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MESSAGE:

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RUEADWW/WHITE HOUSE WASHDC IMMEDIATE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS SY 06153
SUBJ [Redacted] 25x1 /SYRIA/POSSIBLE MAJOR MOVEMENT TO
NORTH IN PROGRESS, 820825/(U)

WHITE HOUSE FOR SITUATION ROOM, DIA FOR LEBANESE WORKING
GROUP.
THIS IS AN INFO REPORT, NOT FINALLY EVALUATED INTEL.

- 1. (U) CTRY: SYRIA (SY)
- 2. (U) [Redacted] 25x1
- 3. (U) TITLE: POSSIBLE MAJOR MOVEMENT TO NORTH IN
PROGRESS, 820825 (U)
- 4. (U) DATE OF INFO: 820825
- 5. (U) [Redacted] 25x1
- 6. (U) REQ REFS: K-3CX-00043; U-UED-49218
- 7. (U) [Redacted] 25x1

8. ~~(U)~~ SUMMARY: UPON ARRIVAL AIRPORT CIRCLE, JUNCTION
AIRPORT ROAD AND RING ROAD, RO SAT IN TRAFFIC FOR MORE
THAN 45 MINUTES WHILE CONVOY PASSED THROUGH CIRCLE AND
CONTINUED ON RING ROAD TO NORTH (POSSIBLE). RO TRIED TO
GO NORTH BUT MILITARY POLICE WOULD NOT ALLOW CIVILIAN
TRAFFIC TO MOVE NORTH. ALOT OF EQUIPMENT PASSED, BUT DUE
TO OBSERVATION POINT, ONLY FIVE T-54/55 TANKS AND TWO BMP'S
ALL ON TRANSPORTERS COULD BE SEEN. WHEN RO GOT CLOSER TO
CIRCLE, TRUCKS AND BUSES COULD BE SEEN WITH TROOPS AND
CAMOUFLAGED WITH BRANCHES AND MUD. RO PASSED THROUGH
CIRCLE AND SAW ONE BUS WITH TAC SIGN YELLOW RECTANGLE RIGHT
OF X-ED SQUARE W/YELLOW OVER. IT IS NOT KNOWN IF THIS BUS
WAS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS MOVEMENT. FURTHER DOWN THE RING
ROAD, ADDITIONAL VEHICLES COULD BE SEEN MOTORING NORTH
FROM A SIDE ROAD AND PREPARING TO ENTER THE RING ROAD FOR
NORTHWEST MOVEMENT. STILL NO TRAFFIC WAS MOVING ON RING

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ROAD FROM WEST.

9A. (U) DETAILS: NONE.

9B. (U) ORIG CMTS: SIZE OF THIS MOVEMENT NOT DETERMINED. ALSO, IT IS NOT KNOWN IF THIS MOVEMENT IS TO SALUTE PLO MEMBERS ARRIVING TARTUS, A REDEPLOYMENT OF FORCES TO NORTH THEN TO LEBANON, OR A RETURN TO GARRISON OF FORWARD DEPLOYED FORCES. IT IS DOUBTED THAT THE SYRIANS WOULD SEND TANKS AND BMP'S TO SALUTE RETURNING PLO PERSONNEL. RO PRESENTLY ATTEMPTING RECON TO NORTH. RESULTS WILL BE FORWARDED VIA SAME CHANNELS.

10. (U) PROJ NO: N/A

11. (U) COLL MGMT CODES: NONE

12. (U) SPEC INST: DIRC-NO

13.

14.

15. (U) REQ EVAL: NO; REL TO: NONE

16. (U) ENCL: N/A

17. (U) DIST BY ORIG: N/A

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RUEADWW/NSC WASHDC IMMEDIATE
RUEHCX/AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE 0740
RUEHEG/AMEMBASSY CAIRO IMMEDIATE 3466
RUEHAM/AMEMBASSY AMMAN IMMEDIATE 0301
RUEHJI/AMEMBASSY JIDDA IMMEDIATE 5979
RUEHDM/AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE 7373
RUEHJM/AMCONSUL JERUSALEM IMMEDIATE 5919

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SUBJECT: CODEL SCHEUER PRESS REMARKS IN JERUSALEM,
AUGUST 25, 1982

1. FOLLOWING ARE REMARKS MADE TO THE PRESS BY VISITING
CONGRESSMEN JAMES SCHEUER, MARIO BIAGGI, AND RAY MCGRATH
AFTER THEIR MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER MENACHEM BEGIN,
THE MORNING OF AUGUST 25:

SCHEUER: I'M CONGRESSMAN SCHEUER. THIS IS CONGRESSMAN
MARIO BIAGGI, CONGRESSMAN RAY MCGRATH... WE'RE ALL OF
NEW YORK STATE. WELL, DO YOU WANT A COMMENT OR TWO FROM
EACH OF US AND THEN...

