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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

18 MAY 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Sale of F-4s to Saudi Arabia

The decision in principle to sell F-4s to Saudi Arabia goes far, I believe, in bolstering the moderate leadership of King Faysal in the Arab world.

For maximum impact, I suggest we confirm our positive decision through a personal message from you to King Faysal (proposed message enclosed). If this could be done during the course of his present visit to France, we would demonstrate a strong degree of trust and confidence. We would also demonstrate that the decision had been reached without difficulty and at the highest level. I therefore recommend you authorize dispatch of the proposed message.

E.L.R.

Enclosure

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E.O. 12958, as amended, Sect 3.5

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