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NATIONAL SECURITY PLANNING GROUP

Monday, May 18, 1987

Situation Room

2:30 - 3:00 p.m.

U.S. POLICY AND GULF SECURITY

Agenda

- I. Opening Statement.....President
- II. Introduction.....Frank Carlucci
(3 minutes)
- III. Review of USS Stark Incident,.....Caspar Weinberger
Implications for Future Operations, (7 minutes)
and Protection of Kuwaiti Shipping
- IV. Diplomatic and Congressional.....George Shultz
Implications of USS Stark Incident (Richard Murphy)
and Report on Murphy Gulf Visit (7 minutes)
- V. Discussion.....All Participants
(10 minutes)
- VI. Summary.....Frank Carlucci
(3 minutes)

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Please admit the following appointments on May 18, 1987

for The President of _____:
(NAME OF PERSON TO BE VISITED) (AGENCY)

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Sec. Shultz
Richard Murphy



Treasury

James Baker

DOD

Sec. Caspar Weinberger
Richard Armitage



JCS

Vice Admiral Henry Mustin
General Robert T. Herres
Lt. Gen. Richard Burpee



CIA

Robert Gates



OMB

James Miller

MEETING LOCATION

Building White House

Requested by Arta Mahboubi

Room No. Sit Room

Room No. G/WW Telephone 2545

Time of Meeting 2:30

Date of request May 18, 1987

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Frank C. Carlucci
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MEETING WITH THE NATIONAL SECURITY PLANNING GROUP

DATE: May 18, 1987

LOCATION: Situation Room

TIME: 2:30 - 3:00 p.m.

FROM: FRANK C. CARLUCCI

WAP for

I. PURPOSE

To review our policy toward the Persian Gulf in light of the Iraqi attack on the USS Stark and Assistant Secretary Murphy's just-completed visit to key Gulf countries as your emissary.

II. BACKGROUND

The March 23 NSPG reaffirmed our policy of bolstering friendly Arab states in the Gulf, including protection of Kuwaiti shipping, and redoubling diplomatic activities to bring an end to the Iran-Iraq war. Our diplomatic efforts -- particularly Assistant Secretary Murphy's just-completed trip to the Gulf as your emissary, plus our willingness to make a military commitment to freedom of navigation, have caused the Gulf states to take a firmer stand vis-a-vis Iran and a much more favorable position vis-a-vis the United States. With active efforts of the Arab League paralleling our own, there has been significant progress (including by the USSR) toward a Security Council resolution which would pressure Iran for a ceasefire, withdrawal and negotiations. At the same time, Iran has reacted to the increasing pressure by stepped-up threats against Kuwaiti, the U.S. and the USSR, including the attack upon an unescorted Soviet cargo ship (which had earlier carried arms for Iraq).

As Iran's propaganda has become more strident, punctuated by the attack on a Soviet ship, Congress has focussed again on our role in the Gulf. (When briefed last month, the reaction was favorable or non-committal to our policy, including the protection of Kuwaiti ships registered in the U.S. and under our flag.) The attack and large loss of life on the USS Stark will make our policy a much higher-profile political issue, starting with HFAC hearings scheduled for tomorrow. We shall therefore need to work harder to explain the important reasons for the policy, including the need to keep Soviets from expanding their influence at our expense

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and protecting access of U.S., Europe and Japan to vital oil from the Gulf. If we back down now, it will be seen as a sign of United States weakness and inability to sustain a soundly-based policy. It will also disrupt slowly-increasing international pressure on Iran to stop the war.

We shall also need to review our naval and air presence in the Gulf to ascertain what measures are needed to improve protection of our own forces as well as U.S. flag vessels, and lend support to our friends. It would be desirable for the latter (UK and France as well as GCC) to undertake a more active, better coordinated role in protecting freedom of navigation. We should also ask for increased support of diplomatic action to end the war and stop arms to Iran (especially PRC, UK and USSR) as well as more general public and diplomatic support for freedom of navigation in Gulf (NATO and Japan).

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- Tragic incident of USS Stark is reminder of risk we run as principal protector of free world interests.
- Our policy in Gulf has made significant progress since last NSPG (March 23). We must persevere, not back down to advantage of Iran and USSR.
- This means major effort to explain our policies at home and elicit greater support and cooperation from our friends.
- It also means hard look at operating procedures, strength and capabilities of our military forces in the Gulf to protect our own forces as well as U.S. flag vessels and lend support to our friends in face of increased threat.
- We should urge our friends to undertake a more active, better coordinated role in protecting the Gulf and acting to end the war.

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OPENING REMARKS FOR THE PRESIDENT FOR THE
NSPG ON THE GULF, MAY 18, 1987, 2:30 P.M.

