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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Base Rights/New Treaty with Spain (U) -- INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

~~(S)~~ Following fifteen months of negotiations a Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation between the United States and Spain was concluded in Madrid on 24 January 1976. Salient features of the treaty are as follows:

a. Term - five years, effective upon ratification by US Senate and Spanish Cortes.

b. Establishes a Spanish-United States Council, chaired by the Secretary of State and Spanish Foreign Minister, to oversee implementation of the treaty. Permanent representatives will assure functioning of the Council in the absence of the chairmen.

c. Establishes a Joint Military Committee, composed of the Chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the two countries, or their representatives. The Chairmen or their representatives are also the permanent military members of the Council.

d. Establishes a Combined Military Coordination and Planning Staff in Madrid. The Staff is militarily responsible to the US and Spanish Joint Chiefs of Staff, through the Military Committee. It will operate under the aegis of the Council.

e. All US facilities in Spain will remain essentially as under the previous agreement. Operational capabilities, however, will be reduced as follows:

(1) The 98th Strategic Wing (KC-135) will relocate from Torrejon outside of Spain, leaving a detachment of five tanker aircraft at Zaragoza.

(2) SSBN's will withdraw from Rota beginning 1 January 1979 and completing 1 July 1979. Trident will be operational by that time.

(3) US will no longer store nuclear weapons on Spanish soil. (A small number of nuclear depth charges are presently stored ashore at Rota.)

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f. A military and non-military assistance package will be provided to Spain valued at approximately \$1.2 billion. The package is broken down as follows:

Foreign Military Sales Credits	\$600M
Grant Materiel Assistance	75M
Grant Training Assistance	10M
Modernization of Aircraft Control and Warning Net	50M
Grant Non-Military Assistance	
Scientific-Technological	23M
Educational-Cultural	12M
Export/Import Bank Credits	<u>450M</u>
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(U) Assistance Package. The actual cost to the US is well under the above figure. The US will act as guarantor of any FMS credit loans Spain might receive to purchase US equipment for the modernization of her armed forces up to a total of \$600~. The US is obligated to place only 10 percent of the value of those loans in an escrow account with the Federal Financing Bank. The Export/Import credit loans similarly are only guaranteed by the US and do not represent any cost to the United States.

(U) Specific Military Equipment. The USAF will lease a total of 42 F4E's to Spain and buy back 34 F4C's. Four ocean-going minesweepers and a mine-sweeper tender will be sold to Spain at a favorable price. The US agreed to facilitate the purchase of four squadrons of F16's in the 1980s by the Spanish Air Force. The Spanish can purchase this equipment with FMS credits or through the use of their own funds.

(U) Defense Commitment. Spain is not given a defense commitment under the Agreement. Neither nation is committed to a military response if the other is attacked. A supplementary Agreement establishes a combined staff whose job it is to prepare plans in the case of an attack against Spain or the United States, but only in the context of a "general attack against the West".

(U) Relation to NATO. The Spanish-United States Council has as a basic objective to work toward development of appropriate coordination with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The Spanish attach particular importance to the new Combined Coordination and Planning Staff as an institutional mechanism to facilitate the development of a closer relationship between Spain and NATO.

(U) A list of anticipated questions and proposed answers on this subject is being forwarded separately.



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