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MEMORANDUM

TO : The Under Secretary

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FROM : NEA - Rodger P. Davies

SUBJECT: Call on You by Israeli Ambassador Rabin

Thursday, August 28, at 11 a.m. --

BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

On July 29 you raised with Ambassador Rabin the question of Israel's nuclear and missiles program and put to the Ambassador specific requests for (a) a report on the results of the Israeli Government's study of the NPT question, (b) an assurance that when Israel says it will not introduce nuclear weapons it means it will not possess such weapons, and (c) an assurance that Israel will not produce or deploy the Jericho strategic missile (enclosed). To date there has been no reply from the Israelis. In a brief reference to this matter in a recent luncheon conversation with Joe Sisco, Rabin stressed that this had been raised at a most awkward He implied no response beyond what Rabin had already said can be expected before the Israeli elections. I recommend that during Ambassador Rabin's call you again raise this matter, making the following points:

- -- Recall that you raised the nuclear and missiles problem with the Ambassador about a month ago.
- -- State that there is considerable interest in Israel's position within the Administration.

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Does the Ambassador have anything to add to what he said at your last meeting? If not, when can we expect an answer?

PYI. Our assumption is that, in view of the President's desire not to link this question at this stage with the Phantom deliveries, we will go ahead on the deliveries of the initial F-4's, now scheduled for September 5, even though, as is likely, we will not have anything more from Israel than what we got from Rabin in your last conversation.

Attachment:

Memorandum For the President with attached MemCon dated July 29, 1969

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