

# Morocco

## 186. Memorandum From Acting Director of Central Intelligence Carlucci to Director of Central Intelligence-Designate Casey<sup>1</sup>

Washington, January 6, 1981

### SUBJECT

Request by Moroccan King to Send His Emissary to the U.S. for Discussions with the New Administration

1. A message was received on 6 January 1981 from King Hassan of Morocco<sup>2</sup> [less than 1 line not declassified]. In the message the King said he wants to send a secret emissary to meet with you and the Secretary of State between 20 and 24 January, or earlier if possible. The purpose of this meeting would be to inform the U.S. at the highest level about the upcoming Islamic Summit Conference "to prevent any surprises to U.S. policy makers on Middle East issues and to coordinate Moroccan efforts with U.S. goals and objectives on the Palestinian issue." (The King, particularly in his role as head of the Jerusalem Sub-committee of the Islamic Conference group, will presumably be able to influence strongly the outcome of the Islamic conference in Saudi Arabia from 25 to 28 January.)

2. The King's message, [3 lines not declassified] that only the "highest U.S. officials" should be informed. [less than 1 line not declassified] the emissary could be someone on the level of Royal Counselor, Reda Guedira.

3. [2 lines not declassified] It is very characteristic of him to do this at this time, with a change of the administrations. If the proposal were rejected, the King would likely consider it a rebuff and relations between the new administration and Morocco could get off on the wrong foot. Accordingly, I would suggest that you agree to such a meeting. If the timing is not convenient, you may wish to slip it a little, but I would recommend that it be not so much as to appear to be a put-off.

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<sup>1</sup> Source: Central Intelligence Agency, Office of the Director of Central Intelligence, Job 83M00035R: Box 16, C-379, Morocco. Secret. Prepared by the Chief of the Near East Division.

<sup>2</sup> Not found.

4. I would also request that you inform Secretary-elect Haig of the matter and advise his reaction. The Ambassador should be informed and I would like to know how Secretary-elect Haig would like to handle this.

**Frank C. Carlucci**<sup>3</sup>  
Acting Director

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<sup>3</sup>Carlucci signed "Frank" above this typed signature.

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### 187. Telegram From the Department of State to the Embassy in Morocco<sup>1</sup>

Washington, January 24, 1981, 2237Z

19287. Subject: Secretary Haig's Meeting With Royal Counselor Reda Guedira and Military Security Head Ahmed Dlimi, January 22.

1. (S) Entire text.

2. In his first meeting with foreign representatives after being sworn in, Secretary Haig received Moroccan delegation January 22 consisting of Royal Counselor Reda Guedira and Military and Security Head Ahmed Dlimi. Also at meeting were DAS Draper and Country Director Coon (NEA), Secretary's Special Assistant Goldberg and interpreter Sophia Porson.

3. Meeting opened with Secretary Haig stating he was aware of the importance of positions Guedira and Dlimi held in Morocco. He said he had long been an admirer of King Hassan, considering him a true and reliable friend of the West. He solicited their thought on North Africa (including Chad and Libya), problems with the Soviets, the Islamic Conference and any other area the visitors might want to touch on.

4. Guedira launched into a lengthy explanation of purpose of visit, starting with observation that King Hassan was touched that the Secretary had agreed to see his representatives on first day in office. Guedira stressed that admiration Haig had expressed for Hassan was

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<sup>1</sup>Source: Reagan Library, Executive Secretariat, NSC Country File, Africa, Morocco (01/24/1981-04/17/1981). Secret; Immediate; Nodis. Drafted by Coon; cleared by Draper, Seitz, and Jane Becker (S/S-O); approved by Goldberg. Sent for information Immediate to Jidda, Cairo, Paris, Algiers, Tel Aviv, Moscow, Khartoum, Baghdad, and Islamabad.