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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

Office of the Secretary of Defense 5 U.S.C. § 552

Chief, RDD, ESD, WHS

Date: 15 Oct 2018 Authority: EO 13526

THROUGH: RICHARD T. BOVERIE *RB*

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FROM: ALLAN A. MYER *aaM*

Declassify in Part: X

Reason: 3.3(b)(6)

SUBJECT: DOD's Defense Guidance FY 85-89

MDR: 18 -M- 1719

You asked the following question on the package which forwarded an overview of the Defense Guidance to Secretary Weinberger for his comments: "Have the points made in my memo been made previously?"

You made two points: (1) Might it be possible to provide specific guidance to ensure that our RDF program results in a maximum effort in the near-term? (2) It would seem appropriate to note the U.S. commitment to the security of Israel in the document.

Both points were previously raised in the formal NSC staff input to the "For Comment" draft of the document. This was done on November 1 in a memo from Dick Boverie to Secretary Weinberger's Executive Secretary.

- o At that time, three broad major issues and 29 minor issues were raised. Most were accommodated.
- o The points you raised represent the only outstanding issues that are of such importance (and are truly "White House interest" items) that they warranted your comment.
- o The following excerpts are taken from our November 1 inputs:

oo "...broad strategy guidelines for our naval forces and for U.S. wartime objectives in Southwest Asia, Army force structure objectives, sustainability requirements, and mid-term goals for strategic mobility seem to be so open-ended or imprecise that the guidance cannot guide."

oo Recommend the following new paragraph be inserted after the first full paragraph of this section: " In this context, defense policy has three overriding objectives: First, to deter Soviet overt military aggression and to protect Western access to oil.

We do have the objective of preserving Israel's independence. Third, to support moderate states against external aggression and subversion." REASON: Completeness. These key defense policy statements are the centerpiece of the NSSD 1-82 treatment of this region. See NSSD 1-82, pages 39-40."

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