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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER

SUBJECT: Israeli Military Aid

An NSC Meeting has been scheduled on September 6, 1974, at 2:00 P. M. to consider new Israeli military aid requests.

The meeting should lay the ground for your discussions with Prime Minister Rabin on September 11, 1974. Before that time, you will want to choose particular options and work out a relationship of these decisions to the on-going scenario for negotiations in the Middle East. The meeting will lay out the implications of our aid for:

- US Government and Government of Israel finances;
- diplomatic perceptions of Arabs, Israelis, the Soviets, and other interested states;
- Mideast settlement strategy; and
- other U. S. interests (oil, combat readiness of our own forces, our defense production base and technological concerns).

Under my supervision, the NSC Senior Review Group has met to consider an interagency study of this subject (NSSM 207). As a result of that meeting, the options at Tab B were prepared.

You may wish to use the Talking Points at Tab A to direct the discussion at the meeting.

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PRESIDENT'S TALKING POINTS

NSC MEETING - ISRAELI ARMS REQUESTS

September 6, 1974

1. The purpose of this meeting is to review both Israel's short term "Urgent List" and the long term MATMON-B ten-year program. Although aware of Israel's fear of renewed hostilities in the short term, we must also consider the possible effect of our actions on the Arabs, negotiations, and on US forces.
2. I would like to start with an outline by Secretary Kissinger of the issues which we will consider today and the options that will protect US interests.
3. (Ask HAK to outline.)
4. (Ask Colby to brief.)
5. (Ask HAK to brief on the diplomatic and political options.)
6. (Ask for the views of the other participants at the meeting, beginning with Schlesinger.)
7. This has been a very useful discussion. As you well know, it is a most serious and difficult matter, and I want to reflect on the issues and the views you have expressed before I announce my decision on the course we shall follow.

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