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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

THROUGH: UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY *FW mpt*

SUBJECT: Meeting with the US Ambassador to Oman -
ACTION MEMORANDUM (U)

(U) John Countryman, the US Ambassador to Oman, whom you met during your visit to Muscat last February, is in Washington on home leave. He would like to meet with you on either August 24 or 26, which ever day your schedule permits.

(S) There are a number of critical issues currently under negotiation between DoD and the Omani military, including the level of US payments for the operations and maintenance of Omani air bases, the scope of our military construction program, the provision of real time tactical intelligence information, and the upcoming RDF exercise, JADE TIGER. Oman's utility and importance in support of our Southwest Asia strategy has increased markedly over recent months as regional instability has continued to escalate.

(C) I think it would be useful to have an update from Ambassador Countryman on the current situation in the region from Oman's perspective, and to have him share his insights on the current state of our political/military relationship. Thus I recommend you consider a half-hour appointment with him on either August 24 or 26. }

APPROVE _____

✓ 24 AUG 1982

DISAPPROVE _____

*Thursday
Aug 26
2:30 pm
20 mins.*

FJW
FRANCIS J. WEST, JR.
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