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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Intelligence Community Meeting  
on Middle East War Indicators

REFERENCE:

My Previous Memo to You on  
the Same Subject

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The meeting called at CIA this afternoon dealt primarily with estimates on the parameters of a new round of Middle East hostilities rather than, as expected, indicators of new preparations. There was a general assumption that in the post-Rabat period, chances of success for settlement negotiations have deminished, and that the intelligence community should begin preparing for the possibility of a resumption of fighting.

DIA has been asked to write a paper on indicators; CIA and State are collaborating on a study of political and psychological factors.

Whatever result the papers may reach, the issue is current. I expect an increase in reporting from the three agencies over the next few weeks on matters relating to military preparedness in the Middle East.

cc: Colonel Kennedy

NSS review completed.

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