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MEMORANDUM FOR FRANK C. CARLUCCI

FROM: ROBERT B. OAKLEY

SUBJECT: Operation Staunch

Attached at Tab I is a memorandum to participants in the February 12 NSPG, reiterating the President's commitment to Operation Staunch. It will serve as a useful reminder as the Administration seeks to re-energize the effort.

The Presidential statement on the Iran-Iraq war and the threat to the Gulf that State has drafted underscores the importance of Staunch. (Advance copy for your information at Tab II; State will send over formal draft tonight.) We will also stress to UNSC Permanent Members this week the President's commitment to Staunch and the need to consider a U.N.-backed arms embargo against Iran if it continues to refuse a ceasefire and a negotiated settlement. (Draft cable FYI at Tab III; final version to follow from State).

Steve Danzansky and Bob Dean concur.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo at Tab I.

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Attachment

- Tab I Memo to Participants
- Tab II Draft Presidential Statement
- Tab III Draft Cable

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
THE DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

SUBJECT: Operation Staunch (S)

The President was very pleased to hear at the February 12 National Security Planning Group Meeting on the Middle East that you and your staffs are vigorously pursuing Operation Staunch. He urges that you continue your efforts, which are a crucial part of our general strategy for helping to bring the Iran-Iraq war to the earliest possible negotiated end. It will be important for our credibility in approaching foreign governments for the State Department to provide an assessment of what is being done to prohibit the export of weapons or spare parts to Iran from this country. The Justice and Treasury Departments should provide State with a comprehensive review of our efforts by March 31, 1987. (S)

cc: Vice President
Chairman, JCS

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NEA - Ed Dierksen

- This is the draft memo which NSC (Grand Green) will send on Staunch; you & ZNR should coordinate with Don Webster & give me back a

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SUBJECT: Operation Staunch (S)

In order to respond to the evolving situation in the Gulf and with Iran, we need to improve implementation of our Operation Staunch and begin planning for a broader UN arms embargo against Iran. The Secretary of State was designated by the President to be in charge of a reinvigorated Operation Staunch^(Tab A) and assigned the task to Under Secretary Derwinski. He has requested, and representatives of DOD/JCS, CIA and the NSC Staff agree, that an interagency support committee be created. Its purpose would be:

a) to collect, collate, evaluate and provide to the Under Secretary all available, pertinent intelligence on Iranian arms acquisitions; b) to assist in determining what material could be used to make the most effective demarches to foreign governments concerning the denial of arms sales to Iran; and c) to clear relevant material for such demarches -- walking the fine line between protecting intelligence sources and methods, on the one hand, and providing persuasive and detailed enough information to make the case, on the other.

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It is suggested that the Operation Staunch support committee be composed of the agency representatives indicated below, and that it meet as frequently as Under Secretary Derwinski may request (probably every two weeks). In order to ensure proper coordination between what we are doing with other governments and what is taking place in this country concerning possible or attempted arms exports to Iran, there should be representatives of Justice, FBI, Treasury and Customs on the Staunch support committee.

Proposed Composition (and names?):

State (T, NEA, INR)
DOD (ISA, DIA, JCS, NSA)
CIA
NSC Staff
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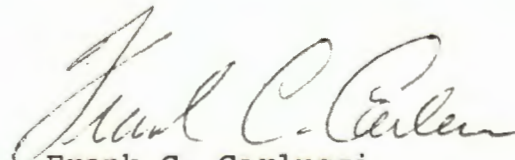
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Frank C. Carlucci

cc: Vice President
Chairman, JCS

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August 19, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MELVYN LEVITSKY
Executive Secretary
Department of State

COL. WILLIAM M. MATZ
Executive Secretary
Department of Defense

MR. H. LAWRENCE SANDALL
Executive Secretary
Central Intelligence Agency

MAJ. GEN. THOMAS J. FLYNN
Chief of Staff
National Security Agency

MR. JOHN N. RICHARDSON
Assistant to the Attorney General
and Chief of Staff
Department of Justice

MR. ROBERT B. ZOELICK
Executive Secretary
Department of Treasury

SUBJECT: Operation Staunch (S)

In recent weeks, broad consensus has been reached within the United Nations Security Council to bring the Iran-Iraq War to an end. While Iraq has accepted UNSC Resolution 598 contingent on Iranian acceptance, Iran has neither accepted nor rejected it, pursuing instead tactics of delay. Iran has thus far frustrated the Secretary General's efforts to properly consult on the provisions of the resolution. Recent Iranian mining actions in the Persian Gulf have galvanized the support of our Allies and friends, improving chances for passage of a second Security Council resolution which would, in effect, internationalize our Operation Staunch. The Soviets and Chinese, however, are showing increasing reluctance to pursue the second resolution. (S)

