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Summary:

A review of the papers requested in the February 11 WSAG meeting, and a plan to make them available by February 14.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Actions Required as a Result of WSAG Meeting,
 February 11, on Mid-East

The following papers were requested in the course of the February 11
 WSAG:

1. A paper answering the following question: If the USSR were to try to introduce an effective surface-to-air defense system for the major Egyptian targets, (1) what targets would they be most likely to defend; (2) what are the one or two major systems they would be most likely to introduce given the terrain and the likelihood of continuing Israeli attacks; (3) how long would it take to introduce this system; (4) how could the elements of the system be transported to the UAR; (5) how many Soviet men would be needed; (6) what would be the early indicators of impending introduction?
2. A review of existing Mid-East contingency plans to determine their applicability to the present situation. (It was pointed out that they were drawn up on the assumption that Israeli forces were being driven back in a Soviet-backed Arab effort to oust them from occupied territory.) Special attention should be given to the supply phase and to the possibility of a one-time Soviet attack on Israel.
3. An analysis of possible Soviet intent in diverting an intelligence collection ship to a location south of Cyprus.
4. A refinement of the basic paper categorizing possible Soviet moves, identifying U.S. options in response and dealing with the issues they raise.
5. A proposal on intelligence collection.

It was decided that these papers would be made available to the Special Review Group dealing with the decision on Israeli assistance requests.

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Note: With a tentative plan for a Monday morning meeting, these papers should be available by morning, February 14.

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