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~~MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE~~

~~SUBJECT: On-Site Evaluation of the Operational and Technical Information Resulting from the Arab-Israeli War (C)~~

1. (S) This Agency has been tasked to exploit both the technical and operational information resulting from the recent Arab-Israeli war. The technical exploitation of captured equipment (HEEPO) is being conducted through Central Intelligence Agency channels. The other project, for operational data (SWITCH HIT), is being conducted by the Defense Intelligence Agency through augmentation of the Defense Attache Office.
2. (S) Both projects have been fully coordinated with Ambassador Harbour and the State Department and call for the discreet entry of specialists into Israel upon notification from the Government of Israel (GOI) that it is prepared to receive the project personnel. Due to political sensitivities, both projects are discreetly conducted with close attention to security.
3. (S) The GOI has allowed the technical team to view most of the captured equipment and has given access to low priority items. We currently have the advance party and two increments of the technical exploitation team in Israel. They are successfully exploiting, jointly with the Israelis, the items to which they have access such as coastal defense systems, defensive CW equipment, land mines, and anti-personnel devices. However, GOI officials have demonstrated marked hesitancy in allowing the technical specialists access to the higher priority items such as those components of the SA-2 Missile System as are available and have declined to discuss exploitation of any high priority items until some time after early September.
4. (S) As regards Operation SWITCH HIT, originally the Israelis had taken the initiative in indicating a willingness to effect such an arrangement at an early date. The U.S. Defense Attache has reported that the Israeli Defense Force (IDF) is not yet ready to discuss the subjects. The IDF now state that they cannot halt their regular affairs and the defense mission in order to

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expedite an analysis of data which they believe they must know with some exactness for themselves before they discuss the subject with us. Connected with Israeli hesitancy and delays may be the dispatch of a team of Israeli officials to the United States on 7 September 1967 to discuss the purchase of U.S. military equipment. The visit of the Israeli team is being accepted by the U.S. without advance commitment for the sale of U.S. equipment.

5. (3) While it is understandable that certain delays would be encountered in projects of this nature, this status report is being submitted to you at this time since it is possible that the Israelis may be purposely engineering these delays in order to await the outcome of the equipment negotiations here in this country.

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