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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Chief of Office Military Cooperation (OMC), Cairo,
Egypt (U)

You had previously promised Abou-Ghazala that we would
nominate an Army general officer to replace the Chief of OMC.
During my visit to Cairo, both the Vice President and the
Minister of Defense fell off their position indicating that
due to the large Air Force orientation of their program that
an Air Force officer would be appropriate for the Chief's job.
I discussed this with Dave Jones upon my return and with your
concurrence I would propose to sign the attached memorandum
to the Director of the Joint Staff requesting an Air Force O8
nomination.

Richard L. Arfge

Francis J. West, Jr.

*Bing
do sign
memo.*

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Attachment

Approve

[Signature]

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, JOINT STAFF

SUBJECT: Chief of Office Military Cooperation (OMC), Cairo, Egypt (U)

(C) During a meeting on April 23 between the Deputy Secretary of Defense and the Minister of Defense of Egypt, the Minister requested that the next Chief of OMC be an Army Officer. The Deputy Secretary agreed.

(U) Subsequently the Assistant Secretary of Defense, International Security Affairs, visited Cairo and was presented with a new list of priority equipment requests. That list was heavily oriented toward advanced technology aircraft and skewed toward programs that would dedicate the majority of available resources to Air Force and Air Defense projects. In separate conversations with both the Egyptian Vice President and the Egyptian Minister of Defense, the service affiliation of the Chief of OMC was raised again in light of these new equipment requests. The Defense Minister commented to the Vice President that he understood the problem and was willing to change his position, stating; whatever the US decided was all right with him. As a consequence of this situation we believe that it would be appropriate for the Joint Chiefs of Staff to nominate a USAF Officer (O8) to the Secretary for consideration.

(U) The primary criterion for this position is the officer's ability to establish and maintain rapport with the host armed forces; however, there is also a requirement for the Chief to have technical competence in the more complex programs he will manage. Final selection for this position will be made after a complete review of the nominee's experience. We would appreciate receiving this nomination not later than June 15, 1981.

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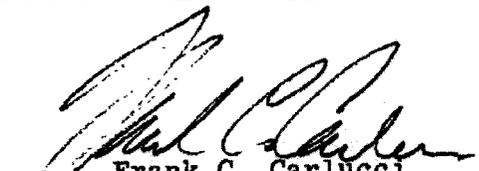
MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Chief of Office Military Cooperation (OMC), Cairo, Egypt

As a result of a suggestion by President Sadat, my memorandum of April 29 requested that you nominate an Army O-8 as Chief of Office Military Cooperation, Cairo. During Assistant Secretary West's subsequent trip, the Egyptians appeared to reverse themselves, expressing a preference for an Air Force general due to the orientation of their new equipment requests toward advanced aircraft. In view of these conflicting signals, please disregard my previous memo.

During the course of my forthcoming trip to Egypt I will attempt to confirm if President Sadat has strong views on this subject. In the interim, I would appreciate your nominating the officer the Chiefs feel is best qualified to fill the OMC position.

It would be helpful to have the Chiefs' views on this subject prior to my arrival in Cairo on June 23.


Frank C. Carlucci

cc: Mr. West

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