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Dear Cap:

I am writing in response to your letter concerning en route access in Morocco. I agree that the time is ripe to approach Morocco on this matter. Our recent decisions to be more forthcoming on arms sales to Morocco and to delink them from Moroccan participation in the Saharan peace process should improve the reception we will receive.

We will raise the issue immediately with King Hassan and propose that a small State/DOD team make a low key survey of airfields in Morocco so that we could consider a more precise proposal to the Moroccans, possibly including improvements to selected facilities. We would make it clear from the outset that we were not seeking base rights but only access to facilities, and that we envision only a small peacetime presence.

Following the survey we may need a formal approach to Morocco. I suggest our staffs work together to define more precisely what we want from Morocco, what facility improvements we may be willing to fund, and what price we are willing to pay in terms of additional assistance. We would also need them to address what we say to Algeria and other area states.

With warm regards,

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Sincerely,



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The Honorable  
Caspar W. Weinberger,  
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