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**Memorandum from Deputy Secretary of Defense
David Packard, 'Computers for Israel'**

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Summary:

This memo from Deputy Secretary of Defense David Packard concerns Israeli efforts to acquire high speed computers for use in a weapons program, and recommends that the United States should oppose these efforts.

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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF STATE
 SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

SUBJECT: Computers [for Israel] OSD 3.3(b)(4), (5)

Last June and October export licenses were granted by your departments for two CDC 6400 computers and one IBM 360/65 computer [for Israel]. One CDC 6400 and the 360/65 were for [the Ministry of Defense] and one CDC 6400 for [the Hebrew University]. These are very powerful computers of major strategic significance. The CDC 6400 in particular is a critical tool in the [development of nuclear weapons].

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We have strong intelligence indications that [redacted] The computers for which licenses have been granted - two of which have already been shipped - will aid them materially in this endeavor. It is, of course, the policy of the U.S. Government to [oppose Israel's developing nuclear weapons] and it is my recommendation that the as yet undelivered CDC 6400 and the peripherals for it not be released [to Israel].

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I urge we jointly review the present procedures to make sure that [Defense and the AEC] do in fact have the opportunity for prior consultation on such matters.

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Signed
 DAVID PACKARD

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