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MEMORANDUM FOR: Michael O. Wheeler  
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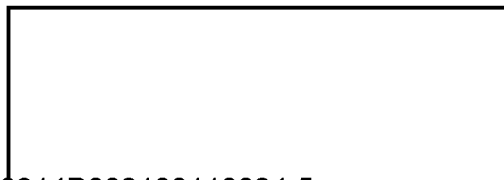
I have reviewed the package of material that you forwarded on the issue of whether there should be a linkage between a General Assembly Resolution on establishing a Middle East Nuclear Weapons Free Zone (MENWFZ) and a call on the Arabs to make peace with Israel in accordance with Security Council Resolution 242. From an intelligence standpoint I would offer two observations on the package. First, there are many area states that do not accept the Camp David formula for a peace process and likely would sidetrack the MENWFZ if the two were linked because they would construe the latter as tacit acceptance of a formula they have already rejected. Second, the proposal would add a new element to an already complex peace process and would be unlikely to foster progress on either.



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/s/ William J. Casey

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