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ISRAEL

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY WEINBERGER  
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SUBJECT: Russell Rourke's Telephone Call from Israel,  
14 April 1981, 1400

"We have just completed our meetings with Dayan, Sharon, Peres, and Begin. They were all vehemently opposed to the sale under any configuration (AWACS) -- to include the proposal to have AWACS under control of United States personnel with Saudi observers. Begin was particularly persuasive. His dramatic appeal has caused a noticeable shift in attitude in our delegation. Israelis can be expected to conduct an all-out campaign against the sale. If proposal has any chance of success, concessions will have to be obtained from the Saudis and a total administration effort undertaken with Congress."

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Eugene M. Poe  
Brigadier General, USAF

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