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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY
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SUBJECT: ~~(S//NF)~~ Department of Defense Request to Extend the Authorization for DoD
Support to UAE in Yemen

~~(S//NF)~~ I request that the President extend the authorization for the Department of
Defense (DoD) to continue supporting the United Arab Emirates' (UAE's) counterterrorism
operations against al-Qe'ida in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) in Yemen through [REDACTED] (b) (1) (A)
[REDACTED] The President approved this authorization on January 26, 2017. My request includes

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~~(S//NF)~~ The U.S. military's precision strikes and shaping operations over the last [REDACTED]
have been effective in temporarily degrading AQAP's ability to operate openly and plan attacks
against Coalition and Yemeni forces. U.S. military operations have strained AQAP's tribal
relations, elevated AQAP's internal paranoia, and degraded its operational tempo. DoD assesses
that Yemeni tribes are likely re-evaluating their relationships with AQAP and requesting that
AQAP depart tribal lands.

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