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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF ARMY

SUBJECT: Withdrawal of M48A5 Tanks (U)

In your memorandum of November 26, 1982, you summarized the Army position on diversion of M48A5 tanks for sale to Lebanon and stated that this diversion would have a significant adverse effect on the combat readiness of the U.S. Army.

I recognize the seriousness of the diversion of Army tank assets for sale to foreign customers and understand that the cumulative effect of these diversions can impact on Army requirements for these vehicles. However, based on the political importance we place on the Lebanese program and the steadily improving Army position on both quality and quantity of tank assets during the next year, I have determined that the sale of 34 M48A5 tanks to Lebanon does not constitute a significant adverse effect on U.S. Army combat readiness under the provisions of Section 21 (i) of the Arms Export Control Act.

Accordingly, I request that you withdraw 34 M48A5 tanks for sale to Lebanon. I know that you will give this action the immediate attention that it requires.

Sup.

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*I think our improving tank position in '83, &
the importance every one attaches to Lebanon, requires
this posture*

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