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E.O. 12065: GDS 7/14/88 (HABIB, PHILIP)

TAGS: PINT, LE, IS, PLO, US, XF

SUBJ: HABIB MISSION: THREATS OF EPIDEMICS IN BEIRUT

1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT)

2. AT THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR'S JULY 14 BASTILLE DAY RECEPTION, DRAPER AND I LISTENED TO COMMENTS FROM FRENCH DOCTORS NOW SERVING IN WEST BEIRUT AT THREE HOSPITALS, PRIMARILY THE BARBAR HOSPITAL. THEY WERE HIGHLY CONCERNED THAT TYPHOID AND CHOLERA COULD ALL TOO EASILY BREAK OUT IN WEST BEIRUT, AS SUMMER HOT WEATHER APPROACHES. THEY CITED AMONG OTHER REASONS CONTAMINATED WATER, THE VAST ACCUMULATION OF REFUSE, THE LARGE NUMBER OF HOMELESS PEOPLE WITH NO ACCESS TO SANITARY FACILITIES, SHORTAGES OF FUEL FOR BOILING WATER AND OTHERNEEDS, THE BREAKDOWN OF PUBLIC SERVICES, ETC. AVAILABLE VACCINES WERE NOT NECESSARILY RELIABLE BECAUSE THEY HAD TO BE MAINTAINED IN STEADY TEMPERATURES, AND POWER AND GENERATOR BREAKDOWNS HAD PERHAPS RUINED SOME SUPPLIES.

3. THE DOCTORS SAID THAT ONLY SOME 10 PERCENT OF INJURED PEOPLE ADMITTED TO HOSPITALS WERE PALESTINIAN COMBATANTS, ALTHOUGH THEY ADMITTED THAT THEY YAD NOT CHECKED CLOSELY WITH ONE WEST BEIRUT HOSPITAL, THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT HOSPITAL.

4. THEY WERE ALSO SURE THAT THE PALESTINIANS WOULD FIGHT HARD IF THE ISRAELIS INVADED THE CITY, IN PART

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BECAUSE THEY WOULD BE DEFENDING THEIR FAMILIES WHO  
COULD NOT FLEE.

5. MINIMIZE DAMASCUS CONSIDERED.

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THE DIPLOMATIC BREAK IS FAR SHORTER, THE SOURCES SAID, IT AMOUNTS TO ONLY A FEW MORE DAYS."

C) FONMIN SHAMIR LAST NIGHT TOLD ISRAEL TV THAT "ISRAEL WILL GIVE TIME AND OPPORTUNITY TO OUR AMERICAN FRIENDS, UNTIL THE OBJECTIVE (OF EVICTING THE TERRORISTS FROM BEIRUT) IS ACCOMPLISHED." MINISTER ZIPORI IS QUOTED ON ISRAEL RADIO ON THE NEED TO GIVE HABIB MORE TIME,

D) HA'ARETZ AND THE JERUSALEM POST CARRY A.I.D. CHIEF PETER MCPHERSON'S REMARKS AFTER MEETING WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN, THAT "THE U.S. IS PRESSING ISRAEL TO LIFT THE BEIRUT BLOCKADE."

E) ACCORDING TO THE JERUSALEM POST CORR. DAVID LANDAU, "THE U.S. HAS APPROACHED ITALY TO PARTICIPATE IN A MULTI-NATIONAL FORCE FOR LEBANON." CITING ISRAELI SOURCES, CORR. LANDAU SAYS THAT JERUSALEM, TDQ, HAS MADE A SIMILAR MOVE.

F) MAARIV REPORTS THAT ISRAEL IS LETTING MAJOR HADDAD'S MILITIA EXPAND THEIR CONTROL OVER S. LEBANON TERRITORY, AND THAT SOON AN ENCLAVE OF SOME 55 KM TO THE NORTH OF ISRAEL WILL BE RUN BY THE MAJOR'S MEN.

