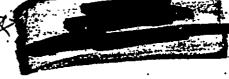
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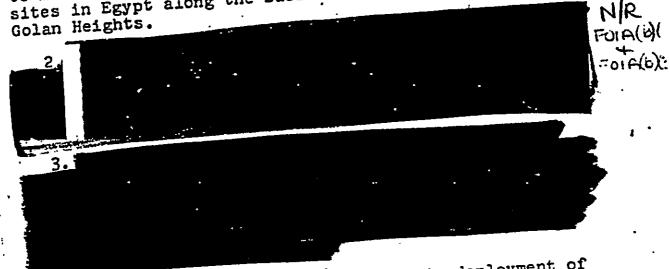
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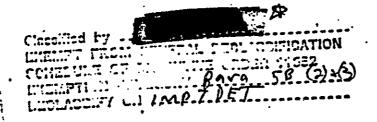
MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Subject: Proposed SR-71 Deployment

1. There is an immediate requirement for photographic of military and targets in Syria and Egypt. Highest priority is accorded to military dispositions and surface-to-air missile (SAM) to military dispositions and surface-to-air missile (SAM) sites in Egypt along the Suez Canal and in Syria near the Golan Heights.



4. In view of the above, the immediate deployment of an SR-71 to provide the basis for:



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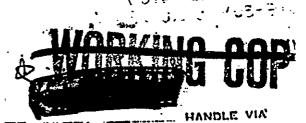
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- a. Off shore peripheral coverage of targets in Syria and Egypt, including ports, coastal airfields and combat operations in the Sinai within, 20 miles of the coast.
- b. Overhead coverage of all important target areas, particularly during periods when sources do not provide the basis for adequate assessment of the tactical situation.
- 5. The proposed SR-71 operation in the Middle East will require:
  - a. approval to use the use of the have agreed in principle to the use of the second for SR-71 operations in contingency situations, subject to prior political approval on a case-by-case basis.
  - b. Authority for SR-71 overflight of tanker and use of the Air Base, for tanker support and emergency SR-71 recovery.
  - c. Authority to use the Air Base, for tanker support (note: special SR-71 fuel is prepositioned at the special SR-71 fuel is prepositioned at the special SR-71 fuel is prepositioned at the support is denied, additional tankers, with SR-71 fuel from the United States, would be deployed to Mildenhall and Torrejon to support SR-71 operations in the Middle East area).
- :6. It is requested that the Department of State be authorized to initiate action to obtain political approval for use of the SR-71 as outlined above and that CINCSAC be authorized to deploy one SR-71 and necessary support to subsequent to political approval by the subsequent to political operational tracks will be forwarded prior to any mission from to the crisis area in the Middle East.

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