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MEMORANDUM FOR HAL SAUNDERS

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Attached is a copy of the response HAK received from Rabin to his questions on the Israeli nuclear posture.

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1. They are at this time asking for the Ambassador's comments on the decision of the Israeli Government concerning the NPT.

(Suggested answer): GOI is in no position to make further clarification about the NPT until a new government will be formed after the elections. The new government will have to continue the study of this problem.

2. They are seeking Israel's assurance on the question of "introduction," namely, that not to introduce nuclear weapons means that Israel will not possess nuclear weapons.

(Suggested answer): It is the view of the GOI that introduction means the transformation from a non-nuclear into a nuclear state.

3. That the U.S. is seeking some assurance in respect to the production and deployment of the Jericho Missile.

(Suggested answer): As a result of the French embargo and of other factors there will be no operational deployment of missiles in Israel for at least three years from now.

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