4. THE U.S., THE PALESTINIANS AND THE PLO:

A) MAJOR DAILIES CITE REMARKS ON THE ISSUE OF THE PLO AND A PALESTINIAN HOMELAND MADE BY VICE PRESIDENT BUSH (IN A BBC INTERVIEW) AND SECRETARY OF DEFENCE CASPAR WEINBERGER (IN A U.S. TV INTVIEW.)

B) ALL MEDIA HIGHLIGHT SENATOR CHARLES PERCY'S REMARK IN THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, THAT HE HAS LEARNED FROM AN ARAB SOURCE CLOSE TO THE U.S. THAT THE PLO WAS READY TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL.

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C) FORMER LEBANESE PRIME MINISTER SA'EB SALAM IS QUOTED TO THE EFFECT THAT THE U.S. HAS AGREED TO LET A PLO LEADER JOIN A DELEGATION LED BY THE SYRIAN AND SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTERS, SCHEDULED TO HOLD TALKS IN WASHINGTON EARLY NEXT WEEK.

5. ALL MEDIA HIGHLIGHT REMARKS BY IAF COMMANDER GENERAL DAVID IVRY ON IAF PERFORMANCE IN THE LEBANON WAR. IN A CEREMONY MARKING AIRFORCE DAY, GENERAL IVRY SAID, ACCORDING TO DAVAR, THAT "ISRAEL MUST BE CAREFUL AND SELECTIVE IN PASSING LEBANON WAR LESSONS ON TO THE U.S., IN LIGHT OF THE LATTER'S MILITARY RELATIONSHIPS WITH ARA COUNTRIES." THE JERUSALEM POST REPORTS THAT THE GENERAL SAID THAT "ISRAEL HAS A CLEAR INTEREST IN THE SUPERIORITY OF AMERICAN WEAPONS, A FACTOR WHICH WOULD ENCOURAGE AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION."

6. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED FOR BEIRUT. LEE

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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION, JULY 15, 1982

1. SUMMARY:

-- SHULTZ APPOINTMENT. REPORTS CONFIRMING UNANIMOUS SFRC APPROVAL OF SHULTZ NOMINATION; PALESTINIANS "SUSPICIOUS" OF SHULTZ; EDITORIAL IMPLYING NO CHANGE ON U.S. POLICY  
-- U.S. RECOGNITION OF PLO. MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS ARAFAT CALLING FOR DIRECT U.S.-PLO NEGOTIATIONS  
-- IRAQ-IRANIAN WAR. EDITORIALS WARN AGAINST U.S. "INTERVENTION", LINK WAR WITH EVENTS IN LEBANON  
-- OTHER TOPICS: (A) KING HUSSEIN CALLS FOR ARAB SUMMIT; (B) REAGAN MESSAGE TO ASSAD; (C) ARAB COMMITTEE MESSAGE TO REAGAN; (D) COMMENTARY URGES SAUDI PRESSURE ON U.S.  
END SUMMARY.

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2. SENATE COMMITTEE APPROVES SHULTZ NOMINATION:

-- A. PAPERS AND AMMAN RADIO SPOTLIGHT UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF GEORGE SHULTZ NOMINATION. PAPERS NOTE THAT APPROVAL OF FULL SENATE IS FORTHCOMING.  
-- B. PLO OFFICIAL ON SHULTZ: ALL PAPERS FRONTPAGE

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REPORTED REMARKS IN BRUSSELS BY PLO OFFICIAL QADDOUMI THAT HE IS "SUSPICIOUS OF PLEDGES" MADE BY SHULTZ REGARDING THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM SINCE "THE US HAD GIVEN ADVANCE BACKING TO THE ISRAELI INVASION OF LEBANON AND WAS THE REAL BUTCHER OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE".

