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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

THROUGH: THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY

SUBJECT: USG Response to Saudi Question re [redacted] Attack  
ACTION MEMORANDUM

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OSD 3.3(b)(6)

As you recall, in August 1983, Saudi Defense Minister Sultan made a three-part request to Ambassador Murphy asking: (1) for a review of the CPG first year accomplishments, with recommendations for future CPG actions; (2) a USG response to attack on Saudi Arabia [redacted] and (3) a USG statement in regard to US actions should [redacted] attack on Saudi Arabia occur.

The first request was handled by a cable which provided the information requested, and which was duly delivered to Prince Sultan (TAB A). Your letter of October 26 to Sultan covers the second point and has been delivered by our Charge' (TAB B). State, together with the NSC and ISA has drafted very carefully "oral assurances" addressing Prince Sultan's third point (Tab C), which we jointly believe will be welcomed by Prince Sultan and SAG.

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(U) Recommend that you approve the proposed draft at Tab C.

Approve

*[Signature]*

*G. M. ...*

Disapprove

*R. L. Armitage*

RICHARD L. ARMITAGE  
Assistant Secretary of Defense  
(International Security Affairs)

Attachments

a/s

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Concerning possible military actions [redacted] against Saudi Arabia, we believe [redacted] not have any intention, whatsoever, of launching an unprovoked attack against Saudi Arabia. [redacted] intentions are only a specific part of a broader and more important issue -- American interest in, and support for the territorial integrity of Saudi Arabia.

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No nation can doubt the strength of the friendship between the United States and Saudi Arabia and the fundamental importance both sides attach to that relationship. Consequently, the security and well-being of Saudi Arabia are matters of vital interest for the United States. We are resolute that we will firmly oppose any aggression against Saudi Arabia, and there should be no question of the willingness and readiness of the United States to do so.

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 SLEJ: COORDINATION PLANNING GROUP (U)  
 REFS: A. CMSGMT 040800Z SEP 83  
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 C. USCINCENT 212030Z SEP 83  
 D. CMSGMT 260730Z SEP 83

1. (U) REF A PROVIDED PROPOSED TEXT FOR CPG'S ACTIVITIES REPORT TO PRINCE SULTAN. REF B PROVIDED ADDITIONAL PROPOSED TEXT. REF C PROVIDED COMMENTS ON REF A AND B. REF D MODIFIED REF A.
2. (U) TEXT OF APPROVED REPORT FOLLOWS: QUOTE: "A REVIEW OF THE CPG'S ACTIVITIES DURING THE FIRST YEAR."
  1. (S) THE COORDINATING PLANNING GROUP, SAUDI ARABIA (CPG) WAS ESTABLISHED IN JULY 1982 BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT OF OUR GOVERNMENTS, TO PROVIDE ADVICE TO THE SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT FOR USE IN NATIONAL AND REGIONAL MILITARY PLANNING FOR DEFENSE OF THE KINGDOM.
  2. (U) THE SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT (SAG) REQUESTED THAT THE CPG INITIALLY CONCENTRATE ON AIR DEFENSE PLANNING. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT (USG) RESPONDED BY SENDING AN INITIAL TEMPORARY CADRE OF AIR DEFENSE PLANNERS TO THE KINGDOM. THEY ARRIVED IN THE KINGDOM ON 24 JULY 1982. THEY WERE REPLACED BY A SECOND TDY TEAM OF FIVE AIR DEFENSE PLANNERS, CONSISTING OF FOUR USAF OFFICERS AND ONE US ARMY OFFICER, WHICH ARRIVED IN THE KINGDOM ON 10 OCTOBER 1982. IN MARCH 1983, THE TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT OF THE US MEMBERSHIP OF THE CPG WAS CHANGED TO PERMANENT STATUS.
  3. (U) IN VIEW OF THE ONGOING IRAQ-IRAN WAR, THE CPG'S PRIMARY AREA OF EMPHASIS HAS BEEN IN THE EASTERN AIR DEFENSE SECTOR AND THE CPG HAS THEREFORE WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE STAFF OF THE 5TH AIR DEFENSE GROUP, KING ABDULAZIZ AIR BASE, THE ADC, AND THE RSAF. IN SO DOING, IT HAS WORKED THE FOLLOWING SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS:
    - A. (U) THE CPG HAS SUBMITTED A DRAFT VERSION OF A JOINT AIR DEFENSE DOCUMENT, ENTITLED "THE BATTLEMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN (BMP)" FOR THE EASTERN AIR DEFENSE SECTOR, TO THE HEADQUARTERS, ROYAL SAUDI AIR FORCE FOR COORDINATION BETWEEN THE RSAF AND ADC. THE BMP WAS DEVELOPED TO IMPROVE THE COMMAND AND CONTROL PROCEDURES.
    - B. (U) ONE OF THE MAJOR ITEMS DISCOVERED DURING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DRAFT PLAN WAS THE DIFFICULTY OF COMMUNICATIONS EXCHANGED BETWEEN THE SECTOR COMMAND CENTER, THE SECTOR OPERATIONS CENTER, AND THE 5TH AIR DEFENSE COMMAND GROUP. IN ADDRESSING THIS PROBLEM, THE CPG, WORKING CLOSELY WITH ADC AND SAFF SIGNAL CORPS, HAS DEVELOPED A COMMUNICATIONS UPGRADE PLAN TO IMPROVE THE EXISTING COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AND TO PROVIDE LOW COST, USER-APPLIED MODIFICATIONS.
    - C. (U) THE FIGHTER PILOT MEMBER OF THE CPG HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN BRIEFINGS ON THE AIRCRAFT WEAPON SYSTEMS AND TACTICS TO BE USED BY THE RSAF IN DEFENDING THE KINGDOM. PARTICIPATION WITH THE AGGRESSOR MOBILE TRAINING TEAM HAS GIVEN THE CPG AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK CLOSER WITH THE FLYING SQUADRONS AND DEVELOP A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF RSAF OPERATIONS AND CAPABILITIES.
    - D. (U) DURING JULY, THE CPG PROVIDED PERSONNEL TO THE SHORT RANGE AIR DEFENSE (SHORAD) SURVEY TEAM, WHICH CONDUCTED AN EVALUATION OF VARIOUS SHORT RANGE AIR DEFENSE WEAPONS WITH MEMBERS OF THE AIR DEFENSE COMMAND. AN EXPANDED ROLE OF SHORAD DEPLOYMENT AND UTILIZATION WAS DISCUSSED AND OPTIONS

