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MESSAGE ANNOTATIONS:

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BY KPL NARA DATE 1/10/13

THE BOMBING OF THE MARINE BARRACKS IN LEPANON, OCTOBER 23, 1983

DAY: 23 TIME: 0038

NSA NOIWON: AN ARTILLEPY ROUND MADE A DIRECT HIT ON THE BARRACKS HOUSING U.S. MARINES NEAR THE 24TH MAU CP. A CLEAR COUNT OF CASUALTIES IS NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

DAY: 23 TIME: 0117

NMCC NOIWON: ACCORDING TO A VOICE REPORT FROM THE COMMANDER OF U.S. NAVY TASK FORCE 61, A VEHICLE RAN A BARRICADE AT BEIRUT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT INTO THE LOBBY OF THE BUILDING HOUSING THE BATTALION LANDING TEAM AND EXPLODED. REUTER AND FBIS WIRE ARE REPORTING THAT AN EXPLOSION ROCKED A FOUR-STORY BUILDING USED BY FRANCE'S MNF CONTINGENT, INJURING EIGHT SOLDIERS. THIS IS EITHER MISINFORMATION OR TWO SEPARATE INCIDENTS. NMCC IS GOING WITH THE VOICE REPORT FROM THE COMMANDER AT THIS TIME.

DAY: 23 TIME: 0202

COMMODORE OSBORNE (NMCC) REPORTS RELIABLE INFORMATION THROUGH MARINE SOURCES SAYS THERE ARE 200 CASUALTIES, MOSTLY DEATHS.

DAY: 23 TIME: 0207

CALLED ADMIRAL POINDEXTER IN FOLLOW-UP TO MARINE INCIDENT. HE INSTRUCTED SITUATION ROOM TO ALERT BUD, DUR, AND KIMMITT. SO DONE.

DAY: 23 TIME: 0210

WHEN SITUATION ROOM INFORMED KIMMITT OF THE BOMBING IN BEIRUT, HE SUGGESTED WE CALL JANKA, MEESE, BAKER, DEEVER, CHRIS LEHMAN, AND DON GREGG ABOUT 0700.

DAY: 23 TIME: 0234

LARRY SPEAKES CALLED ABOUT THE EXPLOSION. SITUATION ROOM BRIEFED MR. SPEAKES, WHO SAID HE WOULD CALL ADMIRAL POINDEXTER FOR GUIDANCE.

DAY: 23 TIME: 0255

LARRY SPEAKES CALLED. HE TALKED TO JP AND BUD ABOUT PRESS GUIDANCE. THEY

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ARE GOING WITH THE STORY THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN BRIEFED BY BUD.

DAY: 23 TIME: 0258

VICE PRESIDENT CALLED ABOUT MARINE EXPLOSION IN BEIRUT; VP WAS BRIEFED ON ALL OF THE ABOVE DEVELOPMENTS.

DAY: 23 TIME: 0314

ADMIRAL POINDEXTER CALLED AND SAID THAT, ACCORDING TO BUD, THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN BRIEFED AND THEY PROBABLY WILL BE LEAVING AUGUSTA EARLY TODAY. ADM. ALSO INSTRUCTED US TO INFORM MEESE, DEEVER, AND JANKA. SO DONE. CALLED JANKA, WHO ASKED THAT WE BRIEF HIM AT THE END OF OUR SHIFT. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT WE CALL BOB SIMS IN NEW YORK. SO DONE.

DAY: 23 TIME: 0350

KIMMITT CALLED AND SAID HE WOULD BE IN THE OFFICE IN ABOUT 45 MINUTES. HE SAID A MEETING OF "PRINCIPALS ONLY" IS SCHEDULED FOR ABOUT 10 AM.

DAY: 23 TIME: 0440

KIMMITT ARRIVED IN THE SITUATION ROOM.

DAY: 23 TIME: 0508

AIR FORCE ONE CIRCUIT UP. SCHEDULED DEPARTURE FROM AUGUSTA 0700.

DAY: 23 TIME: 0516

INFORMED KEMP, DUR, GILDA, MANNY, DONNA, VP, MEESE, BAKER, DEEVER, AND ALL PRINCIPLE AGENCIES OF A MEETING TO BE CHAIRED BY THE PRESIDENT AT 1000. GILDA, KEMP, AND DUR INSTRUCTED TO ARRIVE BY 0800. ALSO CALLED AMBASSADOR KIRKPATRICK AND RALPH.

DAY: 23 TIME: 0522

CALLED RON JACKSON OF THE STAFF MESS AND INFORMED HIM THAT THERE WOULD BE A MEETING TODAY AND HE SHOULD BE PREPARED. JACKSON SAID HE WILL BE READY FOR BREAKFAST AND LUNCH.