-- C. EDITORIAL COMMENT: FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF JORDAN TIMES EDITORIAL ON GEORGE SHULTZ SLUGGED "JUDGE POLICIES, NOT PEOPLE":

--"ENTER GEORGE SHULTZ. AS WITH ALL NEW SENIOR AMERICAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO DEAL WITH FOREIGN POLICY, THE SECRETARY OF STATE-DESIGNATE, MR. GEORGE SHULTZ, BRINGS TO HIS POST A GREAT DEAL OF EXPERIENCE WITH THE WORLD THAT NECESSARILY WILL BE CURTAILED BY THE NEED FOR AMERICAN OFFICIALS TO SUBJECT THEIR INNATE INTELLIGENCE, RATIONALITY AND HUMANITY TO THE DESTRUCTIVE FORCES OF AMERICAN ELECTORAL POLITICS. THUS WE FEEL IT WOULD BE A NAIVE AND FOOLISH THING FOR US OR ANYONE ELSE TO ASSESS GEORGE SHULTZ ON THE BASIS OF HIS PERSONAL QUALITIES. AMERICANS WHO MAKE AND CARRY OUT FOREIGN POLICY ARE UNIFORMLY LOVELY, WISE PEOPLE ON THE PERSONAL AND HUMAN LEVEL; BUT THE SUBSTANCE OF FOREIGN POLICY THAT FLOWS DOWN TO THE AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY APPARATUS FROM THE ELECTED POLITICIANS IN THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE CONGRESS IS THE STUFF OF OGRES. TO CONFUSE THE TWO IS AN UNNECESSARY EXERCISE IN PAIN.

-- MR. SHULTZ HAS MADE AN INTERESTING STATEMENT TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE CONDUCTING HIS CONFIRMATION HEARINGS. HE TALKS OF PLO PARTICIPATION IN PEACE TALKS; HE TALKS OF THE LEGITIMATE NEEDS AND PROBLEMS OF THE PALESTINIANS BEING "A CENTRAL REALITY" OF THE MIDDLE EAST THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED AND RESOLVED URGENTLY. HE ALSO TRIED TO BREATHE LIFE INTO THE DEAD CARCASS OF THE CAMP DAVID "AUTONOMY" TALKS, AND TALKED OF THE PLO IN TERMS OF TERRORISTIC ACTIVITY. FOR A SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL TALKING ON THE RECORD, ONE CANNOT EXPECT MUCH MORE THAN THIS CONFUSING SET OF SIGNALS AND THOUGHTS. IT IS, ON THE WHOLE, PAK FOR THE COURSE, MORE OF THE SAME MENU OF COLD SOUP THAT WE HAVE HAD FOR MANY YEARS. THERE ARE WEAK SIGNS HERE THAT THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION IS STARTING TO UNDERSTAND WHERE THE MIDDLE EAST IS IN RELATION TO POLAND AND NEW JERSEY AND AFGHANISTAN, AND WHAT MAKES THE MIDDLE EAST SUCH A VIOLENT PLACE, INJECTED FULL OF MONEY AND WEAPONRY BY VIOLENT SUPERPOWERS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO

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COMMAND STAFF WHOSE VEHICLES WERE PARKED IN THE PARKING  
LOT WITH LOCAL POV. THE OLD CITY, JUST SOUTH OF THE CENTER  
WAS DESCRIBED AS THE SCENE OF HEAVY FIGHTING BUT IT WAS  
NOT VISITED BECAUSE THE ESCORTS FELT ITS STREETS TO BE TOO  
NARROW FOR THE BUS. THE LEVEL OF DAMAGE TO THE OLD CITY  
WAS NOT CLEARLY EVIDENT BEYOND SMALL ARMS POCK MARKS  
AND THE CAKRUN TRACES OF SMOKE ON WALLS. THE IDF ESCURT  
SAID THAT ALTHOUGH FIGHTING THERE WAS INTENSE AND  
DIFFICULT, THE THICK, HEAVY STONE CONSTRUCTION THERE WAS  
NOT DAMAGED AS EASILY AS MODERN STRUCTURES. IN THE  
HARBOR AREA, ACROSS FROM THE OLD CITY IT WAS DIFFICULT  
TO TELL THAT A BATTLE HAD TAKEN PLACE. THERE WAS NO  
EVIDENT DAMAGE. FISHING BOATS ON SHURE WERE INTACT, LOCAL

