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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

Subject: Response to 10 September 1983 NSDD, Strategy for Lebanon (U)

1. On 10 September, the President directed certain actions to be taken by the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff in support of our objectives in Lebanon. A status report on those actions is provided below.
2. NEW JERSEY has been deployed to the Atlantic to be in a position to enter the Mediterranean on short notice. She began transiting the Panama Canal at first light today and will deploy, via Windward Passage, to the vicinity of Gibraltar. Traveling at 25 knots, NEW JERSEY will be ready to enter the Mediterranean on the 21st.
3. THE NSDD also directed that our material and training assistance to the Lebanese Armed Forces be accelerated and expanded as feasible. The military assistance already provided the LAF is summarized below and detailed in the enclosures.
 - a. Weapons and Equipment. We have provided 34 tanks, 18 howitzers, 124 APCs, 145 machine guns, and 25 recoilless rifles. We have also provided 1,250 trucks; 1,500 radios; 115,000 uniforms; and 2,200 tents. Enclosure A is a detailed listing of weapons and equipment provided.
 - b. Ammunition. On 31 August 1983, we received a request for an emergency resupply of ammunition for the LAF. We have provided 29 million rounds of small arms ammunition; 7,500 155-mm artillery rounds; 7,500 105-mm artillery rounds; and 154 105-mm tank rounds.
 - c. Training. Twelve training assistance teams have completed their work and nine training assistance teams are presently in Beirut. These 21 teams will have provided 21,000 instructor days of training. Enclosure B provides detailed data about these teams.
4. Because of the events of the past two weeks, we have accelerated training assistance and the delivery of urgently needed items of equipment and ammunition.
 - a. Enclosure C provides information on seven training assistance teams that are programmed to go to Beirut. These teams will provide instruction to the LAF in maintenance, leadership, tank gunnery, and border surveillance operations.

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b. ~~(S)~~ Twelve M-198 155-mm howitzers, 68 tanks, and 52 APCs will be shipped this month. In addition, we will be shipping critical ammunition requirements from US European Command stocks and from the United States. Enclosure D lists the weapons, equipment, and ammunition to be shipped under this accelerated effort.

5. (U) We will continue to be responsive.

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If you or the President have any questions, comments, etc, please let me know so I can comply -

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Enclosures
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