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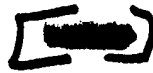
MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment (C)

FROM: Robert C. Ames
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SUBJECT: SCC Meeting of 29 February - "Security Framework"

1. Action Requested: None; for your information. (U)
2. Background: This was the third in a series of meetings on the Security Framework and there will be a fourth on 5 March. It was decided that the meeting would be limited to one hour rather than the scheduled two. Although Pakistan was the most urgent item, the papers on it were not received in time for review, so it will be the first item in the next SCC.
3. The following agenda items were covered:
 - a. Political and Economic Presence. We must stress absorptive capacity in arms deals, or we'll end up with the same problems we had in Iran. The Embassy is not being very helpful in Jidda. It just passes on arms requests without trying to filter out the unreasonable ones. Dr. Brzezinski stated that we need to improve the internal security appreciation of Saudi Arabia. To do this we need to develop a strategy. He asked the DCI to do a paper suggesting a program.
 - b. Naval Presence. We ought to keep what we have in the area until after the Afghan crisis. We might consider some change in configuration after the hostage crisis, but we do not want to give the Soviets any wrong signals by such a move. Something between Option I and Option II (an enhanced Option I) looks like the best bet. One carrier



could be let go if we could have periodic TACAIR squadron presence. Egypt would probably be willing to have a squadron from time to time. Oman would need more of a fig leaf prior to approval.

- c. B-52's/Diego Garcia. Go ahead and brief the British and then Congress that we are planning to have B-52's make refueling stops on Diego Garcia. In the meantime we will plan a non-stop US-Guam B-52 recce flight over the Indian Ocean.
- d. Allied Deployments. The UK and Australia are on board. The UK plans a May deployment of 2 destroyers and 5 frigates. We have to bring the French on board. Perhaps this can be accomplished by having them take on an enhanced Mediterranean role while we redeploy vessels.
- e. Enroute Basing. The State paper was accepted as submitted.
- f. Aid. New language was drafted for the Presidential letter to Oman. Option I appears best at this stage. Option II will be reviewed when the survey report is in. Particular attention will be given to the development of the Musandam Peninsula. On Somalia, we will stand pat on Option I.
- f. MAU. Decisions taken at the 22 February SCC meeting were reaffirmed. (S)

4. The remaining items, stressing Pakistan, will be covered at the 5 March SCC meeting. (C)

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