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MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER

FROM: HAROLD H. SAUNDERS *HS*
WILLIAM B. QUANDT *W.B.Q.*SUBJECT: Reply to Israeli Protest on Sale of F-4s
to Saudi Arabia

Ambassador Dinitz presented a formal diplomatic note to Deputy Secretary Rush requesting that we reconsider the decision to sell F-4s to Saudi Arabia [Tab B]. The note contains the Israeli arguments previously stated orally.

This issue has by now been fully discussed with the Israelis and they seem to understand our position. We do, however, owe them a reply to the note. State has drafted a formal note to Dinitz [at Tab Ad] which, in its essential paragraph, says politely:

" . . . it remains in the national interest of the United States not to withdraw the offer of a limited number of F-4 aircraft for purchase by Saudi Arabia. "

RECOMMENDATION: That you approve the text at Tab A which is largely a formality since our position has already been stated.

Approve _____

Revised as indicated _____

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E.O. 12958, as amended, Sect 3.5

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