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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Defense Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT : The Near East Arms Picture

REFERENCE : Memorandum for the Chairman, USIB, from Director, DIA, 14 July 1966

1. Respecting the proposal for a Special National Intelligence Estimate on the arms picture in the Near East, I would suggest that the problem be handled through the mechanism established for producing the **Handbook**, rather than through preparation of an SNIE. The working group which prepares the **Handbook** is composed of CIA, DIA and INR specialists familiar with the kind of detailed information which ISA for the most part wants. Since the ISA request goes somewhat beyond the normal scope of the **Handbook**, I am suggesting not only an updating of this issuance, but also a Special Memorandum which would be responsive to the terms of reference, to be prepared by this joint group and noted by the USIB. The estimative aspects of the question, especially point 4, could be done as part of the same paper, with some assistance from the Office of National Estimates and the USIB representatives normally assigned to estimative work.

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2. If this procedure is agreeable, I will ask Mr. chairman of the working group, to convene a meeting of the group, with an eye to completing the analysis on a priority basis.

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DIA review(s) completed.

RICHARD HELMS
Chairman

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: Proposal for a SNIE on the Arms Picture in the Near East (C)

1. (S/NFD) In line with a suggestion by the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, Near East and South Asia Region (ISA/NESA), it is requested that a Special National Intelligence Estimate on the arms picture in the Near East be prepared on a priority basis to meet the requirements of US policy planners for information on which to base decisions on future arms sales to Israel and the Arab states. The Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (ISA/NESA) states that the Office of Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs in the Department of State and the Director J-5 (Plans and Policy), Joint Staff, agree that such an analysis is needed.

2. (U) The subject matter to be covered, as received from ISA, is attached (Enclosure 1).

Joseph F. Carroll

JOSEPH F. CARROLL
Lieutenant General, USAF
Director

1 Enclosure
Outline, The Arms Picture
in the Near East (S)

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Remarks: 1. The attached memorandum replying to Gen. Carroll's memorandum of 14 July requesting an SNIE on the Near East arms picture is submitted for your approval and signature. 2. It is understood from Mr. Abbot Smith that you have tentatively approved the gist of this reply, and that it has been coordinated with Mr. Proctor and [redacted] 3. I also recommend that you authorize circulation of copies of this correspondence to USIB for information.					
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