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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Nuclear Powered Warship Transit of the Suez Canal (U)

(S) In response to your memorandum of September 21, 1984 on this subject, I fully concur that the situation with USS ARKANSAS warrants a direct approach to the Government of Egypt, if the correct conditions occur. To that end, a State Department message to Embassy Cairo, which alerts them to the possibility, will shortly be coordinated through us.

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