



THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE COUNSELLOR TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Israel Airstrike Against Iraqi Nuclear Facility:
Suspension of Delivery of F-16 Aircraft to Israel (U)

(1) As a result of subject airstrike on 7 June, the President directed on 10 June the suspension of delivery to Israel of four F-16 aircraft which had been scheduled for 12 June. This suspension was effected and the aircraft placed in temporary storage at a cost of \$13,435 per week to Israel. Should the aircraft remain in storage more than thirty days an inspection (including engine run and major systems ground checks) will be required costing \$3,800 per aircraft. When these aircraft are released for delivery a confidence check flight is required within ten days of departure for Israel at a cost of \$20,000 per aircraft. These costs would be charged to Israel.

(2) Other than the four F-16 aircraft, all other defense articles and defense services are being delivered as normal to the respective transaction and in accordance with delivery schedules therefor. All visits and trips are being made as usual or as already scheduled. There is attached a listing of major defense items delivered to Israel since 7 June and those scheduled for future delivery.

(3) The next F-16 aircraft, six in number, are scheduled to depart the contractor's plant on 17 July unless DOD receives instructions to delay or suspend delivery.

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cc: Secretary of State
Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

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