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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Assistance to Somalia; Decisions by DepSecDef (U)

(C) A meeting was held in Deputy Secretary Carlucchi's office on July 14, 1981, to decide how to respond to President Siad's request for assistance in light of the recent Ethiopian air raids. Present were: Deputy Secretary, Mr. Carlue Under Secretary for Policy, Dr. Ikle; Assistant Secretary for International Sec Affairs, Mr. West; Deputy Director of the Defense Security Assistance Agency, Mr. von Marbod; Military Assistants to the Deputy Secretary, RAdm Howe and Col Green; Assistant for East Africa (ISA), L/Col Bradford; and Army Air Defen representative, Maj. Gardepe.

(C) All present agreed that the US should respond positively and quickly to Siad's request for assistance.

(C) The Deputy Secretary therefore approved the following actions:

- An MTT will be dispatched to Somalia as soon as possible to assist the Somalis in repair and maintenance of existing radar and anti-aircraft systems. The team will be funded through remaining Somali FY 81 IMET resource (There will be an "advance" element of 3 personnel: a political-military office familiar with the Somali situation; a radar (Soviet radar) specialist; and an anti-aircraft (Soviet system) specialist. DSAA will take the lead, ISA will assist.)

- A port call by a USN surface combatant will be scheduled as soon as possible. Port calls should continue on a regular basis, and should not be less than one per quarter. CINCPAC has already scheduled a port call by the USS Deyo -- a destroyer -- July 18-20. (OJCS (J-3) lead, Navy assist.)

- Somalia will be included as one of the host nations for BRIGHT STAR-82 (WLO/RDF lead, ISA Planning and Requirements Policy assist.)

- Examine the possibility of transfer of "Redeye" (20-30), subject to concurrence of State. Redeye would be taken from Army stocks. (ISA has policy lead, DSAA implement if approved.)

-- Alternatively, DSAA will explore the possibility [redacted] in return for appropriate quids from USG. This will be explored during the [redacted] visit scheduled for August. (DSAA lead.)

- Finally, the Deputy Secretary indicated that the TPS 43 radar program be given priority and receive the attention necessary to insure its successful implementation as early as practical. (USAF and DSAA follow up.)

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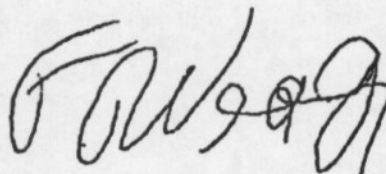
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(S) The Deputy Secretary disapproved the following:

- ,Transfer of M163A1 VULCANS from Army stocks. (VULCAN deliveries to Somalia will therefore come from normal production.)

- Near term deployment of US TACAIR to Somalia on a training exercise.

(U) The Deputy Secretary will send a letter to Secretary Haig which outlines the decisions above, and which seeks close coordination in implementation of the approved initiatives.



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