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We need to be more specific about what has been done (or is in progress that will clearly enhance):
a) airlift/sealift enhancement
b) WRM assigned to non-NATO areas
c) Force structure changes.

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Rapid Deployment Force (RDF)

The President has reviewed your memorandum on "U.S. Capabilities to Respond to Limited Contingencies," which I am returning with his comments. (U)

I would appreciate your preparing a report on what specifically, if anything, has been done since August 1977 to enhance our:

- Airlift and sealift capabilities; H
- Support assets for contingency areas;
- Basic force structure permitting us to deploy without risking capabilities to back up NATO. (S)

Let's get PAC to produce the response by Aug 10. H75

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