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U.S. Security Relationship with Saudi Arabia (S) U

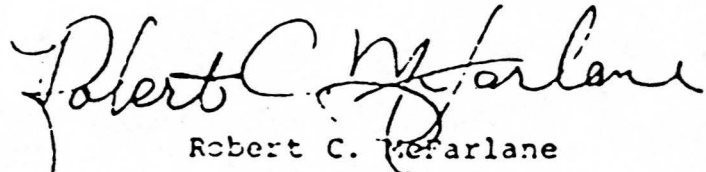
The forthcoming discussions with the Saudi Arabian Government regarding major weapons sales and future requirements to enhance the security of Saudi Arabia require a high-level review. (S)

In keeping with the informal agreement reached with the SAG in April 1984 (Poindexter-Murphy mission), the Department of State should chair an interagency review of the following: (S) U

- A coordinated USG strategy designed to ensure that balanced progress is made on the three crucial aspects of our security relationship with Saudi Arabia, namely: expediting the delivery of approved sales and providing timely responses to SAG requests for sales to meet valid military requirements; a comprehensive assessment of Saudi military capabilities to meet extant threats to the Kingdom; planning to facilitate the movement and employment of U.S. forces which may be deployed to the Kingdom in a major contingency. (S) U
- Measures and steps we could suggest to the SAG which would facilitate approval of major arms sales for which valid military requirements exist. In this regard, our diplomatic strategy should address the broadest aspects of the U.S.-Saudi relationship. (S)

A paper for SIG review should be completed by November 19, 1984. The SIG should provide recommended positions or options for consideration at an NSC meeting which will be convened at the end of November. (S) U

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