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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Subject: Release of I-CHAPARRAL (MIM-72C) to Saudi Arabia (6)

1. (S) Reference your memorandum* requesting the Joint Chiefs of Staff review their recommendation** that the Improved (I)-CHAPARRAL (MIM-72C) not be released to the Government of Saudi Arabia.
2. (S) The Joint Chiefs of Staff have reaffirmed the previous analysis and continue to recommend that the I-CHAPARRAL (MIM-72C) not be released to Saudi Arabia at this time. However, the Chiefs believe that a persuasive case should be presented to the Saudi Arabians for the purchase of the export model I-CHAPARRAL (MIM-72F), which, except for the [redacted] is the same as the MIM-72C and represents a significant improvement over the basic CHAPARRAL (MIM-72A). OSD 3.3(b)
3. (U) In the reassessment, the Joint Chiefs of Staff considered the following:
 - a. (S) The deteriorating political and military situation in the Persian Gulf and the possibility for escalation of the Iran-Iraq war, which has resulted in the issuance of National Security Decision Directive 114 directing military consultations with key US allies and Persian Gulf Arab states..
 - b. (S) Consultations during the last 2 months have resulted in approval by the Government of Saudi Arabia for the use of Saudi airspace to conduct a US-only aerial refueling exercise involving ELF-1 (Saudi AWACS support), tanker assets (KC-135), and US Seventh Fleet carrier air assets deployed to the Indian Ocean.
 - c. (S) The US Contingency Planning Group assigned to the US Military Training Mission to Saudi Arabia is prepared to discuss Dhahran air defense with the Government of Saudi Arabia. Contingency augmentation of air defense for Dhahran may be satisfied using one of several systems.
 - d. (S) To date, the MIM-72C has not been released for sale to any other country, including the NATO countries.
 - e. (S) The SEEKER technology (improved infrared counter-countermeasures) in the MIM-72C is similar to that of the AIM-9M SIDEWINDER. [redacted]

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when the Army is scheduled to begin initial fielding of a follow-on missile system.

g. ~~(S)~~ The leadtime for delivery of the MIM-72C would be approximately 42 months. Leadtime for delivery of the export version, the MIM-72F, would also be approximately 42 months.

3. ~~(S)~~ The Joint Chiefs of Staff fully recognize the importance of improving relations with a country as critical to national strategy as Saudi Arabia; however, the potential compromise of the state-of-the-art technology involved and the fact that the MIM-72C has never been sold to a foreign country are overriding factors.

4. ~~(S)~~ The Joint Chiefs of Staff recommend that the I-CHAPPARRAL (MIM-72C) not be released to the Government of Saudi Arabia at this time; that the MIM-72F be offered as an alternative and that a memorandum, substantially like that in the Appendix, be sent to the Saudi Minister of Defense and Aviation.

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For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

John W. Vessey, Jr.
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Chairman
Joint Chiefs of Staff

Attachment

References:

- * Memorandum by the Secretary of Defense, 26 January 1984, "Release of I-CHAPPARRAL (MIM-72C) for Saudi Arabia ~~(S)~~"
- ** JCSM-265-83, 24 October 1983, "Release of I-CHAPPARRAL (MIM-72C) ~~(S)~~"

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APPENDIX

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HRH Prince Sultan ibn Abd al-Aziz al-Saud
Minister of Defense and Aviation
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Your Highness,

Thank you for the courtesies extended to Lieutenant General Thomson, Director of Plans and Policy, Joint Staff and Major General Tixier, of my office, during their recent visit. The US Government (USG) ^{is} appreciates the approval granted by your Government for the use of Saudi airspace to conduct a US-only aerial refueling exercise involving ERF-1 (Saudi AWACS support), tanker assets (KC-135), and US Seventh Fleet carrier air assets deployed to the Indian Ocean. That exercise has enhanced the US ability to help ^{you} with ^{your} air defense in the Persian Gulf.

Lieutenant General Thomson relayed your request that the USG reconsider its decision on the sale of the improved CHAPARRAL (MIM-72C) to permit the purchase of at least one

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currently ~~is~~ ^{has} not offering ^{ed} the MIM-72C system to ^{any other country} ~~its~~ allies.

while We are, however, offering the Improved-CHAPARRAL (MIM-72F).

I believe this system would more than satisfy your requirements. It represents a significant technological advancement over the basic CHAPARRAL and should ^{fully satisfy} ~~be adequate to~~ your needs throughout the life cycle of the equipment.

The US Contingency Planning Group assigned to the US Military Training Mission to Saudi Arabia is prepared to ^(in full) discuss Dhahran air defense with your military planners.

Contingency augmentation of the air defense capability for Dhahran may be satisfied using one of several systems. We share your concern for the vulnerability of the Dhahran area and its facilities and certainly wish to work closely with

do your best to help you
you to insure its security *from any quarter*

Please be assured of my continued high esteem.

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battery for the defense of Dhahran. As you know, the USG currently has not offered the MIM-72C system to any other country, and we have been advised that no change in this Policy is planned for now. Should the Policy ever change, we will, of course, advise you. Meanwhile we are, however, offering the Improved-CHAPARRAL (MIM-72F). I believe this system would more than satisfy your requirements. It represents a significant technological advancement over the basic CHAPARRAL and should fully satisfy your needs throughout the life cycle of the equipment.

The US Contingency Planning Group assigned to the US Military Training Mission to Saudi Arabia is prepared to discuss the full Dhahran air defense with your military planners. Contingency augmentation of the air defense capability for Dhahran may be satisfied using one of several systems. We share your concern for the vulnerability of the Dhahran area and its facilities and certainly wish to work closely with you to do every thing we can to help you ensure its security from attack from any quarter.

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