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Commander in Chief, US Readiness Command
Commander in Chief, US Southern Command
Commander in Chief, Strategic Air Command

Subject: Military Review of the 1977 Additional Protocols (U)

1. ~~(S)~~ Secretary of State Haig has expressed interest* in the US ratification of the 1977 Protocols Additional to the 1949 Geneva Conventions (the "Additional Protocols"). In response to an inquiry by the State Department,* the Deputy Secretary of Defense** reported that the Joint Staff and Services plan*** to present JCS recommendations in December 1982 and noted that an accelerated effort would be made to provide those recommendations earlier. The Director, Joint Staff, recently initiated**** the military review of the Additional Protocols and provided milestones to accelerate completion of the review.

2. ~~(S)~~ The Additional Protocols are a major codification of international law governing armed conflict on and over land and for some sea and air operations. Our military review must assess thoroughly the impact these treaties would have upon current and foreseeable operations against adversaries complying with the law as well as those violating it. Your operational

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assessment is of particular importance to this review. I look forward to your comments, recommendations and advice on this important matter.

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References:

- * Letter by the Acting Secretary of State, 24 November 1981.
- ** Letter by Deputy Secretary of Defense, X18939, 24 March 1982.
- *** MJCS 19-82, 12 February 1982, "Progress Report on the JCS Review of the 1977 Protocols Additional to the 1949 Geneva Convention".
- **** JCS/DJS 201720Z Apr 82

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