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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Waterman
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FROM : INR/CA - Philip H. Stoddard *PHS*
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SUBJECT : Implications of C-130 Sale to Algeria

The State Department is now reviewing implications of a proposed sale of eight C-130s to Algeria. We would appreciate it if, by COB Thursday, October 7, you could have CIA prepare a brief analysis of the reactions this sale would engender. We would like the paper to cover the following subjects:

- Moroccan reaction to the proposed sale
- Tunisian reaction
- Relative strengths of Moroccan-Algerian-Polisario-Tunisian armed forces
- Use to which the Algerians would put C-130s (replacement for Soviet aircraft? Use in the war effort?)
- Effect of sale on the war in the Western Sahara

As this matter is of priority concern in State, we hope that it will be possible to meet the very tight timetable. We are thinking of an informal paper, cleared at the working level only in the interests of speed.

Attached is a short piece we prepared on this subject several days ago, FYI

State Dept. review completed

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