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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Pentagon Security - - ACTION MEMORANDUM (U)

(U) Verne Orr has written you two memoranda expressing concern about building security in light of the recent Beirut incident. He recommends, among other things, that a joint task force be established to examine all aspects of Pentagon security, including:

[Redacted]

When you read Verne's second memorandum you commented:

"Is anyone working on some plans? I'd like to see suggestions, but we don't want to make it impossible to get around the Building."

(U) The Pentagon is a GSA public building not on a military reservation. Ultimate responsibility for building security is vested in GSA. On the DoD side, I am responsible for building security as Director, Washington Headquarters Services. Sam Carmell, Director, Physical Security, WHS, deals directly with GSA on security matters. Working relations are excellent on all levels; GSA has been responsive to our requirements and recommendations.

(U) We immediately initiated several increased security measures following the Beirut incident:

[Redacted]

(U) In addition to the above security precautions, we have under review a whole series of additional measures that are briefly described at Tab A. Not all of those listed will be placed into effect. Each must be carefully considered in light of perceived threats, the additional

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degree of security provided, the cost, and the affect on building operations. Some of the items listed may prove to be impracticable, but there are others

which probably will be put into effect within a month or so.

(U) In light of the above, I am not sure what the establishment of a Tri-Service Task Force would contribute at this time. Sam Carnell has already informally contacted the Services and other security organizations to develop the list of measures we are evaluating now.

(U) Attached at Tab B is a proposed reply to Verne Orr which notes our ongoing security review and requests his comments and suggestions with respect to the security measures we are evaluating.

