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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment ✓

FROM: Robert C. Ames
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SUBJECT: SCC Meeting of 17 March 1980 - "Security Framework"

1. Action Requested: None; for your information. (U)
2. Background: This was the fifth in a series of SCC meetings on the Security Framework for the Persian Gulf/Indian Ocean area. The Duncan Trip Report and Pakistan were postponed until 21 March when the next SCC on the Security Framework will be held. [REDACTED]

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3. In this abbreviated meeting only two issues were discussed in detail: rear basing [REDACTED] and internal security for Saudi Arabia. [REDACTED]

4. Secretary Brown outlined the requirement for rear basing facilities by pointing out that the facilities we had obtained to date in Oman, Somalia and Kenya are only partial solutions because they will only be useful in initial phases of deployment. In a sustained operation we will require more extensive facilities to handle staging, maintenance and repair. There are two basic solutions: get the Saudis to overbuild their facilities and/or secure facilities in Egypt. Both of these approaches present political problems to us and the countries involved, but the Egyptian option presents fewer. Facilities at Ras Banyas and Berenice could be improved to meet our needs. The Sinai bases could be considered later. DoD and State will prepare a paper on this option and CIA will assess the options presented. [REDACTED]

5. The DCI introduced the Saudi program by noting that it is difficult to get the Saudis to talk about their internal security problems in any

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meaningful way. Because of this, getting a comprehensive program moving has been a problem of its own. [REDACTED] then presented a four-phase program to meet our perception of the Saudi requirements.

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[REDACTED] The program was received without comment. It was noted, however, that we must consider the tactics to be employed in getting the Saudis to accept this program. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Brown briefly discussed the role of the National Guard in internal security. [REDACTED]

6. A last minute item on supplying TOW's to Oman was added. The President was disturbed when he read of the unhappiness of the Omanis on the long lead time for the TOW's. Brown said the TOW's would be withdrawn from U.S. Forces to supply the Omanis. The Omanis will get the TOW's in two segments by the end of 1980. [REDACTED]

7. The next meeting on the Security Framework will be held on 21 March. [REDACTED]

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