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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

Subject: NSDD-111 on Lebanon and the Middle East (U)

The Joint Chiefs of Staff have examined the implications of the change to the Rules of Engagement (ROE) for the US Multinational Force (MNF) in Beirut as promulgated in NSDD-111*. The Joint Chiefs of Staffs concerns, with which I concur, are provided in the attached memorandum**.

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Attachments
*NSDD-111, Lebanon and the Middle East
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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1. ~~TOP SECRET~~ The Joint Chiefs of Staff have reviewed NSDD-111* and are concerned with the implications of the decision to modify the Rules of Engagement (ROE) for the MNF. The Joint Chiefs of Staff believe the current ROE are appropriate for the current situation and for the mission now assigned to the USMNF. Changing the ROE as specified in NSDD-111 would broaden the mission of the MNF and might risk war with Syria as a result of tactical judgments made in Lebanon. Such a decision should be made in Washington. Moreover, potential actions resulting from the ROE change could adversely impact the ongoing Lebanese national reconciliation talks in Geneva and the safety of the US MNF.
2. ~~TOP SECRET~~ Accordingly, the Joint Chiefs of Staff do not recommend promulgating a change to the ROE for the US MNF at this time.

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Joint Chiefs of Staff

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