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STAFF NOTES NO. 405

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1. Chemical Munitions Deployment. -- Deployment of toxic chemical munitions to Germany (SN # 390) has been postponed temporarily due to unanticipated political considerations. (TS)

2. Israeli Military Aid. -- At State's request, Defense is examining the cost and availability of items for Israeli Defense Forces requested by the Israeli Ambassador, as a preliminary to considering the desirability of providing the materiel. The items requested are: 200 M47 or M48 tanks; 350 recoilless rifles and ammunition; 600 half tracks; 2 - 3 small submarines (500-600 tons); Sikorsky S58 Helicopters and transport aircraft; signal equipment; 800 6X6 trucks; and anti-aircraft guided missiles. (C)

3. Pakistan Economic Projects. -- (a) We are informing Pakistan that we do not oppose their industrialization in general nor the steel mill project. Since past experience with the process contemplated suggests technical and economic difficulties, we prefer that an ICA team review all possibilities for efficient steel production in Pakistan. If satisfied as to feasibility, we would consider a construction loan. . . . (b) In discussions at London, the Pakistanis for the first time have proposed a realistic plan for replacing Indian withdrawals of water needed in the Pakistani Punjab; and the conferees hope to agree in time to consider plan financing before the next session of the US Congress. (C)

4. LORAN-C and POLARIS. -- POLARIS submarines will use sea-bottom topography as one secure means of navigation. LORAN-C will furnish navigational aid for precision hydrographic surveys of the sea bottom; and while submarines will later use this data to fix their positions, they will never be operationally dependent upon LORAN-C for any purpose. Installation of LORAN-C has been approved by the JCS for Defense funding, as there are many military and civilian uses in addition to the POLARIS surveys. (S)



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