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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director
The Deputy Director

FROM: John L. Helgerson
Director of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT: Your Meeting with the Members of the House
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

1. On Thursday, 21 April at 0800 you are scheduled to host a breakfast for the Members of the Committee.

2. Members may ask -- or would welcome your comments -- on the following subjects, for which talking points are attached:

-- Reorganization Regarding Counterintelligence

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-- Current Situation

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-- Afghanistan War

-- Kuwaiti Airlines Hijacking Aftermath
(CTC tasked)

-- Persian Gulf Events

[redacted]

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-- EEO Plan and the Richardson Amendment

3. The current intelligence material included here is detailed, but I wanted you to see it because [redacted] drew on this material in briefing the House Committee during our regular current intelligence briefing on Tuesday of this week. Drawing on the latest information from Thursday morning's publications would probably be of greatest interest and use to Members.

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John L. Helgerson

Attachments

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THE SECURITY EVALUATION OFFICE

Based on my agreement with Secretary Shultz, I have established the Security Evaluation Office as an independent office of the DCI. [redacted] former National Intelligence Officer for Foreign Denial, will serve as Director. His deputy will be a senior State Department officer. This unit will build toward a staff of 60 officers drawn from the community. The missions of the office are:

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--Analyze the vulnerabilities of foreign missions and the hostile intelligence threat to each.

--Set security standards to protect missions from foreign intelligence activity.

--Monitor conformance with established standards.

--Report problems and recommendations to the DCI.

In addition, two advisory groups are established. The first is a working-level group, chaired by the Director of Foreign Missions Security Office, to ease communications and to resolve issues which may arise. The second a high level board, chaired by me and on which sits Secretary Shultz, will consider recommendations. Issues not resolved by the Board will be referred to the President for adjudication.

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Update on the Situation in the Persian Gulf

There were no additional military exchanges between US and Iranian forces last night, and the Persian Gulf remains relatively quiet.

- Iranian gunboats, however, attacked a UAE-flag tanker, the Ton Fal V, in the southern Gulf around 1330Z (0530 EDT), according to press reports. There is no further information on the extent of damages or casualties.
- Iranian forces in the northern Gulf are on high alert and have been ordered to confront any US threat.
- We have no information to confirm press reports that Iran fired several Silkworm missiles at US warships in the Strait of Hormuz during yesterday's engagement. At least two US combatants detected radar emissions possibly associated with Silkworm firing positions near the western Strait, but there were no reported missile launches.

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We believe the Iranian response to the US attacks means we can expect Tehran to employ more aggressively its conventional military and terrorist assets against its opponents.

- While the threat to US forces in the Gulf has undoubtedly increased, we are not ready to say that Tehran will now continue without pause to initiate direct, conventional attacks on US military targets.
- We believe what we have seen over the past few hours represents Iran's response to an immediate situation in which its forces were under attack by the United States. Iranian leaders probably felt Iran would be humiliated and lose all credibility if it reacted with restraint, as it did last year when the US captured the Iran Ajr and attacked the Rostam oil platform.
- Once the current exchanges die down, we believe Iran probably will be more cautious about initiating direct attacks on US military targets, such as launching a Silkworm missile against a US naval ship.
- Iran now is left with no doubt that such attacks would bring even more massive US retaliation, probably including strikes against important Iranian military installations. Iran will think twice about risking such damage to its

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overall military capabilities, especially now that it is facing a more confident and aggressive Iraq.

- The close proximity of US and Iranian forces, however, and the heightened tensions between them increases the chances of unintended clashes that could quickly escalate. [REDACTED]

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In any case, we believe Iran will respond to today's events with terrorist strikes against US targets.

- Iranian intelligence officers world-wide have in recent months engaged in extensive surveillance of potential US targets. [REDACTED] indicate Iran has formulated contingency plans for operations against the United States.
- Iranian leaders probably will conclude that terrorism by Iranian surrogates is the best method of delivering a blow against the United States while limiting the prospects of even more massive US retaliation. [REDACTED]

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Iranian revenge also is likely to be directed against US allies in the Gulf and to take the form of increased terrorist and conventional military strikes on selected targets in the Gulf Arab states. Iran's options include:

- Increased attacks on non-escorted shipping in the Gulf with small boats, aircraft, and naval combatants--provided any of the latter are left.
- Launching Silkworm missiles against Kuwaiti oil economic facilities.
- Small boat attacks on Kuwaiti and Saudi offshore oil facilities.
- Sabotage of Kuwaiti oil facilities by pro-Iranian dissidents.
- Terrorist bombings of Saudi and Kuwaiti facilities worldwide, such as the bombing yesterday of the Saudia Airlines office in Frankfurt--the seventh such attack on a Saudi target abroad since March. [REDACTED]

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Iraq's Offensive on the Al Faw Peninsula

Iraq says its offensive to recapture Iranian-held territory on the Al Faw peninsula is continuing and that Iraqi forces have retaken the disused port city of Al Faw. Iran claims Iraqi forces used chemical weapons and press reports indicate that fighting continues.



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--  Iraqi forces had advanced some eight or nine miles (13-14 kilometers) east along the southern flank of the Iranian salient. 


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-- The attack indicates that Baghdad is more confident of its military position on the ground and--in conjunction with its missile war--has decided to retake the initiative to press Tehran to negotiate on ending the war.

-- Iran claims that Kuwait allowed Iraqi troops to stage from Bubiyan Island and that US helicopters assisted the Iraqis.

-- Tehran almost certainly will believe that US and Iraqi actions have been coordinated, possibly strengthening its desire to retaliate against the US. 

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RICHARDSON AMENDMENT CALLING FOR EEO PLAN

During the House Intelligence Committee's mark-up of the FY 1989 Intelligence Authorization Act, Representative Bill Richardson (D-NM) introduced an amendment on Equal Employment Opportunity. Under the provisions of the amendment the Agency and NSA will be required to submit, ninety days after enactment, an analysis of their minority representation and to develop a plan for rectifying any underrepresentation. In addition, interim reports detailing the progress made would be required in 1989, 1990 and 1991.

You can tell Messrs. Stokes and Hyde that we have examined this bill and we have no problems with what is proposed. Indeed, you have an aggressive EEO program in the Agency and so has NSA which should show very positive results. While we may have to work out some of the details, you certainly support the spirit and intent of this amendment. It is one to which we all can commit ourselves.

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DCI Breakfast with HPSCI Members
with DDCI & D/OCA
Thursday, 21 April
8:00 a.m.
EDR

Acceptances

Democrats

Chairman Louis Stokes (D., OH)
Anthony C. Beilenson (D., CA)
Robert Roe (D., NJ)
Matthew F. McHugh (D., NY)
Bernard J. Dwyer (D., NJ)
Barbara B. Kennelly (D., CT)
Dan Glickman (D., KS)
Bill Richardson (D., NM)

Thomas K. Latimer, Staff Director
Thomas R. Smeeton, Associate Counsel

Republicans

Henry Hyde (R., IL)
Dick Cheney (R., WY)
Robert Livingston (R., LA)
Bob McEwen (R., OH)
Daniel Lungren (R., CA)
Bud Shuster (R., PA)
Robert H. Michel (R., IL)

Regrets

Democrats

Nicholas Mavroules (D., MA)
Thomas S. Foley (D., WA)
Charles Wilson (D., TX)
Robert W. Kastenmeier (D., WI)

Republicans

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