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Secret US memo urges war on Iran

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US Defense Secretary Robert Gates

A secret memo by US Defense Secretary Robert Gates urges Washington to consider the use of military force against Iran if diplomacy fails to scrap the country's nuclear program.

In what seems to be a new twist in US efforts to tackle Iran's enrichment activities, *The New York Times* reveals that a three-page memorandum, which has been circulating in Washington since January, has advocated military action against Tehran.

The classified memorandum, according to unnamed government officials quoted by the *Times*, warns that Washington lacks an effective policy in dealing with Iran's nuclear program and should therefore come up with new options.

One senior official has said that the memo accuses Iran of weapons development and lays out a set of military alternatives to counter Iran's progress in nuclear science and technology.

Some US officials, however, have played down the significance of the report, saying that the Obama administration has always "anticipated the full range of contingencies" against Iran.

"It is absolutely false that any memo touched off a reassessment of our options," AP quoted National Security Council spokesman Benjamin Rhodes as saying.

"This administration has been planning for all contingencies regarding Iran for many months," he added.

The memo has surfaced at a time when Washington is trying to garner support for a new set of sanctions on Iran over its refusal to give up uranium enrichment.

For years, Washington has accused Iran of having plans to build a secret nuclear weapons program "in the near future."

Iran has rejected the accusations, saying that its nuclear program is intended for energy production, not weapons development.

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we did not lose Vietnam our objective was gained to stop spread of commys beyond Vietnam. our soldiers fought for freedom. God bless our soldiers.

TJ

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We must destroy Iran now, or else the whole world will suffer. It would be like monkeys getting a nuclear weapon. Once again, America must defend the world. I wonder, will the world ever realize what it would be without America? No automobile, no internet, not television, no space exploration.....basically nothing.

REALIST

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DUMB AMERICANS ONLY WIN WARS IN HOLLYWOOD MOVIES!! BRAINLESS AMERICANS DO NOT REMEMBER THEIR DEFEATS IN VIETNAM, KOREA, BURMA, 9 YEARS OF AFGHAN WAR AND IRAQ!! THE ONLY WAR THEY HAVE WON HAS BEEN BY USING NUCLEAR BOMB ON JAPAN, THE ONLY NUCLEAR TERRORISM IN THE WORLD!!

Nur

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CHAPTER VII OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER ARTICLE 51 PROVIDES FOR THE RIGHT OF COUNTRIES TO ENGAGE IN MILITARY ACTION IN SELF DEFENSE, INCLUDING COLLECTIVE SELF DEFENSE FOR IRAN IF BEING ATTACKED WITH ALL OPTIONS ON TABLE

HAMIDS

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ATTACKING IRAN, WILL FOLLOWED BY END OF U.S IMPERIALISM IN THE REGION.THATS HOW GREAT EMPIRES HAVE BEED DEFEATED,TOO MUCH HUBRIS.

GO IRAN!

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americans are the threat to world peace trying to instigate false-flag attacks on Iran.

Cringe

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All of the above comments scream for a grammar check; have any of you considered getting an education?

Africa Pride

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Iran will have to build the weapon or face a nuclear attack without being able to hit them back. these demons have their history has a witness that they mean what they say.

leo

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May be another Vietnam.It is not going to be easy for USA.Arab nations are going to unite.What happen last battle in Vietnam how the us fled leaving there supporters.It is going to worse than Viet.

ahmad ps

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US LACKS THE HUMAN INTELLIGENT TO ATTACK ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN.....THE FORCES OF NATURE WILL ATTACK AND BEAT USA TO GO HOME. REMEMBER THE AYATOLLAH RETURNED FROM FRANCE WITHOUT A WEAPON TO CHASE THEM OUT OF IRAN THE LAST TIME.....

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