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INTERNATIONAL
SECURITY AFFAIRS

MEMORANDUM TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: U.S. Air Transportation for NATO Military Chiefs' Visit
to the United States and Canada - ACTION MEMORANDUM

The NATO Military Committee Chiefs of Staff will visit the United States and Canada from 19 September to 2 October in conjunction with their annual Military Committee Meeting (Itinerary Tab A). The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff invited the NATO Chiefs to the United States and agreed to provide transportation from Brussels, Belgium to the United States, through several destinations in the United States, and then to Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, via USAF Special Air Mission aircraft. The Assistant to the Chairman, JCS, has requested authorization for the use of SAM aircraft at no cost to the visitors (Tab B).

Current DoD policy (DoD Directive 4515.13-R, 6 Feb 75) provides that visiting foreign military dignitaries should normally travel via commercial transportation where available or reimburse the DoD for costs of transportation when DoD resources are used to support such travel. The Secretary of Defense, however, may grant exceptions to this policy under special circumstances. The following considerations lead me to recommend that you grant an exception to that policy in this instance:

- The United States and Canada have jointly invited the Military Chiefs and Canada has agreed to provide transportation for them from Canada to Brussels at Canadian expense.
- In the past, all Allied countries which have hosted these meetings have provided transportation at no cost to the visiting Military Chiefs.
- The Chairman, JCS, has twice committed himself to his counterparts to provide the transportation.
- The United States hosted a similar visit in 1971 and provided



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free transportation, as an exception to policy for that tour. (Itinerary Tab C),

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DISAPPROVE: _____



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COORDINATION:

ASD/I&L See attached (Tab 1)

ASD/COMPTROLLER See attached (Tab 2)

General Counsel See atchd (Tab 3)



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