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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
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SUBJECT: Terrorism

(FOUO) As you know, there is increasing concern within the Government over the difficult problem of terrorism. The implications of this problem for the Department of Defense could be far-reaching, should terrorism become more widespread.

(FOUO) The study "Department of Defense Measures to Cope with Terrorism," shows that the effort to deal with terrorism directly affects many departments and agencies, and that multiple elements of DOD have specific things to do with respect to various aspects of the problem. However, responsibility for coordinating policy within the Department has not been clearly designated.

I am asking the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs to assume this task. He will monitor and coordinate, for me, the development of DOD policies and programs to cope with the problem of terrorism and ensure that the Department is fully meeting its responsibilities in this regard. In so doing, he will continue to represent the DOD on the Cabinet Committee to Combat Terrorism (CCCT) working group.

(U) I ask each of you to cooperate fully with the ASD(ISA) in this endeavor.



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