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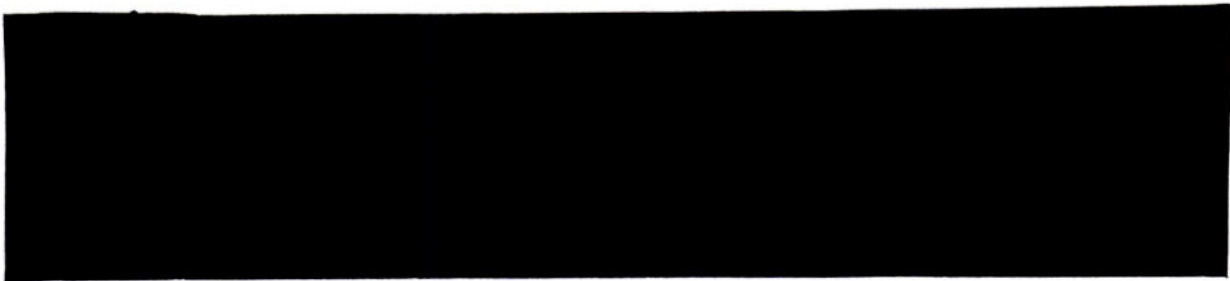
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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SUBJECT: U.S.-Israeli Joint Political Military Group (JPMG)  
Update -- INFORMATION MEMORANDUM (U)

(U) The U.S.-Israeli JPMG held its second set of meetings in Tel Aviv on 28-29 June. Lieutenant General Tixier and Commodore Darby were the principal Defense Department representatives. The sessions reviewed the results of the ongoing military-to-military talks in the areas of combined exercises, combined plans, and logistics cooperation. In addition, we outlined and justified our cooperative programs with moderate Arab states and the two sides exchanged information and views on the Iran-Iraq War, Libya, Syria, and Soviet activity in the region. Both delegations expressed satisfaction with the progress made to date and with the excellent relations that have developed between the militaries on both sides.



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(U) The two sides also explained their varying approaches to status of forces and contracting issues in the context of the draft host nation support and prepositioning agreements that are under consideration. As a result of this discussion, both sides agreed to refer these matters to the technical level for detailed negotiations to begin in late July after the Israeli elections.

(U) Agreement was reached to avoid any press release and to schedule the next JPMG meeting next December in Washington. No adverse press reporting has as yet occurred.

Next Steps (U)

(U) Negotiations between U.S. and Israeli technical and legal experts on host nation support, prepositioning, and status of forces issues are scheduled to begin on 31 July in Washington. Our basic approach (see Tab A) will be to defer many of the status

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of forces issues to future negotiation of a formal status of forces agreement provided that we can ensure the privileges and immunities of U.S. personnel during the interim period. If the status issues can be adequately resolved, we will be prepared to finalize the host nation support and prepositioning agreements and submit them to higher authorities for review and eventual signature. Beyond these matters, the technical discussions will also explore various conceptual approaches to dual use stockpiles.

(S) As we prepare to move forward on host nation support and prepositioning, questions of funding will inevitably arise. We in DoD have always maintained that any funding for such programs in Israel must be additive to the current DoD topline; the tactical question we must soon face is when we want to bring this forward for decision. I am concerned that if we do not formulate an Administration position on funding in a timely way, DoD will be asked to implement prepositioning whether or not we have received additional funding. I intend to explore this issue further and to submit a recommendation for funding to you in the near future. One likely possibility would be to propose funding for FY 1985 and FY 1986 in a supplemental/budget amendment to be submitted to the Congress after transmittal of the FY 1986 budget. By that time, the Services should be able to develop the first phase of detailed funding requirements deriving from the combined operations plans. The next session of the U.S.-Israel military-to-military talks is scheduled for late August.

(U) This memorandum has been reviewed by the OJCS representative to the JPMG.

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