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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Secretary of Defense
Deputy Under Secretary of State for
Political Affairs
Director of Central Intelligence

Subject: Special State-Defense Study Group Study: "Near East, North
Africa and the Horn of Africa: A Recommended American
Strategy"

1. (U) The above study was distributed by the study group to interested government agencies on 21 July 1967 with the statement that the report, at this stage, represents only the views of the study group.

2. (C) In order that the members of the Senior Policy Group can conduct a thorough review of the report prior to approval, it is recommended that our staffs be given sufficient opportunity to review the lengthy report and provide appropriate recommendations. In this connection, I have asked the Joint Staff to prepare a report on the study for consideration by the Joint Chiefs of Staff to insure that this important document is fully coordinated with appropriate agencies. As a target date, I recommend that we meet approximately 21 August to consider the report together with the various agencies' comments and recommendations.

3. (C) Ambassador Holmes has recommended that steps be taken to have the proposed strategies and initiatives approved as a statement of national policy for the area. I propose that the study, when approved, be forwarded by the Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense to the President for approval.

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Chairman
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