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MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR GENERAL CARL R. SMITH, OSD

SUBJECT: Israeli-USMC Incidents

Regardless of Israeli motives or responsibility, SecDef and CJCS will be asked repeatedly on the Hill and by the press: what have you done since the 2 February incident to avoid future incidents?

The Israelis assert there is confusion about where they can patrol.

On 3 February Colonel Collins, the EUCOM rep in Beirut met with an Israeli general who agreed to a "no go" line for Israeli forces along a portion of the marine TAOR. State wanted to announce this at noon. I objected on the grounds that both SecDef and CJCS must be personally satisfied with the "new arrangements", and these arrangements must be presented in a way which does not exonerate the Israelis for their past provocative behavior. *According to ASD/Catto, State agreed with my objections.*

I recommended to Commodore Darby of J-5 that the USMC boundaries be delineated clearly on an aerial photo and that the photo be shown to CJCS and SecDef. If they approve, the photo would go via EUCOM to Beirut, where the proper authorities could present several copies to the Israelis. Copies would also be kept by our marines.

In this way, there could not be the slightest doubt that Defense had gone to all reasonable efforts to safeguard against future incidents.

If SecDef approved, SecDef, not State, would determine the Public Affairs handling.

We anticipate the Joint Staff will have to SecDef a proposal on this matter by COB. *USD (P) is fully informed. You may want to jig JCS to insure we resolve this today.*

Attachment

cc: Commodore Darby, J-5

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UPON REMOVAL OF ATTACHMENTS  
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*Do NOT use Boarding - also in "Sea" MNE - also in "Sea" Should check with the Israeli's. This should be done. Also. I've shown vision that the IDF will who has involved in. Plan expected to be in board on Beirut on December 1979*

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**NOTE FOR BING WEST**

Please see SecDef's comments on the attached which says, "It is not USMC boundaries. It is MNF. Also any 'new' boundaries should clearly indicate that Israeli tanks were violating prior boundaries. Also, we should insist that the IDF Lt Col who has been involved in these episodes be relocated to the east bank or somewhere."

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