE THERE. THE US WOULD ALSO WISH TO BE SURE ABOUT THE AGENDA. HAIG HOPED FOR BRITISH SUPPORT. IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO AVOID A SESSION OF FINGER-WAGGING AGAINST THE WEST. WE HAD A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO NOURISH THE THIRD WORLD'S CURRENT TENDENCY. THE MEXICO SUMMIT COULD END UP AS SOMETHING VERY POSITIVE.

2. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SAID THAT VERY CLOSE COORDINATION BETWEEN THE WESTERN COUNTRIES WOULD BE REQUIRED. THIS HAD NOT BEEN THE CASE DURING THE GLOBAL NEGOTIATIONS IN NEW YORK, WHERE WE HAD BEEN LEFT TO CARRY THE BURDEN WITH THE US AND THE GERMANS. THE FRENCH HAD NOT SHOWN THEIR HEADS ABOVE THE PARAPET. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE AMERICANS SHOULD URGE ON GISCARD AND GENSCHER THE NEED FOR US ALL TO STAND FIRM AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER. HAIG AGREED.

**THIS TELEGRAM
WAS NOT
ADVANCED**

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From the Principal Private Secretary

27 February 1981

Dear George,

Prime Minister's Visit to Washington

I attach a copy of the record of the plenary meeting held in the White House on Thursday, 26 February.

In view of what Mr. Haig said subsequently to Lord Carrington about the American position on the Mexico Summit, I have taken a slight liberty with that part of the note and in particular have not recorded President Reagan's statement that he would tell President Portillo that he would attend the Summit if it were held in the autumn.

I am sending copies of this letter and of the record to Brian Norbury (Ministry of Defence) and David Wright (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever,

Alan White.

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