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THE JOINT STAFF

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: Attack on USS LIBERTY (AGTR-5)

Ref: A: Memorandum, same subject, 081530 EDT June.
B: Memorandum, same subject, 090600 EDT June.
C: Memorandum, same subject, 091526 EDT June.
D: Memorandum, same subject, 100600 EDT June.

1. The position of LIBERTY at time of attack as noted in paragraph 4 of reference C was in error. The correct position has been established as 31-23N, 33-25E.

2. In view of the uncertainty which exists with regard to survivors in the water after the torpedo hit, the Israeli government has been requested to conduct surface and air searches in the vicinity of the attack. The US Defense Attache reports that the requested searches have been initiated and will continue as long as required. The number of casualties remains as previously reported: nine dead, ninety wounded and twenty-four missing.

3. Because papers had been sighted in the water alongside, LIBERTY's wake has been under constant scrutiny since her rendezvous with the destroyers DAVIS and MASSEY at 090025 EDT. Amid a significant amount of flotsam examined, only one classified document has been found.

4. During the transfer of dead and wounded, the damage to LIBERTY was surveyed and it was determined that she should be placed in dry-dock. Her course has therefore been changed and LIBERTY is proceeding to Malta under escort with an ETA of 122200 EDT.

5. A general officer has been appointed by JCS to head a fact-finding team which will examine the command and control,

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and communications action prior to the attack. CINCUSNAVEUR intends to convene a fact finding body presided over by a flag officer to inquire into matters relating to the attack and subsequent damage to LIBERTY.

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