D. O. Cooke
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense

Attachments

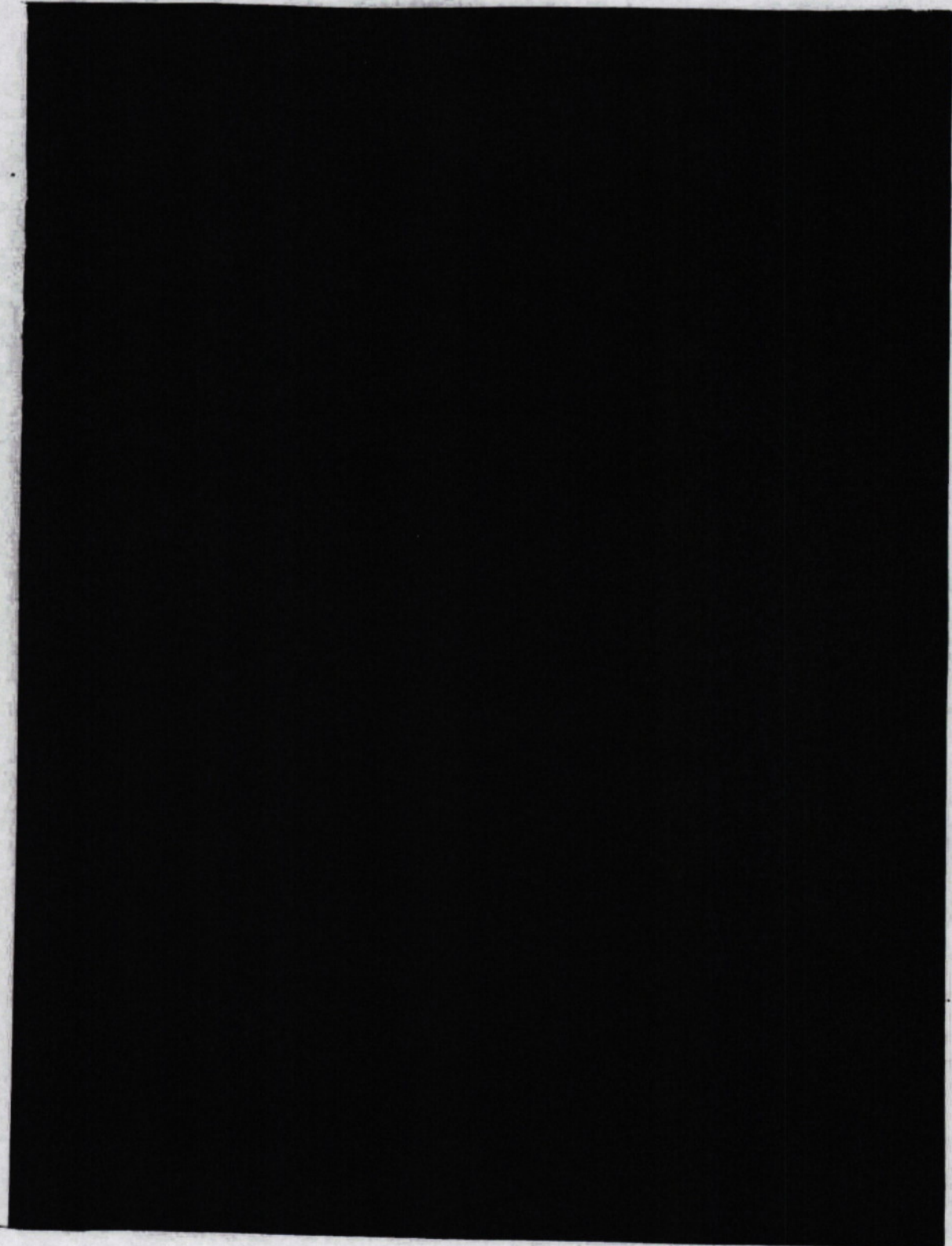
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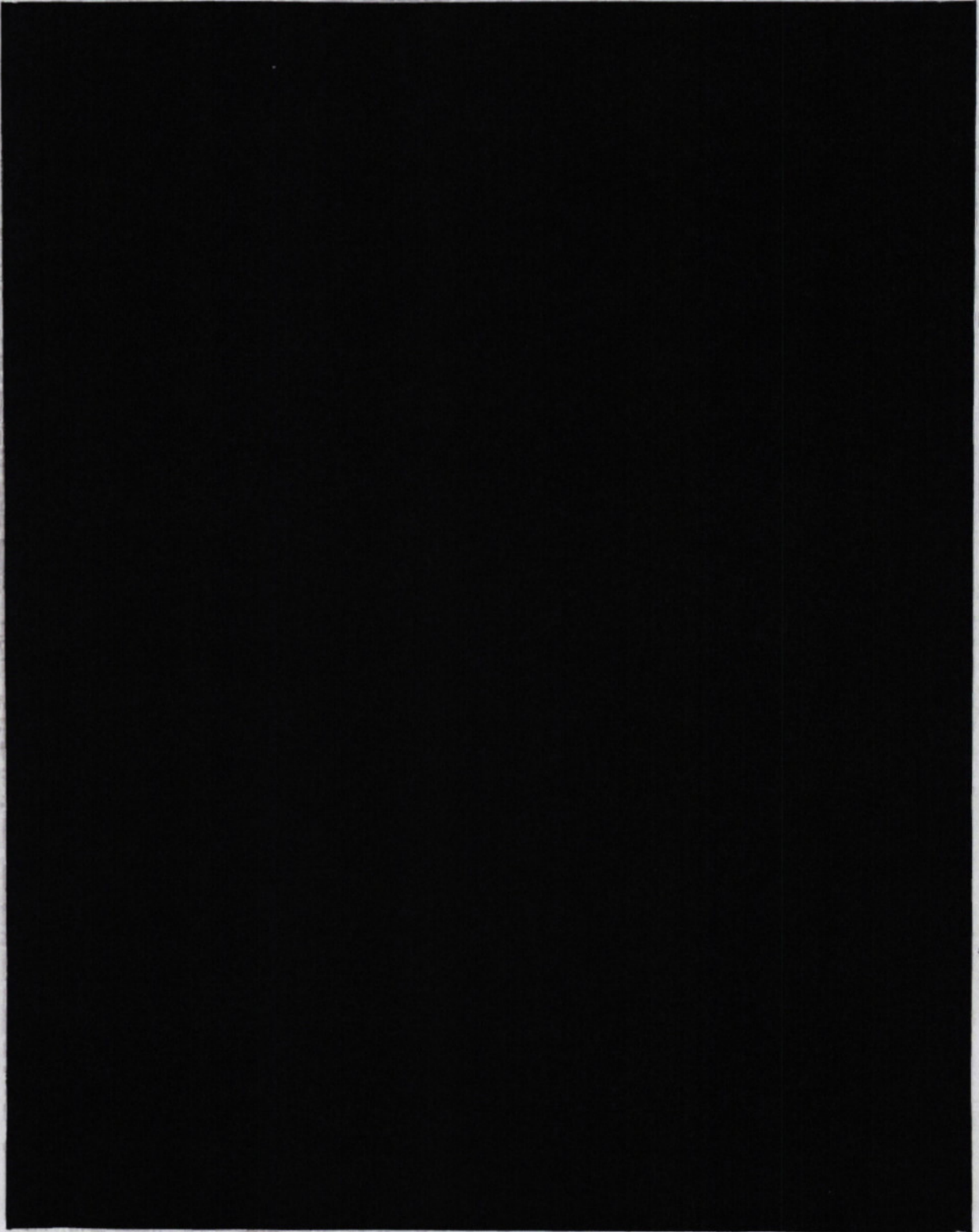


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