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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE ROBERT C. McFARLANE
Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs
The White House

SUBJECT: Department of Defense Assistance for Drought
Affected African Countries

As the effects of the drought in Africa become more severe, problems, other than food, are emerging. Health and sanitary conditions are especially grim problems. There are logistic/transportation constraints that may affect the expeditious movement of food aid. The lack of water clearly creates life-or-death situations. To save lives on a large scale, actions need to be taken immediately.

Contact has been made with Department of Defense (DOD) officials in the belief that the DOD could provide significant support, especially in the areas of health, sanitation, logistics/transportation, water, and possibly engineering. The DOD has capabilities not only to provide direct assistance but to apply managerial expertise. The Interagency Task Force on the African Emergency has recognized that resources from other sources may not be sufficient to meet many of these emerging conditions. Thus, reliance on the DOD may become necessary.

DOD authority to provide support is limited due to the Economy Act and other provisions of public law. Generally, the DOD can not compete with commercial industry and is to be used only when commercial resources are not available or unsuitable. We believe that the African drought emergency requires special dispensation to allow the DOD to provide support of emergency requirements. It would be appropriate for the President to issue an Executive Order directing the DOD to meet those emergency African requirements properly identified by the Interagency Task Force on the African Emergency.

Your support of this initiative is requested.


M. Peter McPherson

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