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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Pentagon Security--ACTION MEMORANDUM

You asked for comments on Verne Orr's memorandum to you of November 1, 1983, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Verne makes several suggestions to lessening the danger, at least to the top leadership:

[REDACTED]

Providing physical security in the Pentagon and on the Pentagon reservation is difficult. The building is a GSA public building, which was not built with security in mind. The Metro Bus and Subway Station is a major transfer point for commuters, as are some of the roadways within the boundaries of the Pentagon reservation. The concourse is a public area.

Notwithstanding, we have already initiated several increased security measures since the Beirut incident. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In addition, we are studying a number of other options. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[Redacted]

If you agree, we will prepare a reply for your signature outlining to Verne some of the security measures we have already taken or are considering taking.

[Redacted]

My recommendation would be, however, to hold off on such a move for the time being.

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Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense

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