In the past, efforts to implement Operation Staunch have been frustrated by overriding concerns for the protection of sensitive intelligence sources and methods. Additionally, U.S. arms sold

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to Iran in the Iran/Contra affair undercut the credibility of U.S. efforts to stem the flow of arms to Iran. We have now reached a stage, however, where current international support for our policies in the region provides new opportunities and impetus for pursuing Operation Staunch more aggressively. (S)

The Secretary of State was designated by the President to be in charge of a reinvigorated Operation Staunch and assigned the task to Under Secretary Derwinski. At Under Secretary Derwinski's request, the Persian Gulf Policy Review Group has examined the need for an interagency Staunch support committee, and recommends its immediate establishment. Its purpose would be: (a) to collect, collate, evaluate and provide to the Under Secretary all available, pertinent intelligence on Iranian arms acquisitions; (b) to assist in determining what material is required to make the most effective demarches to foreign governments to deny the sale of arms to Iran; and (c) to clear relevant material for such demarches within the intelligence community in a timely manner, so as to provide information persuasive and detailed enough to make the case. (S)

The Operation Staunch Committee will be composed of representatives from State, Defense, CIA, NSA, Justice, Treasury, and the NSC Staff. It will meet regularly (probably every two weeks) under the chairmanship of Under Secretary Derwinski. State (NEA/RA) will act as Executive Secretary for the group, and will contact agencies directly regarding level of representation and an initial organizational meeting. The Executive Secretary will prepare an agenda for each meeting and coordinate with other committee members to determine which Staunch cases require review. (S)

While the committee must remain sensitive to the protection of intelligence sources and methods, the emphasis will be on timely and compelling Staunch demarches to deny arms sales to Iran. In the event the committee cannot reach agreement on releasability of information or timing of demarches for particular Staunch cases, Under Secretary Derwinski will forward the case with opposing views and his recommendation to the National Security Advisor for final resolution and implementation as appropriate. (S)

Bill Courtney

Grant S. Green, Jr.
Executive Secretary

cc: Donald Gregg, Assistant to the
Vice President for National Security Affairs
Rear Admiral Joseph C. Strasser
Executive Assistant to the Chairman, JCS

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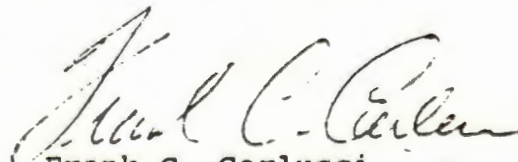
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Frank C. Carlucci

cc: Vice President
Chairman, JCS

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

August 18, 1987

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MEMORANDUM FOR COLIN L. POWELL

FROM: ROBERT B. OAKLEY ^{Bo}

SUBJECT: Interagency Support Group for Operation Staunch

As we have discussed, attached at Tab I is a memorandum to agencies establishing an interagency support committee on Operation Staunch, to be chaired by Under Secretary Derwinski. It is a follow-up to the earlier NSC memo at Tab II. Our aim is to improve coordination between State and the intelligence community and make Staunch demarches more timely and effective. As the memorandum notes, Derwinski will refer cases on which the committee cannot reach agreement to the NSC.

Jim Colp^mins concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve transmittal of the memorandum at Tab I.

Approve ✓ Disapprove _____

Attachment

Tab I Memo to Agencies
Tab II Memo to Agencies of
February 26, 1987

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TALKING POINTS

Both U.S. and China are attempting to improve relations with USSR.

-- Important both of us maintain strong relations as basis for dealing with Soviets.

FOIA(b) (1)

-- We want genuine change in Soviet behavior. [REDACTED]

Broad consensus governs U.S.-China policy.

-- China policy not a political issue in U.S. now; big swings in policy not likely.

-- If consensus dissolves over China policy, we will face major effort to reestablish it.

[REDACTED]

-- [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

-- [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Useful to give you my perspective on the risks to US-China relations arising from Chinese arms sales to Iran.

-- [REDACTED]
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MEMORANDUM FOR FRANK C. CARLUCCI

FROM: DOUGLAS H. PAARD *DHP*

SUBJECT: Letter to Henry Kissinger

At Tab A is a draft letter and talking points from you to Henry Kissinger regarding his upcoming trip to China.

DHP Robert Oakley and *DHP* Bruce Ermarth concur.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the draft letter and sign the original when typed.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Attachment

Tab A Draft letter and talking points to Kissinger

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White House Guidelines, August 28, 1997

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