



THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

30 MAR 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM J. CASEY, DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

SUBJECT: Man-Portable Weapons From Israel (S)

(S) In response to your request of November 1, 1982 regarding the acquisition of captured PLO weapons at low cost, I am glad to report significant progress. After numerous meetings with Israeli officials on this subject, a joint DoD/CIA survey team visited Israel in January 1983. This team was shown about 300 metric tons of captured weapons and ammunition suitable for your purposes.

(S) Shortly after Ambassador Arens became the new Israeli MOD, the DoD was informed that these weapons would be provided to the US at a small percentage of their market value. This charge, which I understand will be Agency funded, would only be for packing and handling and is anticipated to be in the neighborhood of one hundred thousand dollars. My staff is in the process of setting up the movement of these weapons to the US. Due to the weight and bulk of these items they will have to be moved by surface transport and thereby will not be available until the May/June timeframe.

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