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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ARMITAGE

Per our conversation, I am returning the two memos that Ed Tixier sent to me as well as a letter I have just received from Major General Simhoni.

As you can see from Secretary Weinberger's marginal notes, he has no recollection of these commitments being made at the breakfast in question. In reviewing my notes of the meeting, however, I do have a record of a colloquy between Minister Arens and Mr. Thayer which bear on the subject. Minister Arens began the discussion by indicating he had a list of US weapons systems that the Israelis were interested in. The first one he mentioned was the AMRAAM. Mr. Thayer immediately responded that that missile system was still in development. Arens responded that he was aware of that, but needed enough information to make sure that the LAVI aircraft would be compatible with AMRAAM. Mr. Thayer responded that he understood that problem and indicated that there was a similar problem with the HARM. Mr. Thayer said that he saw no reason why we could not give the Israelis enough data to permit them to determine compatibility with the LAVI. Arens replied that that was good to know. He then went on to talk about Israeli interest in the AIM-9M missile and the TPQ-37 counterfire radar. Mr. Thayer interceded that the earliest delivery could take place on the TPQ-37 was 1986-so that was not an immediate issue. My notes do not reflect any further conversation at that point with respect to the AIM-9M.

The issue then came up concerning the Towed Array Sonar. My notes reflect Mr. Thayer indicating that "our Navy will get in touch with yours." General Meron responded that the Israelis were not interested in buying our Towed Array, they merely wanted the technology. The conversation then shifted to other subjects. The impression that I get from rereading my notes is that Mr. Thayer merely opened the door for negotiation between the two navies with respect to the release of technical information concerning the Towed Array Sonar. I do not have the impression that he made a firm commitment for such a release, nor did he preclude release.

Also attached is a fact sheet I asked R&E for on the subject.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MILITARY ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Israeli Request for Towed Array Sonar (U) -- ACTION
MEMORANDUM

(S) During a 27 February 1984 meeting with Major General Simhony, Israeli Defense Attache, he mentioned to me that Minister of Defense Arens had inquired about the status of an Israeli request for data concerning Towed Array Sonar.

(S) Specifically, during the November 1983 breakfast meeting between Secretary Weinberger and Minister Arens, the Israelis believe Deputy Secretary Thayer committed the US to allowing them to contact directly the US firms manufacturing the subject equipment. They would work with the firm to look at the feasibility and cost of developing Towed Array Sonar to meet specific INF needs, probably to equip their new SAAR V patrol boats.

(S) We have not heard of any such commitment; however, attendance at the meeting was limited to principles only. Any information you could provide would be appreciated since we owe Major General Simhony an answer.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MILITARY ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Israeli Requests for AIM-9M, HARM and AMRAM (U) -- ACTION
MEMORANDUM

(S) We have been informed by State that during the Secretary Shultz-Minister of Defense Arens meeting on 1 March 1984, Minister Arens stated Israel is still requesting the AIM-9M Sparrow Missile, the Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile (AMRAM) and the High Speed Anti-Radiation Missile (HARM).

(S) We understand Israel is still seeking outright release of the AIM-9M, but has modified its requests for the latter two, desiring only the technical data (weight, dimensions, power requirements, etc.) at this time, to be able to incorporate these two missiles into the LAVI aircraft. Current planning calls for LAVI to be operational in 1990.

(S) Additionally, Minister Arens stated he believed then Deputy Secretary Thayer had committed the US to release of this data during the 29 November 1983 breakfast with Secretary Weinberger. *Surry, Mr*

(S) This possible commitment is in addition to the information we received from MG Simhony on 27 February 1984, concerning a supposed promise of Deputy Secretary Thayer to gain release of "feasibility information" reported to you 28 February 1984 (I-21635/84).

(S) State will be working a paper to address Minister Arens' request. Consequently, any information you could provide on discussions or commitments made during the breakfast meeting between Secretary Weinberger and Minister Arens would be helpful.

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