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1. Current airlift of military equipment to Jordan was publicly announced December 22. Normal routing is via Lajes or Torrejon to Wheel s, Libya where aircraft stop before proceeding Amman, Jordan. Arab countries know purpose of ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ airlift and have given overflight clearances. Ten flights completed last week/half of which refueled at Torrejon. Approximately 70 flights remain. Density of traffic has been no more than 2 or 3 flights daily.
2. Appreciate Embassy concern over possible GOS sensitivity on not being advised in advance. However, as present airlift is a MAC logistics operations involving MAP equipment for Jordan and not rpt not including any combat personnel, DOD/~~XXXX~~ did not believe that ~~base agreements required before~~ GOS knowledge was required. approval or prior ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ (Flight clearance filed at Torrejon show Wheelus as next destination). We are also concerned about establishing any kind of precedent, informal or formal, of required advance information on

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such operational flights. Questions would then be posed: (a) in what instances would we inform GOS and when not; (b) what would constitute acceptable explanation to GOS of rationale employed in such determination. Embassy's views on this general problem would be appreciated.

it would seem

3. In present case, aside from above reservations, ~~/XXXXXXXXXX~~ difficult for us to now go to GOS and inform them of operation already underway. If GOS raises question, however, we would suggest Embassy respond that Torrejon being used as refueling stop enroute Wheelus as part of publicly announced airlift of MAP equipment for Jordan but with no rpt no public announcement of stops at Torrejon.

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4. Depcirtel 107544 containing public announcement of airlift and press backgrounder ~~XXX~~ is being repeated to Madrid.

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