MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF STATE
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

SUBJECT: Computers

Last June and October export licenses were granted by your departments for two CDC 6400 computers and one IBM 360/65 computer for Israel. One CDC 6400 and the 360/65 were for the Ministry of Defense and one CDC 6400 for the Hebrew University. These are very powerful computers of major strategic significance. The CDC 6400 in particular is a critical tool in the development of nuclear weapons.

We have strong intelligence indications that

The computers for which licenses have been granted — two of which have already been shipped — will aid them materially in this endeavor. In fact, it is my recommendation that these already delivered CDC 6400 and the peripherals for it not be released to Israel.

I urge we jointly review the present procedures to make sure that Defense and the ASC do in fact have the opportunity for prior consultation on such matters.

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