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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Caspar W. Weinberger
The Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT: Need for Man-portable Weapons Captured by
Israeli Forces in Lebanon

1. This Agency has a priority requirement for the man-portable weapons captured by the Israelis during their recent incursion into Lebanon. Most of these weapons are of Soviet or Communist Bloc origin which offer particular application in the conduct of special activities and unconventional warfare where friendly forces are primarily dependent on battlefield recovery for arms resupply.

2. Types of weapons would include, but are not limited to, those listed in the attachment. These weapons are known to be in Israeli possession. In addition, any ammunition that may be acquired to support these weapons or other ordnance items, e.g., mines and hand grenades, would greatly assist in the support of various Agency programs.

3. While we recognize our current bargaining position with the Israelis is very low, we nevertheless request your assistance in seizing upon future opportunities in the area of security assistance and/or intelligence support programs to apply the leverage necessary to acquire these weapons at little or no cost to the U.S. Government.

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Director of Central Intelligence

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