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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Positioning in Jordan *LOT*

*(S)* Recent events in the Middle East have raised concerns for the security and stability of Jordan. King Hussein, during his meetings here on 13-14 February, highlighted the specific threats Jordan faces from Syria and Syrian surrogates. We told the King that we want to support his military requirements and would help in several ways. One way that was specifically discussed was prepositioning. Conplan THUMB ARROW, which was signed by the US and Jordan in December 1983, provided for the crisis resupply of Jordan as a result of a specific threat or hostilities from Syria. I realize that the implementing plans remain to be finalized and coordinated with the Jordanians. However, we agreed during General bin Shaker's visit in December 1983, that in the interim, limited prepositioning of selected items of equipment/materiel could be done, providing we could identify items on the THUMB ARROW equipment list that met both Jordan's and CINCCENT's regional needs and that we complied with US legal requirements.

*(S)* Request that you take action, consistent with the THUMB ARROW equipment list, US legal requirements, and in consonance with CINCCENT regional needs, to effect prepositioning in Jordan of limited amounts of ammunition and vehicles at the earliest reasonable date.

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