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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Lt. General B. E. Spivy  
Acting Director, Joint Staff  
Department of Defense

**SUBJECT:** State-Defense Study Group Middle East  
Project

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To meet the needs outlined in your letter of 7 March, I have named [redacted] as the CIA member of the State-Defense Study Group working on the problems of the Middle East. [redacted] will be CIA's internal coordinator for the project and will serve as Mr. [redacted] alternate when required. Both officers have extensive background and experience in this area which should contribute greatly to your study.

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/s/ Richard Helms

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Richard Helms  
Director

cc: Ambassador Julius C. Helms

CONCUR: [redacted]

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Assistant Deputy Director for Intelligence

Date

CONCUR: SIGNED  
Deputy Director for Plans

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Date

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The Honorable Richard Helms  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Dick:

The Special State-Defense Study Group is undertaking a study of problems in the Middle East. This appears to be a logical successor study to the Long-Range Communist China Study of last year. Ambassador Julius C. Holmes has been designated Study Director for the project with Brigadier General Stephen W. Henry, USAF, serving as his deputy. Terms of reference are now being assembled for approval by the Senior Policy Group.

The Study Group will have a continuing need for CIA support, such as was provided during the China Study, by a full-time representative, consultations, and other assistance by specific sections of the Agency.

Ambassador Holmes will be in contact with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

B. E. SPIVY  
Lt General, USA  
Acting Director  
Joint Staff

12:14:00 3/1/67

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