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April 1, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE GEORGE SHULTZ
The Secretary of State

✓ THE HONORABLE CASPAR W. WEINBERGER
The Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT: US Central Command Forward Headquarters (S)

The President has reviewed your joint memorandum of March 5 on the subject, and he concurs in your recommendations regarding the desirability of locating a Forward Headquarters Element on the Arabian Peninsula. (S)

In the event our efforts to establish a headquarters element in Saudi Arabia, Oman, or Bahrain are not successful, or it appears the negotiations will be protracted, we should begin planning for an afloat headquarters element preferably collocated with the Commander, Middle East Force. (S)

In either case, our preparations should allow us to establish a forward headquarters in the region by the end of this summer. (S)

FOR THE PRESIDENT:

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cc: Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

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