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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

30 JAN 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL
SECURITY AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: Foreign Military Sales Critical Items - INFORMATION
MEMORANDUM

BACKGROUND:

I believe the President and Secretary of State might be interested in a recent analysis by DOD which examined the availability status of U.S. equipment for foreign military sales. The analysis focused on the availability of 12 of our more advanced equipments and also addressed political considerations, technology transfer, the release of technology and first line equipment, and possible solutions to increase production of high-demand FMS items.

ANALYSIS HIGHLIGHTS:

- Availability status of 12 critical items for which demand exceeds supply within normal production leadtime is shown at the attachment.
- A delivery commitment to a new FMS customer prior to the date that all firm orders are met would require diversion of equipment from US assets or from an existing customer.
- Requests for R&D cooperation and co-production involving advanced technology are increasing. Although current procedures for protecting advanced technology and capabilities are effective, we must continue to guard against compromise of sensitive data or any adverse effect on the US production base.
- Our policy has been not to expand production capacity for short term FMS requirements; however, increased production for some items may be warranted. Overtime, added shifts, added facilities, or second sources are being considered for the more critical items.

CURRENT STATUS:

A briefing on this analysis was presented by DOD representatives to appropriate NSC and OMB staff members on 29 January 1976.

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AVAILABILITY STATUS OF 12 FMS CRITICAL ITEMS

<u>Item</u>	<u>Svc.</u>	<u>Production Capacity Committed to Firm Demands Until:</u>	<u>Production Capacity Committed to Firm and Possible Demands Until:</u>
M-60 Tank Chassis	Army	Mar 78	Nov 81
Armored Personnel Carrier	Army	Mar 77	Jun 80
Tank Recovery Vehicle	Army	Oct 79	Jan 80
Artillery Weapons	Army	Dec 77	Apr 79
155MM Howitzer	Army	Jun 77	Nov 82
TOW Missile	Army	Mar 77	Mar 79
TOW Launcher	Army	Sept 76	Jul 77
20MM Vulcan	Army	Oct 78	Aug 78
Dragon Tracker	Army	Mar 78	Oct 80
Sidewinder Missile	Navy	Dec 77	Jan 78
Harpoon	Navy	Jul 79	Jan 82
F-16	Air Force	Apr 80	May 85



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29 JAN 1976

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

In reply refer to:
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Foreign Military Sales Critical Items Analysis--
ACTION MEMORANDUM

The attached memorandum for General Scowcroft was requested by your office on 19 January 1976. Its purpose is to apprise the President and the Secretary of State of a recent DOD analysis concerning the availability of critical equipment items for foreign military sales.

Recommend you sign the memorandum at Tab A.

SIGNED

Amos A. Jordan
Acting Assistant Secretary

Attachment
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- SecDef
- DepSecDefs
- ✓ OSD Files
- ASD/ISA
- PDASD/ISA
- ISA Read File
- Gen Fish
- R&C
- MD Cmbk
- MD Subj
- MD Hold
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