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CHILDREN SWAM AND PLAYED AT THE BEACH AND AN INF DABUR RODE AT ANCHOR INSIDE THE HARBOR BREAKWATER. THE STACKS OF TWO PREVIOUSLY SUNK SMALL FREIGHTERS (PROBABLY COASTAL FREIGHTERS) WERE VISIBLE. THESE WERE TWO BOATS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN USED BY THE PLO IN ARMS RUNNING. THE IDF SAID THEY HAD BEEN SUNK BY INF FROGMEN AT SOME TIME PAST BUT NOT IN THIS CAMPAIGN (COMMENT: WE HAVE NO PREVIOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT THE SINKING OF THESE VESSELS AT SIDON WAS DONE BY THE ISRAELIS; THIS REPORT CONFIRMS SUSPECTED ACTIVITIES).

14. ~~(C/NF)~~ THE GROUP ENTERED THE EIN HILWEH REFUGEE AREA BY BUS, TRAVELLING ABOUT 200 METERS INLAND FROM THE COASTAL ROAD AND THEN TURNING SOUTH FROM THE SOUTHERN EDGE OF THE OLD CITY. FROM THAT PERSPECTIVE, THE AREA SHOWS EXTENSIVE DAMAGE IN THE CENTRAL SECTION WHERE ALL BUILDINGS WERE COMPLETELY DESTROYED. BUILDINGS TO THE WEST SHOWED DAMAGE RANGING FROM HEAVY CLOSE TO THE CENTER, TO LIGHT CLOSE TO THE SEA. TO THE EAST, AGAIN DAMAGE RANGED OUT FROM THE CENTER FROM HEAVY TO LIGHT. ALTHOUGH PREP OFF HAD NOT SEEN EIN HILWEH BEFORE THE BATTLE, IT DID NOT APPEAR THAT THE AREA WAS TOTALLY DESTROYED. ABOUT HALF OF THE AREA WAS DESTROYED, APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN PERCENT WAS HEAVILY DAMAGED AND THE REST SHOWED VARYING SIGNS OF BATTLE. PALESTINIANS, MOSTLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN, WERE LIVING IN THE STANDING UNITS AND APPEARED TO BE CONCENTRATED IN THE WESTERN SECTOR. A CROWD OF ABOUT 60 PEOPLE CURIOUSLY WATCHED THE VISIT, OTHERS FILLED WATER CONTAINERS FROM A RUNNING WATER LINE AND OTHERS MOVED ABOUT IN NEARBY STREETS. NO RELIEF AGENCY VEHICLES OR CAMPS WERE SEEN. NONE OF THE PEOPLE IN THE AREA SHOWED OUTWARD SIGNS OF SERIOUS HEALTH PROBLEMS OR INTENSE SUFFERING. NO TEMPORARY CAMPS FOR DISPLACED PERSONS WERE SEEN IN THE AREA. THE ESCORT OFFICER EXPLAINED THAT FIGHTING IN THE AREA WAS DONE BY INFANTRY, MOVING HOUSE TO HOUSE AGAINST PLO MEMBERS WHO FOUGHT WITH DETERMINATION. DIRECT FIRE SUPPORT WHEN CALLED BY THE INFANTRY WAS PROVIDED BY TANKS SITED ON THREE HILLS EAST OF THE CAMP. IN THE COURSE OF THE HOUSE FIGHTING, A PLO AMMO CACHE IN ONE HOUSE EXPLODED, SETTING OFF CACHE IN CONTIGUOUS BUILDINGS IN THE CENTER SECTION OF THE CAMP. THE RESULT WAS A FIFTEEN HOUR LONG CHAIN OF SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS THAT REDUCED THE BLOCK TO RUBBLE.

