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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE ALEXANDER M. HAIG, JR.
The Secretary of State

THE HONORABLE CASPAR W. WEINBERGER
The Secretary of Defense

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CASEY
Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Options Paper on Aircraft for Taiwan

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As stated in my memorandum of October 19, 1981, the President directed that a status report on a decision on an advanced aircraft for Taiwan be prepared by November 15, 1981.

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This report should be a joint State-DOD-CIA effort and should include a series of options for a Presidential decision. For each option there should be a statement of costs and advantages to the U.S. Government. The options should include:

- The sale of F-16 (79) aircraft;
- The sale or co-production of F-5G aircraft;
- The continuing co-production of the F-5E with various enhancements, including the possibility of an upgrading of the F-5E with a new engine and new avionics;
- The continuing of the F-5E production line as is;
- The downgrading of aircraft available to Taiwan.

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In view of the complexity of this paper and the coordination required among various departments, the due date for this report on advanced aircraft has been extended to December 1, 1981. We request that the November 15 due date for the other two items be honored.

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FOR THE PRESIDENT:

Richard V. Allen

NSC review completed.

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