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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE CASPAR W. WEINBERGER
The Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT: Security in Lebanon (U)

The President has approved the interim security measures recommended by General Kelley in his visit report of November 2, 1983, as endorsed. While the President concurs in the immediate need to redeploy certain support and logistical forces to the amphibious shipping, he is concerned that this redeployment should not reduce our MNF presence in Beirut significantly. Our presence on the ground should not, in any event, drop below 4 rifle companies and appropriate command, control and critical support personnel.

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To clarify any confusion or uncertainty which may exist about the intended mission of the MNF, the President has signed the National Security Decision Directive, attached at Tab A. This statement is intended to be consistent with the original mandate for the MNF while providing the maximum flexibility for the employment of the MNF in the greater Beirut area. (U)

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In this regard, the President would be interested in receiving recommendations from the Department of Defense on measures that could be taken to reduce our exposure at the airport and to permit an increase in the visibility and training activity of our MNF contingent, again, consistent with their security.

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Recommendations should be submitted by COB Monday, November 21.

FOR THE PRESIDENT:

Robert C. McParlane

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