15. (C/NF) FROM EIN HILWEH THE GROUP CROSSED THE SAYNIA RIVER ON THE COASTAL ROAD AND THEN TURNED EAST 1.5 KM TO VISIT A PLO CAMP AND ARTILLERY POSITION APPROXIMATELY 800M SE OF EIN HILWEH (AT COORDINATES 211134 ON 1:50,000 MAP SHEET

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305711, SERIES K724, EDITION 3-SIDON). THE CAMP WAS LOCATED AT THE BASE OF A HILL AND CONSISTED OF FOUR SMALL BUILDINGS. A LARGE TUNNEL (50M DEEP, 5M HIGH, 5M WIDE) HAD BEEN BORED INTO THE HILL ROCK AND WAS USED TO CONCEAL A TOWED 130MM GUN WITH PRIME MOVER (A MERCEDES MILITARY TYPE TRUCK). THE ARTY PIECE HAD BEEN MOVED PRIOR TO THE VISIT BUT TWO DESTROYED MERCEDES TRUCKS WERE IN THE CAMP.

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THE TRUCKS WERE PAINTED A MILITARY DARK GREEN AND HAD ARABIC  
MARKINGS ON THE BUMPERS. ESCORTS SAID THAT THE CAMP WAS  
USED FOR MUNITIONS WORKSHOPS, TRAINING, AND AS THE BASE FOR  
THE ARTY SECTION THAT OPERATED THE CANNON. THE GUN WAS  
USUALLY PULLED OUT OF THE TUNNEL AT NIGHT FOR FIRING AND  
TOWED BACK AFTER MISSIONS. TARGETS FOR THIS PARTICULAR  
PIECE WERE SAID TO BE ALONG THE NORTHERN ISRAEL COAST. A  
SMALL CHAMBER DUG INTO THE ROCK WAS USED TO STORE AMMUNITION  
AND FUZES AND THEIR CONTAINERS WERE PRESENT FOR VIEWING.  
16. (C/NF) RETURNING TO THE COASTAL ROAD THE GROUP TRAVELLED  
SOUTH PAST THE MIZRAT AZ ZAHRANI AKAMCO PIPE TERMINAL AND  
REFINERY, AND THE MAIN IDF LOGISTICS BASE (FOR ALL SUPPLY  
CLASSES) FOR THE LEBANON CAMPAIGN. TURNING SOUTHEAST, THE

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BUS TOOK THE HIGHWAY ALONG THE OIL TAP LINE VIA AN NAJJARIYA AND ASH SHARQIYAH, TO THE POW CAMP AND IAF AIRFIELD NEAR MAZRA'AT DMUL (POW CAMP, CLOSEST TO MAZRAT SHILBAL, WAS PICTURED ON PAGE 10 OF 19 JUL 82 INTERNATIONAL EDITION OF "TIME" MAGAZINE). THE POW CAMP WAS GUARDED BUT NO PRISONER WERE SEEN AS THE BUS DROVE PAST, SOLDIERS MANNING GUARD POSTS AROUND THE CAMP PERIMETER WERE RESERVISTS. THE AIRFIELD IS A 1200M LONG ROLLED DIRT STRIP RECENTLY COVERED WITH MCD (AN ASPHALT LIKE MATERIAL). LOCATED AT THE STRIP IS AN IAF AIRBASE UNIT AND AN IDF FIELD HOSPITAL. THE AIRBASE UNIT COMMANDED BY AN IAF LTC RUNS ITS TOWER OPERATIONS FROM THE ROOF OF A CONCRETE HOUSE OWNED BY A LUCAL LEBANESE FAMILY. THE STRIP IS USED PRIMAKILY FOR MEDICAL EVACUATION OF CASUALTIES BY C-130 AND C-47 AIRCRAFT. CASUALTIES ARE BROUGHT IN BY UH-1 HELICOPTER, TREATED AT THE HOSPITAL AND EVENTUALLY EVACUATED TO ISRAEL. THE HUSPITAL WAS SAID TO BE CAPABLE OF ALL LEVELS OF MEDICAL TREATMENT AND SURGERY. COMPLETION OF THIS VISIT EFFECTIVELY ENDED THE TOUR AS NIGHT FELL WHILE AT THE BASE AND DARKNESS PRECLUDED VIEWING OTHER AREAS FURTHER SOUTH. RETURN TO ISRAEL WAS MADE VIA ROSH HANIQRA AT 2000Z.

