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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Lebanese Armed Forces - Request for Analysis and Recommendations (U)

1a) Request that the Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff conduct an analysis of the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) force structure, as it was briefed to US officials during the 2 December visit of Lebanon's President Gemayel. Analysis of LAF should look at threat, force structure, equipment requirements, absorption capability, supportability and third-country support to the LAF. Request JCS recommendations on the optimal size, force structure and role of the LAF which can be used in assessing validity of near-term LAF equipment and training requests.

1b) We have told President Gemayel of our intention to provide up to a battalion of tanks and 44 artillery pieces. We have also pledged to expedite action on these and other, ongoing procurement actions. The matter of funding for these items will be addressed separately.

1c) Please provide your recommendations by COB 5 January 1984. OASD/ISA POC is Mr. Lincoln Bloomfield, Country Director for Lebanon, 4D765, 79745/78088.

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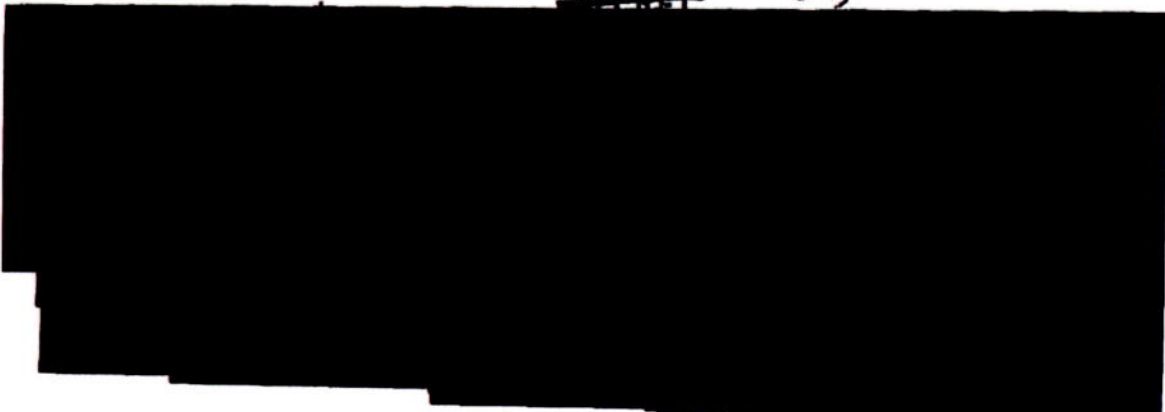
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