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B - LTC Forster

Some of this may be helpful -- some items are already OK B

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BLITGEN

SUBJECT: Israeli Use of CBUs

In the event it might prove helpful, I am suggesting below some points for possible inclusion in the Talking Points Paper you and L/Col Forster are preparing (I am not repeating points already made in the earlier draft, or points noted by Mr. Murray).

- We should stress the rationale of a Defense-to-Defense contact (the precedents, the special military reasons for the controls, our credibility now and later).

- We should consider and reject the options of either (a) doing nothing apart from State's action; or (b) suspending all further deliveries of items covered by special agreements.

- We should include, in our paper, options in two areas -- first, the DOD level at which the approach should be made (probably Mr. Murray or Acting ASD); and second, the action recommended (see below).

- Possible actions:

-- We can be satisfied with a separate Defense-to-Defense set of assurances (I think this is not sufficient).

-- We can ask for a report on how the violations occurred -- i.e., was it in violation of Israeli MOD regulations, and if so, will there be an investigation and punishment of those found guilty? If it was not a violation, are the rules/procedures being changed to preclude future violations? How? (a little too specific?)

-- We can go one step further, and request the MOD go over with us just what their rules/procedures are and exactly how they plan to prevent future violations.

? needs further review. -- As a last "moderate" action, we could request that a US team of experts be received in Israel to go over MOD control procedures and recommend changes. Alternatively, such expertise could be volunteered but not insisted on.

Who?
The only real procedure is to be sure that MOD + Gov follow through.

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- You should note in the talking points that it was Israel's probable use of CBUs in Lebanon a year or two ago that was one consideration which prompted us to review the assurances and request a very special guarantee.)


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