DAY: 23 TIME: 0555

CALLED ALL PARTIES AND ADVISED THEM OF A CHANGE IN THE MORNING MEETING FROM 1000 TO 0900. DR. BEAL ARRIVED IN THE SITUATION ROOM.

DAY: 23 TIME: 0608

BUD CALLED AND READ A TEXT OF THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT WITH REGARD TO THE MARINE EXPLOSION. THE STATEMENT IS BEING TAPED TO BE TYPED UP LATER.

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NSA NOIWON: AT 1020Z, THE MARINES OF ALPHA COMPANY AT THE LEBANESE UNIVERSITY ARE RECEIVING SMALL ARMS AND ROCKET-PROPELLED FIRE.

DAY: 23 TIME: 0647  
INFORMED JOHN OWENS OF THE VP'S STAFF OF BEIRUT DEVELOPMENTS.

DAY: 23 TIME: 0655  
INFORMED ADMIRAL MURPHY OF BEIRUT EVENTS.

DAY: 23 TIME: 0714  
JACQUES ATTALI, PRESIDENT MITTERRAND'S ADVISOR, CALLED FOR BUD. DUR TOOK THE CALL.

DAY: 23 TIME: 0717  
DON GREGG CALLED...KIMMITT TALKED WITH HIM.

DAY: 23 TIME: 0716  
PRESIDENT DEPARTED AUGUSTA, GEORGIA.

DAY: 23 TIME: 0720  
KIMMITT INFORMED JUDGE CLARK OF THE BEIRUT DEVELOPMENTS.

DAY: 23 TIME: 0817  
PRESIDENT ARRIVED ANDREWS AFB.

DAY: 23 TIME: 0816  
YARZE RAISED ON PRT FOR DUR. AMBASSADOR FAIRBANKS IS ON THE LINE.

DAY: 23 TIME: 0835  
PRESIDENT ARRIVED SOUTH GROUNDS.

DAY: 23 TIME: 0854  
WEINBERGER, THROUGH KIMMITT, REQUESTED CALL BE PUT THROUGH TO ISRAELI DEFENSE MINISTER ARENS...SIGNAL NOTIFIED.

DAY: 23 TIME: 0857  
PRESIDENT IN THE SITUATION ROOM.

DAY: 23 TIME: 0900  
ARENS RETURNED WEINBERGER'S CALL...HE WAS TOLD THAT WEINBERGER WILL CALL BACK AFTER MEETING.

DAY: 23 TIME: 1040

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MEETING IN CONFERENCE ROOM WITH THE PRESIDENT CONCLUDES.

DAY: 23 TIME: 1114

PER KIMMITT, INFORMED STATE OPS THAT THE WHITE HOUSE HAS AUTHORIZED THE LOWERING OF AMERICAN FLAGS WORLDWIDE TO HALF STAFF.

DAY: 23 TIME: 1125

ADVISED PRINCIPALS THAT NSPG WOULD BE HELD AT 1600...ALSO ADVISED AGENCIES THAT A CPPG (ON GRENADA) WOULD BE HELD AT 1230 IN 208 EOB.

DAY: 23 TIME: 1305

AT 1300 WE WERE ADVISED BY DONNA PROCTOR THAT PRESIDENT GEMAYEL WAS PLACING A CALL TO THE PRESIDENT. ATTEMPTED TO FIND OUT THROUGH SIGNAL AND THEN WH ADMIN. ADMIN OPERATOR SAID BUD WAS MONITORING THE CALL AND WOULD TAKE CARE OF IT. SITRM REQUESTED THAT WE BE INCLUDED IN THE CALL LOOP AND THEY REFUSED. THEY WERE REMINDED THAT WE ARE BY RULE SUPPOSED TO MONITOR ALL PRESIDENTIAL CALLS. BUD WAS THEN PLUGGED INTO THE CALL AND SAID THAT HE WOULD TAKE CARE OF IT.

AY: 23 TIME: 1322

TEICHER CALLED ON PRT AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE DUR OR KEMP CALL HIM WHEN THEY ARE THROUGH WITH THEIR MEETING. KEMP NOTIFIED.

DAY: 23 TIME: 1600

PRESIDENT ATTENDS NSPG IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM.

DAY: 23 TIME: 1750

LEBANESE PORTION OF THE NSPG ENDED.

DAY: 23 TIME: 1800

[REDACTED] RICHARD MURPHY (ASST SECSTATE FOR NEAR EAST), KEMP, AND DUR DISCUSS IN SITUATION ROOM [REDACTED]

DAY: 23 TIME: 1855

PRESIDENT DEPARTED THE SITUATION ROOM.

DAY: 24 TIME: 0230

ACCORDING TO STATE, PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR ATTALI INFORMED AMEASSADOR GALBRAITH THAT PREIDENT MITTERRAND HAS FLOWN TO LEBANON AND SHOULD BE ARRIVING NOW. ATTALI ASKED THAT THIS INFORMATION BE PASSED TO BUD.

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