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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
Thru: Under Secretary of Defense for Policy

Subject: Obtaining PLO Weapons from Israel ~~(S)~~ - INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

~~(S)~~ In late 1982, Mr. Casey requested DOD assistance in obtaining infantry weapons from Israel that had been captured during the Lebanon War. Discussions between MG Secord (former DASD/NESA) and the former Israeli Attache, MG Meron, allowed this transfer to take place. In May 1983, three hundred tons of weapons were provided to DoD on a "gratis basis" by the Government of Israel. These weapons were moved by the U.S. Navy from Israel to the United States and turned over to CIA at dockside.

~~(S)~~ In February 1984, DOD was again contacted by CIA and asked if there were additional weapons in Israel that might be obtained at little or no cost operational use. ISA contacts with the GOI in March of 1984 revealed that there were additional weapons "for sale" from the remaining PLO stocks. In April, a joint DoD/CIA team headed by the ISA Israeli Desk Officer went to Israel to view the items available. Discussions with the Israelis revealed that they had placed a value of over \$77M on these weapons. (DoD sources appraise the weapons at approximately \$27M.)

~~(S)~~ During the week of 25-29 June, MG Tixier will be in Israel as the ISA representative on the Joint Political Military Group meetings. At that time, General Tixier will have a one-on-one with General Meron, who is now the Director General of the Israeli Ministry of Defense, to discuss DOD acquisition of this second lot of PLO weapons. We hope to again obtain the items at little or no cost. If General Tixier is successful, these weapons probably would arrive in the United States in late July and will be turned over immediately to CIA.

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