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*W.F. Raborn*  
**MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Henry Owen**  
**Chairman, Policy Planning Council**  
**Department of State**

**SUBJECT : United Arab Republic National Policy**  
**Paper**

1. Part One of the National Policy Paper on United Arab Republic has been reviewed at various stages by the Central Intelligence Agency. We have no significant disagreements with the intelligence judgments contained in the policy paper.

2. While I endorse those provisions in the paper which have a bearing on US intelligence activities, I have no comment to make on the broader aspects of US policy toward United Arab Republic, these being outside the competence of the Central Intelligence Agency and the Director of Central Intelligence.

(signed) W. F. Raborn

**W. F. RABORN**  
**Director**

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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence**

**SUBJECT : United Arab Republic National Policy Paper**

1. Paragraph 5 recommends action by the Director; a memorandum for his signature is attached (Tab A).

2. The National Policy Paper on the United Arab Republic (Tab B) was prepared by the Policy Planning Council of the Department of State. Senior officers from the Directorate of Intelligence represented the Agency in an interagency working group formed to contribute to the production of the paper. Consultation within the Agency took place at various stages of the paper's preparation. The Department of State has now requested formal clearance of Part One of the paper, which deals with US policy.

3. The attached draft of the paper has been reviewed within the Agency. This Directorate has no significant disagreements with intelligence judgments contained in the paper, and the Chairman of the Board of National Estimates has stated that it is substantially consistent with NIE 36.1-66 "The Prospects for the United Arab Republic," 19 May 1966. A number of corrections of economic facts, deriving from recent information and changes in the UAR's economic planning have been forwarded to the Policy Planning Council for incorporation in the final version of the paper.

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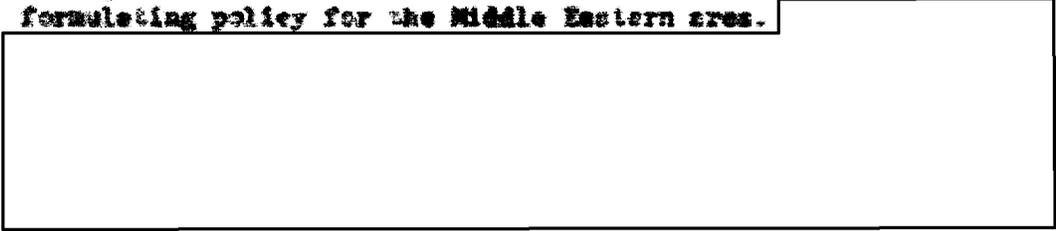
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4. This paper advises that the UAR is important enough from the point of view of size, location, military, and economic strength that the US will have to take account of it in formulating policy for the Middle Eastern area.



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5. I recommend that you concur in Part One of the paper by signing the attached memorandum and forwarding it to the Chairman, Policy Planning Council, Department of State.

/s/ R. J. SMITH

R. J. SMITH  
Deputy Director for Intelligence

Attachments:

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