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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Exploitation of Materiel in the Middle East (U)

1. (SNFD) As a result of the Israeli/Arab conflict, a considerable amount of Soviet-manufactured military equipment has come into the possession of the Israelis. Much of this equipment is critically needed by the Department of Defense for intelligence exploitation.

2. (SNFD) Certain actions have been taken by the Defense Intelligence Agency to ensure timely access to the needed equipment in the possession of the Israelis.

a. As a result of coordination between DIA and the Central Intelligence Agency, and due to the sensitivity of the situation, CIA will function as the Government Executive Agent in negotiations with the Israelis.

b. DIA, in coordination with the Military Services, has assembled a listing of items of Soviet equipment which are needed on a priority basis.

c. DIA is functioning as the DoD coordinator for the development of a DoD plan for the procurement and exploitation of such materiel as may be made available or accessible. A draft of this plan is currently being staffed within DIA prior to full coordination with the Military Services. One of the Services will be assigned executive agent responsibility for teams of experts to be made available by the Military Services to exploit the materiel, either in-country or by evacuation to CONUS for more detailed exploitation. Each Service has identified and has available the expertise needed to accomplish the anticipated objective. The executive agent would provide the senior DoD representative for this team of experts, not to direct their activities, but to ensure full coordination of effort and to serve as the DoD representative for administrative aspects of the team effort.

3. (U) You will be kept informed of significant developments as they occur.

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