Q. COULD YOU PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR TALKS WITH THE PRIME
MINISTER?

SCHEUER: YES, WELL, THE PRIME MINISTER OF COURSE IS
FEELING A SENSE OF QUIET SATISFACTION AS TO THE RESULTS
OF THE LAST TEN WEEKS WORK. I THINK WE ALL FEEL THAT
IT'S BEEN A SPECTACULAR LEAP FORWARD IN PROGRESS, AND
THAT THE STAGE IS NOW SET FOR SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS.
THERE'S A NEW ORDER, A GREAT NEW ORDER IN LEBANON, WHERE

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NOW THERE'S A GREAT CHANCE FOR THE EMERGENCE OF A UNIFIED, INDEPENDENT, DEMOCRATIC STATE OF LEBANON THAT CAN PLAY ITS OWN ROLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE STAGE IS NOW SET FOR THE DEPARTURE OF ALL OF THE FOREIGN MILITARY FORCES FROM LEBANON-- THE SYRIANS, THE PLO AND THE ISRAELIS, THE STAGE IS NOW SET FOR THE UNITED STATES TO PLAY A PREEMINENT ROLE IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE MIDDLE EAST. THERE'S BEEN A SIGNIFICANT DOWNGRADING OF THE RUSSIAN INFLUENCE IN THE AREA DUE TO THE CLEAR SUPERIORITY OF AMERICAN MILITARY EQUIPMENT, THE CLEAR SUPERIORITY OF THE F15S AND F16S AND PHANTOM JETS OVER THE MIG 23S AND THE MIG 25S. NINETY RUSSIAN AIRCRAFT WERE SHOT DOWN WITHOUT A SINGLE LOSS IN AIR-TO-AIR COMBAT ON THE AMERICAN SIDE. THERE WERE ONLY TWO AMERICAN AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN AND ONE ATTACK HELICOPTER BUT BOTH DUE TO GROUND ACTION. THE SUPERIORITY OF THE AMERICAN FORCES OVER THE RUSSIAN FORCES WAS CLEARLY SHOWN. THE SUPERIORITY OF THE ISRAELI MERKAVA TANK OVER THE RUSSIAN T72 WAS CLEARLY SHOWN. AND THE FACT THAT THE RUSSIANS IN FACT ABANDONED THEIR ALLIES, THE PLO AND THE SYRIANS, ALL TOGETHER, HAD TO DOWNGRADE THE INFLUENCE OF THE RUSSIANS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND HAD TO ESTABLISH AMERICA AS THE NUMBER ONE ALLY, AND THIS WAS VALIDATED BY THE EXTRAORDINARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF AMBASSADOR PHILIP HABIB, AND THE PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP IN SENDING IN THE MARINES, 800 MARINES, WHICH WAS THE PRECURSOR TO THE FRENCH AND THE ITALIANS FOLLOWING SUIT, AND SETTING THE STAGE FOR THE FINAL EVACUATION OF ALL FOREIGN MILITARY FORCES FROM LEBANON. WE FEEL THAT NOW THE STAGE IS SET, DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE PLO IS NO LONGER A MILITARY POWER AND NO LONGER HAS GLOBAL TERRORISM, AND THREATS OF ASSASSINATION AND VIOLENCE AT ITS BECK AND CALL. NOW THAT THOSE THREATS ARE GONE, MODERATE INFLUENCES CAN EMERGE IN THE REGION. WE HOPE THAT THE JORDANIANS AND THE SAUDIS WILL BE SUPPORTIVE IN CONTRIBUTING TO THE CAMP DAVID PROCESS. WE HOPE THAT MODERATE LEADERS WILL EMERGE IN THE WEST BANK TO PARTICIPATE IN THAT PROCESS, AND WE THINK THAT THE ISRAELI AND THE AMERICAN POLICIES AND ACTIONS OF THE LAST TEN WEEKS SET A VERY HOPEFUL STAGE.

