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*Note du sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
pour le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*

*Memorandum from Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

SECRET

[Ottawa], February 22, 1956

EXPORT OF ARMS TO THE MIDDLE EAST

In my memorandum of February 13th I suggested certain criteria which might be applied in future to applications for export permits to cover arms shipments to the Middle East. I went on to consider five particular applications now pending, and suggested decisions based on the criteria I had proposed. You commented on each of the five individual cases. Then at the end of the memorandum you indicated that you would wish to have all applications for arms exports to the Middle East, regardless of size, referred to you for approval at least for the present. You added a final comment that you would "take all these up at the next Cabinet".

2. I assume it is your intention to raise the general subject in Cabinet tomorrow morning and perhaps to obtain Cabinet approval for the decisions you have taken on the particular cases. I attach the memorandum of February 13th to which I have referred. I have set out below in condensed form a table listing the five particular applications mentioned and the recommended decisions; at the end of that table I have added the other applications for shipments to the Middle East which are now outstanding:

Outstanding Applications for Arms Shipments to the Middle East

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6. *Egypt*—\$2,335.10 worth of Harvard aircraft parts for the Egyptian air force. These parts are presumably intended for servicing Harvard aircraft already held by the Egyptian forces; JIB has informed us that Egypt has a number of Harvards quite apart from the 15 at present being shipped from Canada. JIB comments on this application have not yet been received but assuming that JIB has no objection, I recommend release of this order.

7. *Lebanon*—\$956.92 worth of Harvard aircraft parts. Assuming JIB has no objection to this shipment, I would recommend that it also be released.

8. *Israel*—\$136,361.59 worth of spare parts for Sherman M4 tanks. You will recall that a substantial order for tank parts for Israel was approved during 1954 but delivery did not take place during the validity of the permit. A new permit was approved in 1955 to cover most of the order originally placed in 1954 and deliveries have been proceeding under that new permit up to the present time. The permit has now expired, however, and delivery is not yet completed. This new application is intended to cover the unshipped balance of the order approved in 1955 and Trade and Commerce have satisfied themselves that no new items are included other than those for which approval was previously given. It is not surprising in an order of this size and diversity that delivery should take considerable time and I would recommend that approval be given for the release of this unshipped balance.

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