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FOR: DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

FROM: Assistant Secretary of Defense, International Security Affairs  
(Peter W. Rodman, (b)(6))

SUBJECT: Contingency Plan for the Defense of Jordan (S)

- (S) Attached (next under) is a memorandum for your signature directing the Joint Staff to initiate planning for the defense of Jordan against an Iraqi attack.
- (S) Even before last week's terrorist attacks, recent Iraqi threats and rhetoric directed against the Jordanian government indicated that a crisis involving an Iraqi threat to Jordan had become a likely contingency. This risk has increased in the wake of last Tuesday's events, and in light of Jordanian assistance to U.S. counterterrorism efforts and the possibility of U.S. military action in the region.

RECOMMENDATION: Sign memorandum (next under).

COORDINATION: Tab A.

Attachments:  
As stated

Prepared by: (b)(6)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF THE JOINT STAFF

SUBJECT: Contingency Plan for the Defense of Jordan (S)

(S) Even before last week's terrorist attacks, I was concerned about recent statements and threats from Iraq against Jordan. At this year's Arab Summit in Amman, Izzat Ibrahim Duri, the Vice Chair of the Iraqi Revolutionary Command Council, read an address from Saddam that insulted King Abdullah, who was in the audience, and condemned the Jordanian Hashemite regime. At this year's Popular Arab Trade Conference, Iraqi Vice President Ramadan urged Jordanians to topple their own government, and Saddam is using the Israeli-Palestinian conflict to incite Palestinians inside Jordan against the Jordanian regime.

(S) The threat of Iraqi action against Jordan has increased since last Tuesday's events because of Jordanian assistance to U.S. counterterrorism efforts and the possibility of U.S. military action in the region.

(S) An Iraqi threat to Jordan is a worrisome contingency. Please direct your staff to conduct planning for likely scenarios involving the defense of Jordan. Plans involving coordination with Israel and plans for independent U.S. action should be considered. My point of contact for this action is (b)(6)

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