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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SERVICE SECRETARIES  
CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Follow-Up Actions for Egypt and Sudan (U)

(S) The current situation in Egypt and Sudan requires an extraordinary effort which will in some instances require the provision of certain items from Military Department stocks. It is important to our own national security to provide rapid delivery of any items which can be supplied without a truly significant adverse effect on our near term combat capability. The following instructions direct certain early shipments, and include requirements for your assessment of the effects of additional early shipments.

(S) For the Service Secretaries

- Accelerated Deliveries for Egypt:
  - OMC Cairo 121832Z October 81 states Egyptian request for accelerated deliveries.
  - Equipment items mentioned in the message can be divided into several categories: (1) items that could be accelerated and by how much; (2) items which appear clearly impossible and why; and (3) FYI, items that cannot be started in FY 82 due to FMS funding constraints (Tab A).
  - List each item where acceleration is possible by fiscal year and identify US force readiness impacts of early deliveries. Provide your recommendations as to the amount of acceleration we should achieve.
  - Provide a listing of those items for which it is impossible to accelerate delivery, and state reasons why.
- Accelerated Deliveries for Sudan:
  - OMC Khartoum 131508Z October 81 lists Sudanese equipment requirements based on \$100 million FY 82 FMS credit level.
  - SECDEF 142201Z October 81 responded to OMC Khartoum, provided guidance, and tasked DA to respond to status and expedited delivery request for outstanding FY 80-81 FMS cases.

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- Department of the Army is directed to accelerate the following equipment items for shipment within 30-60 days:
  - Up to 20 M60A3 tanks (amount to be determined in the very near future).
  - 2 M88A1 recovery vehicles.
  - 6 M125A1 mortar carriers.
  - 8 of 12 M114A1 towed howitzers.
  - 8 AN/PPS-5B ground surveillance radars.
  - 6 tank transporters.

NOTE: The remainder of the FY 82 Sudanese package includes 4 howitzers not available from overhaul until February 1982 and 2 F-5 aircraft (1 in April 1982; 1 in June 1982).

- Review the status of items currently in the supply pipeline for Sudan, list each item where acceleration is possible, and identify US force readiness impacts of early deliveries. Provide your recommendation as to the amount of acceleration we should achieve.

(S) For the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

- JCS is directed to examine options to incorporate a USAF F-16 element into Exercise BRIGHT STAR 82. Planning should include the feasibility of the F-16 element remaining in Egypt until Peace Vector aircraft arrive (January - March 1982).
- JCS is directed to develop a plan to provide Egyptian F-4 air-to-air refueling training as soon as practicable.

(S) Status of Other Follow-on Actions (FYI):

- Proposed transfer of Egyptian air defense armaments to Sudan:
  - OMC Cairo 131835Z October 81 outlines proposed Egyptian air defense package for Sudan.
  - DSAA has the lead in negotiating the implementation of this proposal.
- Western Sudan Forward Operating Base (FOB).
  - A facilities survey team has been tasked to assess facilities in Western Sudan with a view toward possible upgrading to a fighter capable FOB.

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(U) Information and recommendations requested herein should be provided to ASD/ISA as soon as possible but no later than COB 23 October 1981.



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EQUIPMENT DELIVERIES WHICH CANNOT BE SUPPORTED WITHIN THE CURRENT  
FY 1982 CREDIT LEVEL

- Another new tank order over the current new 128 tank order being notified to Congress.
- Another new M88 order over the current 86 vehicle order.
- Another new M113 APC order over the current 1178 APC order.
- Another new F-16 aircraft order over the current 40 aircraft order.
- 20 C-130 aircraft.
- 24 AH-1S Tow/Cobra Helicopters.
- Thermal Sights for Improved Tow Vehicle.
- The Multiple Launch Rocket System -- also limited because of MOU agreed to between UK, FR, GB, and US.
- Another new I-TOW missile purchase beyond the current 2000 I-TOW missile case currently being notified to Congress.

(NOTE): The 75 TOW ground launchers are a direct commercial contract between the GOB and Emerson Electronics.

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