9B. ORIG CMTS: 1. ~~(C/NF)~~ THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT THE TOUR WAS VALUABLE. IT GAVE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO GUAGE HOW THE FORCES OBSERVED ASSEMBLING IN ISRAEL WERE USED IN LEBANON. THE TERRAIN AND BATTLE FIELD CONDITIONS AND PREPARATION OF DEFENDER AND ATTACKS IN MAJOR BATTLE AREAS ARE NOW BETTER APPRECIATED. PROBLEMS OF FIGHTING IN BUILD-UP AND URBAN AREAS IN THIS REGION ARE MORE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD. OVERALL, AS OBSERVERS OF THE IDF TOTAL FORCE WE WILL BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO ANALYZE THEIR OPERATIUNS AND PERFORMANCE.

2. ~~(C/NF)~~ THE TOUR WAS PRESENTED VERY PROFFESIONALLY BY THE IDF. IT WAS VERY LOW KEY WITH REGARD TO PUBLICITY, FANFARE, PROTOCOL, ETC. NO PRESS, NEITHER MILITARY NOR CIVILIAN, WERE ENCOUNTERED BY THE GROUP OR OBSERVED ANYWHERE IN THE AREAS THE TOUR COVERED. NO CROWDS GATHERED WHERE THE GROUP VISITED. OPINIONS AND ASSESSMENTS OF

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QUESTIONS WERE ANSWERED, AND NO PRESSURE TO ACCEPT THE ISRAEL PERSPECTIVE WAS PUT ON THE PARTICIPANTS. IN FACT, EXCEPT FOR THE INITIAL BRIEFING IN METULLA THE TOUR WAS PRIMARILY A VISUAL ONE, BUT IT WAS CLEAR TO PREP OFF THAT SEVERAL IDF OFFICERS WANTED TO DISCUSS THEIR MILITARY OPERATIUNS WITH

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DISCUSSION. BY BEING ON THE GROUND WHERE THE BATTLES WERE FOUGHT, WITH THE LEADERS, A RELAXED COMMON PROFESSIONAL

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MUCH CAN BE DISCUSSED AND LEARNED IN SUCH SITUATIONS.  
AT SOME POINTS THE TOUR WAS AKIM TO A TACTICAL EXERCISE  
WITHOUT TROOPS (TEWT) BUT PROBLEMS WITH THE BUS (THREE  
FLAT TIRES) COMPRESSED THE SCHEDULE AND THE SIZE OF THE  
GROUP LIMITED DEVELOPMENT OF DISCUSSION POINTS. AT ONE  
STOP IN JAZZIN, FOR EXAMPLE, THE COLONEL (ADC 91TD) TOLD  
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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION/PRESS REVIEW, IRAN-IRAQ WAR,  
JULY 15, 1982.

1. HIGHLIGHTS:

- MAARIV DOUBTS THAT THE U.S. WOULD REMAIN ALOOF IF  
AN IRANIAN PLAN TO CONTROL THE PERSIAN GULF AND ITS OIL  
IS REVEALED.

- YEDIOT COMMENTS ON THE FINAL WESTERN REALIZATION THAT  
ABSOLUTELY NO FOREIGN GOVERNMENT EXERCIZES ANY INFLUENCE  
ON IRAN'S MOVEMENTS.

