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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Status of Aircraft Deliveries to Israel

Following your decision Monday afternoon, we informed the Government of Israel (GOI) by message of lifting the suspension on the delivery of aircraft. I have directed the USAF to proceed with the delivery. The movement of the F-16 aircraft is tentative pending USAF completion of safety checks related to the flight control computer problem which caused the grounding of all F-16 aircraft. The USAF will have more definitive information on the technical issue by 24 August.

The Air Force is proceeding with the following delivery schedule:

F-15 Aircraft

- Two F-15 aircraft (on hold since 11 August) and one additional F-15 aircraft (previously scheduled for October delivery but quite possibly available for delivery 22 August).
  - On 22 August depart St Louis, MO and arrive Pease AFB, NH
  - On 25 August depart Pease AFB, NH and arrive Israel

F-16 Aircraft

- Four F-16 aircraft (August increment)
  - On 28 August depart Ft Worth, TX and arrive Pease AFB, NH
  - On 31 August depart Pease AFB, NH and arrive Israel
- Four F-16 aircraft (June increment)
  - On 4 September depart Ft Worth, TX arrive Pease AFB, NH
  - On 7 September depart Pease AFB, NH arrive Israel

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- Six F-16 aircraft (July increment)
  - On 15 September depart Pease AFB, NH arrive Israel
- Four F-16 aircraft (regular September increment)
  - On 21 September depart Ft Worth, TX arrive Pease AFB, NH
  - On 24 September depart Pease AFB, NH arrive Israel

Recognizing the USAF F-16s are currently in a grounded status, the above schedule reflects the USAF plan to integrate the safety of flight modification of GOI aircraft within its own modification schedule.

We are in the process of definitizing and refining the costs associated with this suspension action. Current estimates are within the range of \$400,000-\$500,000. These costs would include storage fees, security, pre-ferry preparation and dedicated tanker support.

I will advise you further if the F-16 flight control repair problem or other factors result in significant changes from the above schedule.



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cc: Secretary Haig

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