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Dear Joseph:

Secretary Haig has asked me to transmit the following message to you.

Begin Text:

Dear Joseph:

As I take up my duties as Secretary of State, I wanted to be in touch with you promptly about Poland. The situation there remains a cause for deep concern. I have sent a personal message to Gromyko stressing that Soviet intervention in Poland would have the most profound and adverse consequences for U.S.-Soviet relations. I also emphasized President Reagan's support for the NATO Communique of December 12, 1980. The Soviets should now understand that this administration fully shares the view that Poland should be free to decide its own future.

I hope that my message to Gromyko, building on the foundation of the December NATO Communique, will be taken seriously. Nonetheless, there are signs that the

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Soviets remain ready to intervene in Poland, as they continue their overall military buildup. It is important therefore that we continue to build in NATO a solid package of feasible measures from which the Foreign Ministers could choose in an emergency. We also need to continue the work underway in the Council to find effective ways to involve important non-NATO members such as Japan, Australia, and Spain more directly in this effort.

In closing, I look forward to working closely again with you in the period ahead. We have great strengths in our nations and in the Western world collectively. With combined wisdom and redoubled effort, the values and goals we share will prevail.

Sincerely,

Alexander Haig

End Text.

Yours very sincerely,

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W. Tapley Bennett, Jr.  
Ambassador

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