- E. (U) ONE MEMBER OF THE CPG SERVED TO COORDINATE ANACS MATTERS WITH THE RSAF.
- F. (U) THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL MEMBER OF THE CPG HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE DIRECTOR OF AIR SERVICES, RSAF. HE HAS ASSISTED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PERMANENT AIR PERCELLING AREAS FOR THE RSAF.
- G. (U) THE US MEMBERS OF THE SAUDI ARABIAN COORDINATION PLANNING GROUP HAVE DEVELOPED AN EXCELLENT WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE AIR DEFENSE COMMAND AND THE RSAF. THEY HAVE GAINED A GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF AIR DEFENSE RELATED MATTERS FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF SAUDI ARABIAN COUNTERPARTS. THIS HAS ENABLED THE CPG TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE RSAF AND ADC ON THEIR INDIVIDUAL DOCTRINE AS WELL AS JOINT DOCTRINE.
- H. (U) THE CPG IS REPRESENTED ON THE JCSM COMMAND, CONTROL, AND COMMUNICATIONS (C3) COMMITTEE. THIS COMMITTEE HAS BRIEFED THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND AVIATION, JCSM C3 COMMITTEE, AND THE US MEMBER IS PRESENTLY ASSISTING IN THE PREPARATION OF A FOLLOW-UP BRIEFING ON THE US OFFENSE ACTION SYSTEM AND ON JOINT PLANNING PROCEDURES FOR THE MOPC C3 COMMITTEE.
- I. (U) THE CPG IS ARRANGING FOR A DEMONSTRATION OF THE SURVEILLANCE DISPLAY INTERFACE SYSTEM (SDIS) EQUIPMENT DURING OCTOBER. THE SDIS, WHICH IS STILL IN RECEPTION AND DEVELOPMENT, WILL BE ABLE TO DISPLAY ARABIAN SURVEILLANCE DATA.
- J. (U) CURRENTLY, THE CPG IS ASSISTING THE RSAF IN PLANNING AN RSAF COMMAND CENTER EXERCISE WHICH WILL INCLUDE THE AIR DEFENSE

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DEFENSE COMMAND UNITS AT THE SECTOR LEVEL. MEMBERS OF THE  
ADC HEADQUARTERS STAFF ARE SCHEDULED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE  
EXERCISE FROM THE RSAF COMMAND CENTER IN RIYADH. CPG  
PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO BE MEMBERS OF THE CONTROL  
TEAM FOR THIS EXERCISE. THIS EXERCISE IS BEING DESIGNED TO  
TRAIN BATTLE STAFFS AND TO HIGHLIGHT IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED IN  
COMMAND AND CONTROL OF THE KINGDOM'S INTEGRATED AIR DEFENSE  
SYSTEM. ALL RSAF BASES AND A LARGE PART OF THE ADC WILL  
TAKE PART IN THE EXERCISE.  
4. WE BELIEVE THE CPG'S FIRST YEAR ACTIVITIES WERE USEFUL TO  
THE SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT IN INCREASING THE KINGDOM'S MILITARY  
PREPAREDNESS. ALSO, US MILITARY PLANNERS NOW HAVE A BETTER  
UNDERSTANDING OF THE PLANNING FACTORS THAT MUST BE CONSIDERED IF  
THE UNITED STATES WERE TO RESPOND TO A SAUDI ARABIAN REQUEST FOR  
MILITARY ASSISTANCE. THERE ARE SEVERAL AREAS IN WHICH THE CPG CAN  
OPERATE IN ITS SECOND YEAR TO FURTHER ASSIST THE SAUDI ARABIAN  
MILITARY, AND USMTH, IN THE PLANNING REQUIRED TO ASSURE THE  
INTEROPERABILITY OF THE MILITARY SERVICES OF SAUDI ARABIA. THE  
CPG COULD ASSIST IN DEVELOPING A PLAN FOR DEFENSE OF THE EASTERN  
PROVINCE FROM ATTACK BY NAVAL FORCES. IT COULD ALSO ASSIST IN  
DEVELOPING MOBILITY PLANS TO MOVE THE SAFF INTO THE EASTERN  
PROVINCE. IN ADDITION, THE USG IS WILLING TO CONSIDER ANY OTHER  
REQUESTS THAT THE MOGA MAY HAVE FOR THE CPG'S ASSISTANCE IN PLANNING  
FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE KINGDOM. TO UNDERTAKE THESE ADDITIONAL  
TASKS, THE CPG MAY REQUIRE A MODEST INCREASE IN MANPOWER. THE USG  
IS WILLING FOR THE CPG TO UNDERTAKE ANY TASK THAT ASSISTS IN THE  
DEFENSE OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA. END QUOTE.

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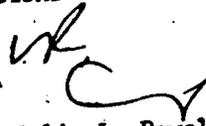
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See and take for action SecDef's  
note, on the attached which reads--

"OK--as revised."

His revisions are self explanatory.

  
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to the Secretary of Defense

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