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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

THROUGH: UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY 27 OCT 1983

SUBJECT: Release of I-Chaparral (MIM-72C) to Saudi Arabia --
ACTION MEMORANDUM

OSD 3.3(b)(6)

(S) Based on your tasker, the Joint Staff has reviewed again the Saudi request to purchase I-Chaparral (MIM-72). After carefully weighing the pros and cons of such a release, the recommendation remains the same: US Government should not sell this advanced system to the Saudi Government at this time, in as much as no country outside the US, including NATO and other allies, presently possesses this system, and in view of the fact that the, MIM-72C

[REDACTED] (Tab A).

(S) We reluctantly agree with this recommendation. The Saudi position in this matter, as conveyed through Prince Bandar, appears to be that most important to them is a speedy decision-- either a clear yes or no--rather than putting them off with further delays. It is unfortunate that our own team inadvertently briefed the Saudis on the capabilities of the MIM-72C, but given our sound rationale for not selling, political damage should be minimal.

(S) We have drafted a joint State/DoD message informing SAG of the decision not to sell.

(U) Recommend that you approve the release of the draft message at Tab B.

Approve On 1 NOV 1983
Other _____

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R L Armitage

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Attachment
a/s

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b. (U) POINTS TO [REDACTED]

(1) (U) No country, including the United States, possesses the MIM-72C. This system is not available for FMS. No country, including NATO and other allies, presently possesses this system.

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(a) (U) [REDACTED]

(b) (U) [REDACTED]

(2) (U) The technology in the MIM-72C is the same as in the AIM-7C Sparrow missile, which has also not been offered for sale outside the United States.

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(3) (U) [REDACTED]

(4) (U) [REDACTED]

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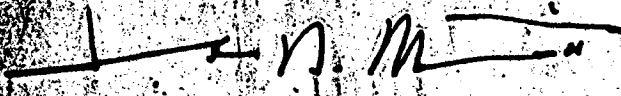
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Office of the Secretary of Defense *SU.S.C. § 552*
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Date: *17 SEPT 2013* Authority: EO 13526
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Reason: *3.3(b)(5)(G) + SU.S.C. § 552 (b)(6)*
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3. *(S)* Review of the foregoing pros and cons concerning the release of the I-CHAPARRAL (MIM-72C) to Saudi Arabia indicates that the factors militating against such release outweigh benefits that might accrue to the United States through such release. The technology involved in the MIM-72C, its connectivity with the AIM-9M SIDEWINDER, and the fact that the MIM-72C has never been sold to any foreign country are overriding factors in this issue.

4. *(S)* After consideration of these facts, the Joint Chiefs of Staff recommend that the I-CHAPARRAL (MIM-72C) not be released to the Government of Saudi Arabia at this time.

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:



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Director, Joint Staff

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* Memorandum by the Secretary of Defense, 17 October 1983,
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SUBJ: RELEASE OF I-CHAPARRAL (MIM-72C) TO SAUDI ARABIA (S)

REF: AMEMB JIDDA 08467

1. (U) THIS IS A JOINT STATE/DOD MESSAGE.
2. PLEASE CONVEY TO DEFIIN SULTAN THAT THE USG AFTER CAREFULLY REVIEWING THE SAUDI REQUEST TO PURCHASE THE I-CHAPARRAL MIM-72 HAS COME TO THE DECISION NOT TO SELL THIS VERSION OF THE SYSTEM. THIS DECISION IS BASED PRIMARILY ON THE FOLLOWING FACTORS:

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B. (S) ~~FOURTH, GROUND FORCE HONORABLE~~ AND
OTHER ALLIES ~~RELEASING THE SYSTEM~~



OSD 3.3(b)(5),(6)

3. (S) FYI: THE DECISION (NOT) TO RELEASE THIS SYSTEM WAS
MADE ONLY AFTER SECDEF WEINBERGER DIRECTED A SECOND THOROUGH
REVIEW OF THE PROS AND CONS OF THE RELEASE. WE HAVE ALSO
BEEN ADVISED THROUGH AMEMBANDAR (PRINCE) BANDAR THAT FROM
A SAUDI STANDPOINT THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT IS A SPEEDY
USG DECISION REGARDLESS WHETHER POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE,
RATHER THAN ONCE AGAIN DELAYING A DECISION. END FY.

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