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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Meeting with Ambassador Dinitz (U)

Participants:

Israeli Side

Ambassador - Simcha Dinitz
Defense and Armed Forces Attache - Major General Avraham Adan
Director, Israel Purchasing Mission in US - Joseph Ciehanover

United States Side

Secretary of Defense - James R. Schlesinger
Assistant Secretary of Defense (ISA) - Robert F. Ellsworth
Military Assistant to Secretary of Defense - Major General John A. Wickham, Jr.
Director, Near East and South Asia Region - Major General Gordon Sumner, Jr.

TIME: 0930 hours, 15 November 1974

PLACE: Secretary Schlesinger's Office, The Pentagon

Note: SecDef met privately with Ambassador Dinitz prior to this session

(S) Following opening pleasantries, Ambassador Dinitz requested additional information regarding delivery of the "Urgent List" items. He acknowledged that the list had been discussed in general between General Adan and General Sumner, but he was concerned about the exact details. Secretary Schlesinger stated that the schedule was good except for three items. The first item was M16 rifles which represented a 10,000 shortfall and he could not withdraw these rifles from active units. The second item was 105mm APERS ammunition. Despite shortages, he was prepared to deliver the requested quantities prior to 1 April. The third item was 5.56mm tracer ammunition. Again, this was in serious short supply and he could not withdraw this ammunition from active units. Ambassador Dinitz then requested that the shortfall be replaced with ball ammunition and the Secretary stated that he would look into this problem.

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~~(S)~~ The LANCE problem was discussed briefly and the Secretary said we are exploring ways of meeting the Israeli requirement.

~~(S)~~ Laser-guided bombs were discussed in a rather vague manner with no firm commitment by the Secretary.

~~(S)~~ Regarding SHRIKE, the Secretary stated that we are looking at this problem with a view towards resolving the shortfall of 100.

~~(S)~~ Pay Back Schedule for M60 and M113s. General Sumner stated that the Service Staffs were addressing this problem and the outlook seemed basically favorable. General Adan then discussed his observations concerning the tank production line and the number of tanks produced per day and per month. General Wickham stated that the turret castings were restricting output and Secretary Schlesinger asked the Israelis about their capability to produce turret castings. General Adan replied that it was very limited.

~~(S)~~ F-14/F-15s. Ambassador Dinitz then asked about pricing and availability for the F14/F15. General Sumner stated that DSAA was working this problem and it would take some 3-4 weeks for an answer. Secretary Schlesinger stated he wanted rough estimates developed and made available to the Israeli Government as soon as possible.

~~(S)~~ Dragon Missile System. Ambassador Dinitz made a strong plea for 25 trackers and 500 missiles. The Secretary replied that this system was just coming in production and that he would be responsive as soon as he was aware of the US production rates and inventory.

~~(S)~~ Ambassador Dinitz then raised the problem of the Lear-Siegler WDS system on the A-4s for Kuwait. He stated that it was his government's position that the WDS system developed with Israeli R&D funds should not be provided on the A-4s to be sold to Kuwait. General Sumner explained the legal and technical problems associated with this sale and informed the Secretary that a memorandum would be prepared for his decision, if necessary.

~~(S)~~ Ambassador Dinitz then addressed the problem of pricing for ambulances and jeeps. Secretary Schlesinger informed him that it was the intention of this government to be fair and accurate on all Letters of Offer and that if the Israeli Purchasing Mission had a problem of this nature that they should bring the particular problem to the attention of General Sumner and the METG. He stated further that both the Israeli Government and US Government should correct their own mathematical errors and should use Euclidean math.

~~(S)~~ At this juncture, all participants left the room and a private session was held by the Secretary of Defense and the Ambassador.

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