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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE GEORGE P. SHULTZ
The Secretary of State

THE HONORABLE CASPAR W. WEINBERGER

The Secretary of Defense

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CASEY Director of Central Intelligence

GENERAL JOHN W. VESSEY, JR. Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT:

Memorandum For the Record: Decisions Taken and Actions Required at SSG Meeting Thursday, February 9, 1984 -- 5:15-7:25 p.m. (C)

At the meeting of the SSG this evening the following was decided:

Bandar Plan

(ACTION: State)

- Message to Amb Rumsfeld requesting his views and those of GOL on the 8 Point Plan submitted to the Vice President by Prince Bandar. (S/SENSITIVE)

Timing of Redeployment of Marines (ACTION: State - Coordinate with Defense)

- Consensus that from military point of view bulk of Marines at BIA could be redeployed in 30 days. However, before making recommendations to the President, consultations should be undertaken with President Gemayel and MNF partners.
- The GOL should also be requested to provide details on its readiness to commence expanded training program i.e., what units would be available, timing, etc. (S)
- The Secretary of Defense is required to forward a redeployment plan outlining different timing options for the President which could be considered once consultations with GOL and allies have taken place.

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Possible LAF Operation for Closing the Gap (ACTION: State - Coordinate with Defense)

- All present had serious reservations about the prudence of such an operation and the capabilities of the LAF to carry it out without substantial outside support. We do not recommend that the GOL undertake the operation in the present circumstances. This position should be passed to Amb Rumsfeld.

Coningent Analysis of U.S. Policy Options
(ACTION: State - Coordinate with CIA and Defense)

- Fullscale civil war prior to/or during Marine redeployment
- Widespread terrorist campaign throughout Beirut against US/Western interests
- Druze (et al) ground assault on BIA
- Resignation of Gemayel
- Direct intervention by Syria on the ground
- Direct intervention by Israel on the ground
- Israeli-Syrian escalation (S)

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cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Al Keel