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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

THROUGH: THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (POLICY) ~~TI~~ : 5 DEC 1984

SUBJECT: Prepositioning in Israel ~~TI~~ - ACTION MEMORANDUM

~~(S)~~ In accordance with the President's November 1983 directive to explore prepositioning options in Israel, the U.S.-Israeli Joint Political Military Group (JPMG) has now virtually completed a Host Nation Support and Prepositioning Agreement (Tab A). The ad referendum text has incorporated all of the changes that DoD sought, and it may well be signed during the next JPMG meeting scheduled for January 15-16, 1985.

~~(S)~~ Implementation of the HNS/Prepositioning Agreement in accordance with Presidential guidance will require the Defense Department to preposition material in Israel, and we must now make some decisions about how we would like to fund this program.

~~(S)~~ As I see it, we basically have two options regarding inauguration of this program. In the first place, we could await normal consideration of the FY 1987 POMs and ensure that the appropriate Services provide for prepositioning in Israel at that time. This approach would have the advantage of permitting the normal development of this program, which would compete against other requirements in that timeframe. On the other hand, if we proceeded in this way we would not be able to place any newly provided items into Israel until at least 1988, which would leave the Administration open to criticism that it is not serious about prepositioning in Israel -- particularly since we have moved much more quickly to preposition when facilities were available in Arab countries. Also under this approach, if we found it necessary to preposition in Israel at an earlier date, we would either have to divert resources from other programs or relocate material to Israel from more preferred locations.

~~(S)~~ Our second option, for which you have earlier indicated support, would involve seeking funds for this prepositioning in Israel in an FY 1985 supplemental submitted to the Congress if we do decide to request an FY 1985 program supplemental subsequent to our FY 1986 budget submission. This approach would enable us to comply with the intent of the President's directives while minimizing the risk of diverting resources from other critical programs.

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~~(S)~~ We recommend that you approve the second option and sign the attached memorandum directing the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff to coordinate the preparation of a classified submission to support near-term prepositioning in Israel if we decide to seek an FY 1985 program supplemental.

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