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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Stinger Missiles for Saudi Arabia (S)

PURPOSE:

(U) To answer your concern as expressed in your marginal notes.

CURRENT STATUS:

(U) 26 August 1983: DSAA sent a draft of Section 36b, Arms Export Control Act advance notification for Stinger to DOS for review.

- Stinger is now one of six Saudi notifications pending at State. (Others: 42 M198 howitzers; howitzer ammunition; 323 tracked vehicles for SALT mechanization; 1600 Maverick missiles; F-15 maintenance services.)

- State, NSC, and USDP (ISA and DSAA) are discussing the timing of all six notifications.

-- Concerned because of large number.

-- Concerned because of possible controversy over Stinger and Maverick.

-- Concerned because of possible adverse impact on Ambassador Murphy's confirmation hearings.

- Congressional notification will be subsequent to Ambassador Murphy's confirmation hearings and will be based on inter-agency decision on timing.

CHRONOLOGY OF PAST ACTIONS

(U) October 1978: DEPSECDEF Duncan, during visit to Saudi Arabia, was asked if USC would sell Stinger to the Kingdom.

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- (*) February 1979: SECDEF Brown informed Prince Sultan, MODA, that he would consider sale of Stinger to Saudis in 1981.
- (U) February 1981: Stinger IOC (US Army).
- (*) January 1982: Army sponsored request for exception to NDP for basic Stinger for Saudi, Egypt, and Jordan.
- (*) February 1982: NDP exception approved for Saudi, Egypt, and Jordan.
- (*) September 1982: SECDEF Weinberger, in letter to Prince Sultan, agreed in principle to provide Stinger in the near future.
- (*) January 1983: SANG requested Planning and Review data on Stinger.
- (U) February 1983: SALF requested data on Stinger..
- (*) June 1983: SALF request for LOA for 400 Stinger systems and 800 missile rounds.

PROPOSED ACTIONS

- (U) ISA will press for the earliest possible notification after Ambassador Murphy's hearings, i.e., moved to the head of the list. *when on Pan Schedule?*
- (U) DSAA will have LOA and all paperwork ready to go immediately after notification period.

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NOTE FOR ASD(ISA)

THRU: USD(P)

Please see SecDef's marginal
comment and question which read--

"We are concerned too that we'll
lose all leverage with Saudis if
State does not move and just sits
around being concerned."

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"When are these scheduled?"

VP
Colin L. Powell
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To the Secretary of Defense

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