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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

THROUGH: UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY

SUBJECT: Advance Congressional Notification of STINGER for Saudi Arabia -- INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

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Reference: DSAA memo, dtd 3 Nov 83, subject: Advance Congressional notifications for Saudi Arabia -- ACTION MEMORANDUM (U)

By memorandum dated 3 November 1983, copy at TAB A, we advised you that notifications for sale of I-TOW and MAVERICK missiles to Saudi Arabia were being delivered to Congress, but the notification of STINGER systems and missiles was being held until after the first of the year. You questioned the need to postpone the STINGER notification.

We urged State to reconsider its hold on the STINGER notification and the issue was put to Secretary Shultz who reaffirmed the decision to wait until after the first of the year. Although State/PM was for moving the STINGER notification with the others, the decision favored the State/NEA position of waiting until after the first of the year. The principal NEA reasons were that STINGER will be more controversial than the others and would "overload the circuits." The only issue to be resolved is whether to also make the notification of STINGER for Jordan simultaneously with or subsequently to the Saudi notification. State is prepared to clear the Saudi notification when Congress returns contingent upon the resolution of the timing issue. ISA and State will meet this month to map out our notification strategy. We have heretofore always told Jordan that Saudi would go first as a test case.

*Philip C. Cast*

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THE MILITARY ASSISTANT

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NOTE FOR USD/P: ~~Dr. T. Ikle has~~ <sup>not</sup> seen

Please see the SECDEF's comment on the attached which reads,

"What is Saudi reaction to this? The TOW and MAVERICK will probably be opposed too - do we really de-fuse anything by the postponement of one item?"

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Senior Military Assistant  
to the Secretary of Defense

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