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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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

Reference: a. DIA memorandum, 20 June 1967, subject as above.

b. DIA memorandum, 3 September 1967, "On-Site Evaluation of the Operational and Technical Information Resulting from the Arab/Israeli War (C)".

1. (SNPD) Reference a provided information on the actions being taken by DIA, CIA and the Military Services to obtain access, for purposes of exploitation, to Communist equipment captured by the Israelis during the Arab/Israeli conflict. Reference b provided further information on this subject.

2. (SNPD) Arrangements made through CIA with the Israeli Intelligence Service have provided DOD with complete access to the captured equipment in Israeli possession. Exploitation is being accomplished in three phases: Phase A being the combined U. S./Israeli exploitation of equipment in Israel; Phase B the combined U. S./Israeli exploitation of certain selected items of equipment in COMUS; and Phase C being the gift or sale to the U. S. of selected items of equipment for U. S. retention.

3. (SNPD) The in-country phase has been accomplished by a series of joint Service technical teams deployed to Israel for this purpose. The first of nine such teams deployed to Israel on 7 August 1967. By 20 December, access had been obtained to some 221 line items of Soviet equipment and, with certain exceptions, technical exploitation had been completed to the extent permitted by existing conditions and available facilities. Exploitation has been completed on chemical and land mine warfare items, communications equipment, munitions and aircraft remnants and various items of airborne electronic aircraft armament to include the ATOLL air-to-air missile. Also completed was the initial phase of exploitation of air and ground radar surveillance equipment to include the SA-2-associated FAN SOON radar, the F-35 surveillance early warning radar individual components, 57mm aircraft weapons system (SOI-9 fire control radar), the Fuze 8-60 director and the 57mm 9-60 and RI-30 radio data link (used in conjunction with early warning and air defense system). The detailed exploitation and testing of armor, artillery and anti-aircraft weapons is scheduled to begin in mid-January 1968 with 31 March

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1968 being the anticipated date of completion. Further electronic testing of certain radar remains to be accomplished although a firm date for this testing has not yet been established.

4. (S/NFD) This overall exploitation effort is expected to fill many U. S. intelligence and research and development gaps, some of which are directly associated with the Southeast Asia conflict. To date, much raw data have been gathered which are essential to detailed analysis. Completion of the detailed analysis is expected to provide the U. S. with an assessment of the capability of weapons and other equipment in the current Soviet inventory, and an insight into the Soviet state of the art pertaining to military items exploited to include design criteria, production quality control and research and development philosophy.

5. (S/NFD) Discussions with respect to the completion of Phase A activities and the scheduling of Phases B and C are scheduled with General Amit, Chief, Israeli Intelligence Service, on 9 January 1968. General Amit is accompanying Prime Minister Rabin on his current visit to the United States. Excellent cooperation has been received from the Israelis to date and the projection at this time is that the entire effort will be concluded to the satisfaction of both countries. Throughout, appropriate security precautions have been taken by both countries to ensure that the knowledge of this effort is controlled on a need-to-know basis.

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

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