END HIGHLIGHTS.

2. THE IRANIAN INCURSION INTO IRAQ:

A) HAARETZ WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT, GIDEON SAMET,  
REPORTS THAT "IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE IRANIAN INCURSION  
INTO IRAQ, THE U.S FEELS THAT ALL PERSIAN GULF COUNTRIES  
ARE FACING DANGER." SAMET REPORTS THAT THE INCURSION  
TOPPED PRESIDENT REAGAN'S POLITICAL AGENDA JULY 14.  
THE WHITE HOUSE HAS ANNOUNCED, WRITES SAMET, THAT THE  
ADMINISTRATION IS HOLDING CONSULTATIONS WITH FRIENDLY  
COUNTRIES IN THE AREA ON "APPROPRIATE STEPS" TO  
SAFEGUARD THEIR SECURITY. THE SPOKESMAN WOULD NOT SPECIFY.  
HAARETZ WRITES, FURTHERMORE, THAT A WHITEHOUSE STATEMENT  
HAS EMPHASIZED THAT THE U.S. CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN  
NEUTRALITY IN THE DISPUTE AND SUPPORTS THE INDEPENDENCE  
AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF BOTH COUNTRIES.  
HAARETZ ALSO WRITES THAT EUROPEANS MAINLY FEAR THAT PM

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BEGIN WOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE IRANIAN OFFENSIVE'S  
DISTRACTING EFFECT IN ORDER TO STAGE A FINAL ISRAELI  
OFFENSIVE ON TERRORIST STRONGHOLDS IN WEST BEIRUT.  
B) MAARIV WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT RAPHAEL MANN REPORTS  
SECRETARY GEORGE SHULTZ'S REMARKS TO THE SENATE FOREIGN  
RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON THE WAR BETWEEN IRAQ AND IRAN.  
C) UNDER THE HEADING OF "IRAN GOES TO WAR", MAARIV COM-  
MENTS EDITORIALY THAT "TEHERAN'S DECLARATION THAT THIS IS  
THE BEGINNING OF WAR ON JERUSALEM MAY HEIGHTEN THE FEARS  
FRESHLY AWAKENED IN THE OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES. THE  
"LIBERATION" OF JERUSALEM IS FAR MORE COMPREHENSIVE AN  
OBJECTIVE THAN THE OVERTHROW OF SADDAM HUSSEIN. IF THAT  
IS INDEED THE TRUE GOAL OF THE WAR, IT MEANS THAT  
IRAN WILL NOT BE SATISFIED WITH THE INVASION OF IRAQ,  
AND WILL TRY TO ESTABLISH A KHOMEINIST EMPIRE WHICH  
WOULD MENACE THE ENTIRE MIDDLE EAST."  
RECALLING WASHINGTON'S STATEMENT THAT IT WOULD REMAIN  
"NEUTRAL", MAARIV SAYS THAT "IF IRAN TURNS OUT TO HAVE  
PLANS TO CONTROL THE PERSIAN GULF AND ITS OIL RESOURCES,  
THE AMERICANS WILL MOST LIKELY BE AT PAINS TO KEEP THE  
DISTANCE THEY ARE NOW PROCLAIMING."  
D) IN A YEDIDOT COMMENTARY, YOAV KARNI SAYS THAT  
"AT LONG LAST THE WEST IS FULLY AWARE OF THE MOST  
SERIOUS REPERCUSSIONS OF THE THE FALL OF THE SHAH:  
NO GOVERNMENT IN THE WORLD, AND THAT GOES FOR THE SOVIET  
UNION, ANY LONGER HAS ANY INFLUENCE ON IRAN'S MOVEMENTS....  
THE AYATOLLAH'S IRAN TODAY IS PRACTICALLY A SEPARATE  
SECTION OF THE GLOBE." LEE

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