- TRAGIC ATTACK ON USS STARK REMINDER OF RISK WE RUN AS PRINCIPAL PROTECTOR OF FREE WORLD.
- SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN GULF SINCE LAST NSPG (MARCH 23). MUST PERSEVERE, NOT BACK DOWN TO ADVANTAGE OF IRAN AND USSR.
- MEANS MAJOR EFFORT EXPLAIN OUR POLICIES AT HOME AND ELICIT GREATER COOPERATION FROM FRIENDS.

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- ALSO MEANS HARD LOOK AT OPERATING PROCEDURES, STRENGTH AND CAPABILITIES OF OUR MILITARY FORCES IN GULF.
- SHOULD URGE OUR FRIENDS TO UNDERTAKE MORE ACTIVE, BETTER COORDINATED ROLE IN PROTECTING GULF AND ACTING TO END WAR.

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MEMORANDUM FOR FRANK C. CARLUCCI

FROM: ROBERT B. OAKLEY *RO*

SUBJECT: NSPG Meeting on Attack on USS Stark
and Gulf Security, May 18, 1987,
2:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Attached at Tab I is a brief memorandum to the President for this afternoon's meeting. Tab II contains points for your use.

Bill Cockell *W* concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum to the President at Tab I.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum to the President
Tab A Talking Points for the President
Tab B Agenda
Tab II Talking Points for Carlucci

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POINTS FOR FRANK C. CARLUCCI
MEETING WITH NATIONAL SECURITY PLANNING GROUP

Introduction and During Discussion

Need to pay particular attention to several points:

- If we appear to back down in face of danger it will be a signal to friend and foe around the world that the Administration is badly weakened.
- Must make strong case to Congress and the public ~~(e.g. more~~ publicity for parts of FCC and GS statements dealing with Gulf, HFAC testimony May 19, possible radio address and speech by President on theme of peace in Middle East (both Arab-Israeli and Gulf) [State, DOD and White House]
- Note that no action will be taken to protect Kuwaiti ships under U.S. flag without White House approval, but we are committed.
Include the fact that...
- ~~Ask Gates to describe increased threat.~~
- Need careful but urgent review of our forces in region for operating procedures; are numbers, types and capabilities of present forces adequate for job, including Silkworm?
[DOD/JCS]

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- Need greater military commitment and coordination by GCC states to protect freedom of navigation, as well as precise political and military commitments from Iraq to avoid future incidents. [State and DOD]
- Ask Shultz and Murphy about trip and diplomatic/political situation in region and at UN.
- Need greater effort by UK, PRC, and USSR (e.g. support of UNSC resolution) to press for end to war and cessation arms supply to Iran. [State]
- Need greater diplomatic support from Europeans, Japan, GCC and Arab League (and Israel).

Summation

- What to do in making case to Congress/public.
- Need report by May 22 on changes/reinforcements for U.S. forces in Gulf. [DOD/JCS]
- Need demarches by May 22 on greater military cooperation in Gulf by GCC states and Iraq. [DOD and State]

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-- Need high-level demarches by March 20 to PRC, UK and USSR on Iran-Iraq war and Iran arms; and to NATO and Japan on support for protecting freedom of navigation in Gulf.
[State]

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May 18, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. DONALD GREGG
Assistant to the Vice President
for National Security Affairs

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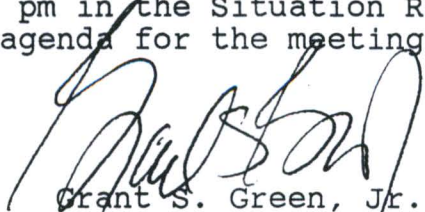
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Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT: National Security Planning Group Meeting on
May 18, 1987 (U)

There will be a National Security Planning Group Meeting on
Gulf on May 18, 1987 at 2:30 pm in the Situation Room. Attached
for your information is the agenda for the meeting. (U)


Grant S. Green, Jr.
Executive Secretary

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May 20, 1987

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MEMORANDUM FOR FRANK C. CARLUCCI

FROM: ROBERT B. OAKLEY *RO*

SUBJECT: NSPG Minutes, May 18, 1987

Attached at Tab I for your approval are the minutes of the NSPG meeting held on May 18 from 2:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

W.P. Bill Cockell concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the NSPG minutes at Tab I.

