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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Middle East Crisis Planning

You asked for my comment on the Odeen report recommendations, which expressed concern that the planning was being done by EUCOM. My memo to you of 26 January, copy attached with particularly relevant portions underlined, describes the action I have taken to respond to the needs of the situation (and incidentally to Phil Odeen's observations on this matter, which were well taken).

*Harold Brown*

Attachment

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4. (U) The strengths of this command arrangement are:
- a. ~~(S)~~ It is consistent with good command arrangements. It clearly defines HQ RDJTF command relationships with USREDCOM and other unified and specified commands. The RDJTF is thus allowed to function smoothly within and through the unified command structure rather than through the duplicative and competitive structure under the current RDJTF terms of reference (TOR).
  - b. ~~(S)~~ USREDCOM is in a better position to deal with other unified commands than HQ RDJTF and should be able to achieve effective solutions to the development of memorandums of understanding and command arrangements agreements for operations, while ultimate approval authority rests with the Joint Chiefs of Staff. This arrangement will insure that viable OPCOM of the HQ RDJTF is exercised in peacetime, while preparing it for wartime employment and possible transition to an effective unified command.
  - c. (U) It provides USREDCOM with the authority to function as the senior headquarters in accordance with the definition of OPCOM and thereby establishes a clean military line of command.
  - d. ~~(S)~~ It provides HQ RDJTF with the CINC-level command, control, communications, and intelligence (C3I) support it requires for its SWA missions. C3I requirements, as well as Joint Communications Support Element (JCSE) support and joint unconventional warfare support, are conveniently furnished through established staff and staff lines that require no new internal or external organizational relationships.
5. ~~(C)~~ A proposed revision of the RDJTF TOR reflecting these conclusions is in Appendix A for your review. In addition to clarifying the mission and OPCOM of the RDJTF to insure that SWA orientation and preparation are the dedicated focus of all RDJTF activities, it also provides for Service component planning headquarters so that HQ RDJTF is able to plan, train for, and execute joint employment operations. Provisions are also made for the RDJTF Washington Liaison Office to continue to function in its present role as the agency to support contingency planning in SWA and to provide adequate politico-military interface with the Joint Chiefs of Staff and OSD.

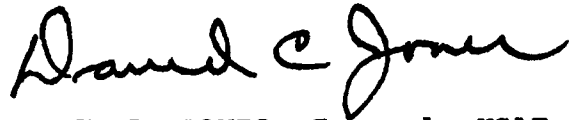
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6. (U) With your concurrence, the Joint Chiefs of Staff will publish the revised TOR and make revisions to appropriate Joint Strategic Planning System documents reflecting these changes.

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:



DAVID C. JONES, General, USAF  
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

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