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F-4 DEPLOYMENT TO CAIRO WEST AUG 2 1 2013

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In response to the need to project US forces into the Middle East region, the Air Staff developed a concept for the deployment of F-4Es to Cairo West

- Provides a US presence in the Middle East
- Provide operational experience in the Middle East region for US aircrews
- Opportunity to exercise the RDJTF concept in a bare base mode
- Could provide assistance to the Egyptian Air Force (EAF)
 - Additional instructor personnel in operations and maintenance
 - Assistance in setting up maintenance shops and procedures
 - Use of repair facilities

The concept was discussed by Presidents Sadat and Carter and agreed to with details left to their respective defense departments

- Concept was discussed by SECDEF Brown and Egyptian MOD Ali and later in Cairo by ASD/ISA McGiffert and Egyptian VP Mubarak who agreed to
 - A deployment of 90 days, beginning in late June 80, of 12 F-4E aircraft
 - A predeployment survey team to determine facilities requirements to arrive in May
 - 150% manning of personnel and support equipment
 - A post deployment evaluation by both Egypt and the US to determine if subsequent deployments would be beneficial

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Following his return from Cairo, ASD/ISA McGiffert requested the Joint Staff to take action to send a predeployment survey team to Cairo West and begin preparations for the actual deployment

- In reviewing the concept of assistance to the EAF and the estimated deployment costs, SECDEF decided to request CINCEUR, the command that would be responsible for the deployment, to provide possible alternate avenues to accomplish the desired mission
- OJS/J-3 tasked EUCOM to provide alternatives by COB, 21 Mar 80

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