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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Persian Gulf Contingency Forces (S)

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The President directed in PD/NSC-18 that the United States maintain a "deployment force of light divisions with strategic mobility independent of overseas bases and logistical support" and "moderate naval and air tactical forces" which could be used in the Middle East, Persian Gulf, or elsewhere. (S)

Please submit a short summary, no more than two pages, of what actions have been taken to create this force projection capability. It should make clear in what ways this capability has been increased since August 1977. It should be available for the President by COB July 13. (S)

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