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Subject: Pre-positioning in Jordan ~~(S)~~

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1. ~~(S, NOFORN)~~ Reference Ambassador Viets' message* and your 21 January note requesting my views. I briefly discussed pre-positioning with General bin Shaker in Washington last month. During our private conversation, I indicated that it was not feasible to pre-position the full THUMB ARROW equipment list. On the other hand, I believe that pre-positioning on a limited scale is possible.

2. ~~(S, NOFORN)~~ Pre-positioning is an area in which we can show some support for Jordan. LTG Kingston is already working the issue actively. After evaluating the list for items that will also serve CINCCENT pre-positioning needs for the Southwest Asian region, LTG Kingston will look carefully at the sourcing of the materiel and the legal aspects of pre-positioning. Ammunition that serves both Jordanian and US interests, such as 105mm or 155mm howitzer ammunition, is a likely candidate for pre-positioning.

3. ~~(S, NOFORN)~~ I agree with General bin Shaker's formulation as it applies to limited pre-positioning, provided we can work out the problems of sourcing and legal ramifications. Pre-positioning on a limited scale should serve Jordanian political and military interests and, at the same time, afford LTG Kingston the initial stage of meeting the US Central Command's needs for pre-positioning in the region.

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