Approve *[initials]* Disapprove

Attachment

Tab I Minutes of NSPG Meeting

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National Security Planning Group Meeting
May 18, 1987, 2:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m., Situation Room

SUBJECT: U.S. Policy and Gulf Security

PARTICIPANTS:

The President

The Vice President's Office:
Sam Watson

State:
Secretary George Shultz
Richard Murphy

Treasury:
James Baker

OSD:
Secretary Caspar Weinberger
Richard Armitage

Justice:
Attorney General Edwin P. Meese
Charles Cooper

OMB:
James Miller

CIA:
Robert Gates
Tom Wolfe

JCS:
Vice Admiral Henry Mustin
General Robert T. Herres
Lt. General Richard Burpee

White House:
Howard Baker
Kenneth Duberstein
Frank C. Carlucci
William Cockell
Robert Oakley
Grant Green

Minutes

President Reagan opened meeting, observing that the tragic attack upon the USS Stark is a reminder of the risks we run as protectors of the free world. There has been significant progress

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in the Gulf since last NSPG on March 23. Must not back down in face of pressure from Iran and USSR. Must explain policy better to Congress and get greater cooperation from our friends. Must also take hard look at operating procedures and capabilities of our military forces in the Gulf, and work with GCC and others to bring end to war -- now.

Carlucci endorsed the President's views and noted particular need to explain U.S. policy on protecting Kuwaiti shipping to Hill. He asked Secretary Weinberger to explain how USS Stark incident had occurred.

Weinberger noted that twice that same day Iraqi planes had come close to USS Stark and other USN vessels, as they did an average of 4 times per week. Two Iranian ships had been attacked by Iraqi planes earlier in the day, about 60 miles NE of Stark. Only explanation for Stark not acting against Exocet missile was familiarity with Iraqi planes, causing the Stark to think it would not be attacked by what it knew (thanks to AWAC's) to be Iraqi plane.

Herres added to briefing, noted that there had been one minute or so for Stark to use Phalanx gun or chaff against missile, but no apparent use for reasons as yet unknown. Stark just did not expect to be hit by Iraqi plane. Existing Rules of Engagement would have allowed skipper of Stark to determine hostile intent and reply vs. F-1 or missile (if there had been time). However, given danger in area and in order to minimize chances of a repetition, orders being sent to MIDEASTFOR that any aircraft approaching a USN ship as if to fire a missile or attack will be considered hostile, so ship can attack in self-defense. Also, any aircraft approaching Stark and USN ships around it will be considered hostile.

Shultz said that State is pressing the Government of Iraq for apology and compensation, will keep after them.

Weinberger said DOD had been about to brief Congress on Kuwaiti shipping, having already alerted them and provided initial brief. May have trouble with Congress but must go ahead. May need to notify under War Powers.

Howard Baker said his reservations on protecting Kuwaiti ships under U.S. flags already well known, but he wanted to repeat them. Will be seen as subterfuge. Strongly prefer protect under Kuwaiti flag, where Kuwait would bear more responsibility.

Jim Baker recalled negotiating agreement with Congress re War Powers at time of 1973 action vs. Lebanon. Could comply this time but challenge in court.

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Shultz said he supported Howard Baker; more GCC involvement needed, including Saudis.

Meese said one could notify under War Powers but express reservations. If there should be satisfactory apology and explanation from Iraq, should be able to avoid War Powers.

Howard Baker said that the Administration should probably not challenge War Powers in court at this time.

Jim Baker said that if we notify under War Powers it must include all ships to be protected, U.S. flag or not.

Reagan said Kuwait's location is such that it naturally is vulnerable to and fears Iran. We have told them we would protect ships, and we will do so.

Carlucci asked about Rules of Engagement for escorted ships and was told by Herres. Mustin noted that any response was limited to the actual attacker, and Iranians land mass was not to be attacked without approval of NCA. The new instructions provide for greater readiness, but no change in ROE.

Weinberger said that if an Iranian plane attacked a U.S. ship, he would recommend attacking Iran directly.

Miller said we still need to know why the USS Stark did not fire or attempt to avoid missile.

Reagan said that as he understood it, from now on our ships would be in a heightened state of readiness as they had been in the Gulf of Sidra, able to respond if aircraft or boats approached.

Gates said we should show greater displeasure toward Iraq, perhaps cutting off intelligence.

Howard Baker agreed we have been too nice.

Shultz also agreed. He had ordered all references to accident removed from Presidential statement since we did not have real apology. Should take some sort of action.

Carlucci said that we should wait for another 24 hours, since they claim to be conducting an investigation. This could take a little time. If no satisfactory answer received, then we should conduct a full review to decide upon steps to take.

Howard Baker agreed for cut-off first and then restoring help if satisfactory reply received.

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Shultz said it would be bad for U.S. if Iran were to win the war.

Reagan reminded everyone of the 28-30 young men who died for their country under terrible circumstances.

Howard Baker said that time is pressing. Must have a statement from Iraq before the President leaves tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. Also, he must be able to answer questions on the incident when he meets journalists. Must know what our policy is and must have regrets from Iraq.

Prepared by:
Robert Oakley

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