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SUBJECT: Tasker for the Trip by Under Secretary Armacost to Algeria, Greece and Turkey, October 25 - November 3, 1985

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This memorandum revises the tasker of October 11 for the Under Secretary's trip. Mr. Armacost will be departing Washington on October 25, instead of October 27. All papers originally due on October 23 are now due on October 22. Samples of issues and background papers, and a new schedule for due dates are attached.

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Executive Secretary

Attachments: As stated

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REVISED LIST OF DUE DATES (TO S/S-S)

October 16

List of Biographic Reports Needed to S/S-S

October 17

Issues paper on Greek bases
Issues paper on Turkish bases

October 18

Country Scope Papers

October 22

Agenda
Schedule
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Middle East

Background

Regional events have not favored Arab-Israeli negotiations toward achieving an overall Middle East peace. Key parties have awaited the outcome of Israeli and U.S. elections. In Israel the political situation remains confused. Prospects are for a weak government unable to take bold initiatives on the peace process. The military impasse continues in the Gulf War. Khomeini clings to a futile military strategy, and the Iraqis are unable to force negotiation through shipping attacks. Western minehunting and sweeping efforts continue in the Gulf of Suez and Red Sea. The Egyptians are coordinating U.S., UK, French and Italian efforts in the Gulf of Suez; the Saudis are coordinating U.S. and French efforts in Saudi waters, and the Dutch have now dispatched minesweepers for the Red Sea at Saudi request.

Talking Points

- We see no value in UNGA and Soviet proposals for an international conference on the Middle East, which would only provide a forum for maximalist positions.
- The situation following the Israeli elections remains confused. Labor and Likud share a consensus that Israel should withdraw from Lebanon as soon as conditions permit and that Israel's economic crisis must be urgently addressed.
- In the Gulf War the UN-brokered ceasefire against attacks on civilian populations is still holding, despite claimed violations, but we see scant possibility of a wider ceasefire.
- Iran appears anxious, at least for tactical reasons, to present a more moderate and reasonable image, but its recent diplomatic overtures to the Gulf states remain without results, so long as Iran refuses even minor concessions.
- We are pleased with the response to requests for assistance in mineclearing operations in the Gulf of Suez and Red Sea.
- Given the complexities involved in the operations, their ultimate duration is unknown and will have to be coordinated by the Egyptians and Saudis with each participant.
- We are watching closely the buildup of Soviet mineclearing efforts in the southern Red Sea but believe the Soviets share our common interest in free navigation through this waterway.

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SAMPLE

INF DEPLOYMENT IN BELGIUMI. BACKGROUND

- o Preparations for deployment of the first GLCM flight are on track; Initial Operating Capability (IOC) is March 1985 (this date is not public).
- o Construction of the interim facilities at Florennes is well underway; approximately 250 USAF personnel are on the ground. First GLCM related material will be delivered in late August.
- o Belgian government is firm on giving no public prominence to deployment.

II. POLITICAL FACTORS

- o The recent Dutch GLCM decision has introduced a troublesome factor into the Belgian deployment equation. Although the GLCM question has been quiet over the summer, it could come to the fore during the fall peace demonstrations as the deployment spotlight shifts to Belgium, the next deploying country.
- o This fact, together with expectation of elections in 1985, is creating anxiety that the opposition socialists and some elements of the ruling coalition, may seek to weaken Belgian consensus for deployment.
- o Ambassador Swaebe has reiterated to Tindemans the importance of meeting IOC. Tindemans responded that Belgium has decided to deploy GLCM's, but he noted that discussions have been held with PM Martens about delaying IOC if elections are held in Spring 1985.

III. TECHNICAL FACTORS

- o There have been delays in preparations for construction of the permanent GLCM facilities. The awarding of contracts for GLCM Assembly and Maintenance Area (GAMA) construction has slipped from August 1984 to January 1985.
- o Unless the program is accelerated, there could be a 4-5 month delay in completion of the GAMA, and deployment of the second and third follow-on flights could be delayed -- by nine and six months respectively -- until March 1987.
- o It is imperative that we obtain Congressional funding for housing and other facilities for use by U.S. personnel at Florennes.

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