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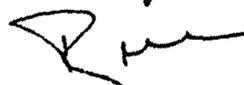
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Report of SSG Meeting

The Vice President has approved the attached Summary of Decisions/Actions from the July 12, 1982 SSG Meeting.


William P. Clark

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SPECIAL SITUATION GROUP MEETING

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: July 12, 1982, 5:05 - 6:10 p.m.
White House Situation Room

SUBJECT: Possible Iranian Invasion of Iraq

PARTICIPANTS:

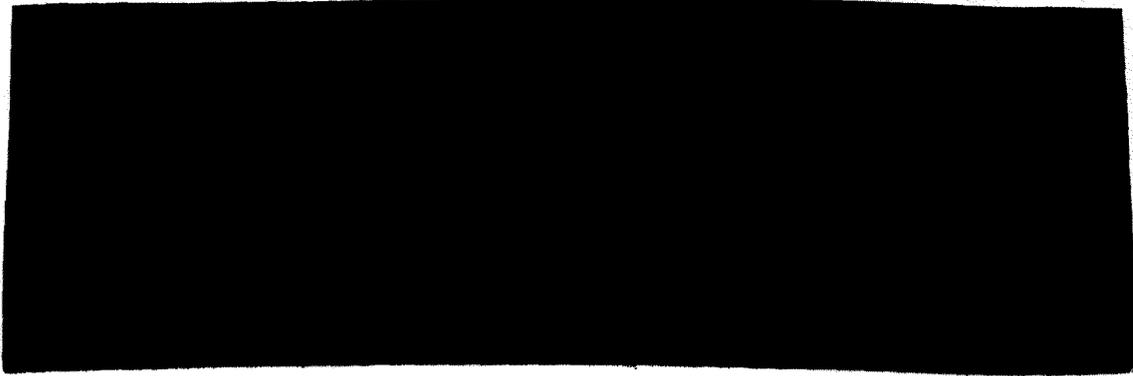
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Summary of Decisions/Actions

After reviewing the latest intelligence reports which anticipate an Iranian invasion within the next 24-48 hours, our diplomatic initiatives and military options were discussed. The main points covered were as follows:

-- A UNSC resolution calling for a ceasefire and withdrawal of forces may be presented in New York this evening or tomorrow. The U.S. would support such a resolution but its impact upon Iran is expected to be zero. JS 3.3(b)(5),(6)



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The SSG then reviewed a list of nine contingency measures which had been prepared at a working meeting over the weekend by the crisis pre-planning group in the White House. The proposals for your consideration were as follows:

Proposals:

- 1. A Presidential letter to [REDACTED] perhaps carried by a Special Emissary, that describes our concerns and states our readiness to cooperate in the defense [REDACTED]

JS 3.3(b)(5)(6)

- 2. [REDACTED]

- 3. [REDACTED]

SSG Recommendations:

OSD 3.3(b)(6)

Defer any such letter and actions until [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] sounding out their interest and wishes on such matters.

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SSG Recommendation:

State to prepare messages listing ways we can provide concrete help, as well as consultations.

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Proposal:

- 5. Initiate with our allies an UNSC resolution calling for cease-fire, withdrawal, negotiations, and war relief measures.

SSG Recommendation:

Initiative already underway including more intensive consultations with allies on other ways we can cooperate with them in the military arena. (UN Resolution adopted last night.)

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Proposal:

- 6. Public statements opposing acquisition of territory by force and raising the perception of the gravity of the situation.

SSG Recommendation:

No public statement at this time on this issue but State to prepare general press guidance in event that UN resolution is adopted.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Proposal:

- 7. Develop Congressional briefings that make clear the character of U.S. interests in the region, threats to those interests, and feasible courses of action that the U.S. may take to protect American interests.

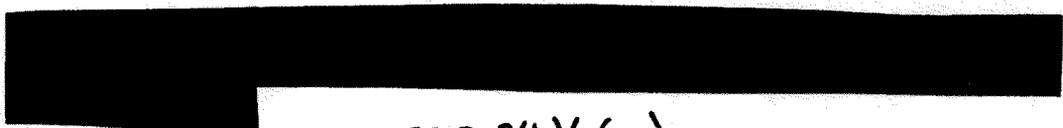
SSG Recommendation:

State Department to prepare.

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Proposal:



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SSG Recommendation:

Agreed that this was a good idea but would only be required in event of threats to Arab Gulf countries not including Iraq. Would require reporting to Congress under the War Powers Act.

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Proposal:

9. Contingency press guidance.

SSG Recommendation:

State Department to prepare general statement dependent upon outcome of UN vote on ceasefire resolution and actual outbreak of hostilities.

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