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1. I SAW HAIG TO-DAY. VELIOTES (ASSISTANT SECRETARY-DESIGNATE FOR THE NEAR EAST) AND EAGLEBURGER (ASSISTANT SECRETARY-DESIGNATE FOR EUROPE) WERE PRESENT. HAIG WAS IN EXCELLENT FORM, PARTLY PERHAPS BECAUSE THE PRESIDENT HAD JUST TELEPHONED HIM TO SAY THAT REPORTS THAT HE HAD PLACED THE VICE PRESIDENT IN CHARGE OF CRISIS MANAGEMENT WERE A TOTAL FABRICATION. HAIG TOLD ME THIS WITH GLEE, CLEARLY PLEASED TO HAVE WON THIS ROUND IN WHAT HE CALLED THE STRUGGLE FOR TURF IN THE NEW ADMINISTRATION.

2. I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK HAIG FOR THE INCREASED US AID CONTRIBUTION TO ZIMBABWE ANNOUNCED TODAY. THIS WAS A SUBJECT YOU HAD DISCUSSED WITH HIM DURING YOUR RECENT VISIT HERE. MY FOUR I F TS REPORT OUR DISCUSSIONS OF ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS, THE MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTH WEST ASIA, SOUTHERN AFRICA AND BELIZE.

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