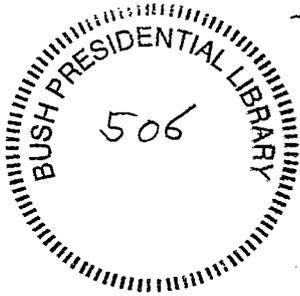


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MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR
NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS
CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: U.S. Policy Toward The Persian Gulf (C)

The end of the Iran-Iraq war and our continuing interests in the region make it necessary that we undertake a comprehensive review of U.S. policy toward the Persian Gulf. This review should focus on U.S. policy toward Iran and Iraq but also include more general political, economic and military concerns. (C)

The review should be completed not later than March 24, 1989. It should include clear policy options/recommendations. Any differences in views between agencies should be noted. At a minimum, the review should address the following questions and issues:

PART I: ASSESSMENT

- What are U.S. political, economic, and strategic interests in the region? How are these affected by the end of the Iran-Iraq war and the end of Soviet occupation of Afghanistan? (C)
- What is the actual and projected degree of U.S. and allied dependence--both in peacetime and during a major conflict--upon the region's oil and gas reserves? How is the construction of pipelines affecting the strategic map of the region? (S)
- What degree of proliferation of advanced conventional as well as chemical, biological and nuclear weapons is predicted? What would be the consequences of such proliferation for U.S. and friendly interests and for U.S. capacity to project military force in the region? (S)

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- What posture should the United States assume toward negotiations being conducted pursuant to UN Security Council Resolution 598? Under what circumstances should the United States participate in reconstruction efforts in either Iraq or Iran? (S)

- What should the United States do to reduce or redistribute its energy dependence vis-a-vis the Gulf states? (S)

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