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BIAGGI: MY COLLEAGUE, JIM SCHEUER, HAS SPELLED OUT PRETTY MUCH WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING. OUR CONVERSATION WITH THE PRIME MINISTER HAS BEEN REVEALING IN MANY WAYS. I QUESTIONED HIM ABOUT THE FUTURE, THE SUBSEQUENT ACTION TO BE TAKEN WITH RELATION TO AUTONOMY AND THE CAMP DAVID TALKS, AND HE SAID HE EXPECTED THAT THOSE TALKS WOULD BE RESUMED

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IN TWO OR THREE WEEKS, AND THE AUTONOMY IS PROBABLY THE
GREATEST AND FULLEST AUTONOMY, ABSENT SECURITY FORCES,
THAT ANY COUNTRY HAS EVER GIVEN TO ANY OTHER TERRITORY IN
QUESTION. CLEARLY, TWO QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED AS

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RUEADWW/WHITEHOUSE WASHDC IMMEDIATE
RUEADWW/NSC WASHDC IMMEDIATE
RUEHCX/AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE 0741
RUEHEG/AMEMBASSY CAIRO IMMEDIATE 3467
RUEHAM/AMEMBASSY AMMAN IMMEDIATE 0302
RUEHJI/AMEMBASSY JIDDA IMMEDIATE 5980
RUEHDM/AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE 7374
RUEHJM/AMCONSUL JERUSALEM IMMEDIATE 5920
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FAR AS THIS DELEGATION IS CONCERNED -- QUESTIONS THAT WERE
IN OUR MIND WHEN WE CAME HERE. ONE, WHAT WAS THE REACTION
OF THE LEBANESE WITH RELATION TO THE ISRAELI TROOPS GOING
INTO LEBANON, AND WE FOUND THERE WAS ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE
AND ACCEPTANCE FROM THE CHRISTIANS AS WELL AS SOME OF THE
MOSLEMS. CLEARLY, WITH THEIR DEPARTURE (THE PLO)
THEY FEEL RELIEVED, AND HOPE TO RESUME THEIR NORMAL LIVES.
IN SO FAR AS THE RECEPTION THAT HAS DEVELOPED IN THE UNITED
STATES WITH RELATION TO THE ALLEGED MASSIVE DESTRUCTION AS
A RESULT OF THE ISRAELI BOMBARDMENTS, WE HAVE VISITED TYRE
SIDON, AND BEIRUT AND HAVE FOUND THIS NOT TO BE BASED ON
THE OBSERVATIONS WE MADE. OBVIOUSLY, THERE WAS SOME
SELECTIVE BOMBARDMENT, AND AS WE ALL KNOW IN WAR, THERE IS
DESTRUCTION. CHURCHILL SAID IT AS WELL AS SHERMAN "WAR
IS HELL", AND WE'RE SATISFIED THAT THE PERCEPTION DEVELOPED
IN THE UNITED STATES AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD HAS NO BASIS
IN FACT. THE ISRAELI MILITARY HAVE PROCEEDED WITH A SUR-
GICAL PRECISION THAT DEFIES DESCRIPTION AND THE TARGETS
THAT THEY FIRED AT WERE TARGETS WHICH THE PLO USED AS
HEADQUARTERS, OR WERE HOUSED AND PROVIDING RESISTANCE.
THE GRUESOME PART OF THE PLO CONDUCT IS THEY USED CIVILIAN
AS HOSTAGES, AND THAT IS A SITUATION THAT WAS UNFORTUNATE
FROM THE ISRAELI PERSPECTIVE BUT ONE THAT HAD TO BE MET IN
AS PRECISE A FASHION AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE THE
AMOUNT OF CIVILIAN CASUALTIES. WE'RE SATISFIED THAT BOTH
OUR QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED, AND WE WILL TELL THE

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PEOPLE, OUR COLLEAGUES IN CONGRESS, AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES EXACTLY WHAT WE FOUND.
MCGRATH: WELL, THERE'S NOT AN AWFUL LOT MORE TO SAY, EXCEPT THAT WE WITNESSED IN LEBANON THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS -- I GUESS WE WERE AS CLOSE TO ANYTHING AS POSSIBLE, AS ANYBODY. GOTTEN AS CLOSE TO THE PORTS AS POSSIBLE -- AND WE WITNESSED A COUPLE OF HISTORIC EVENTS. NUMBER ONE, THE PLO BEING EXPELLED FROM THAT COUNTRY, WHICH HAS GRAVE AND GREAT RAMIFICATIONS FOR, AS WAS DISCUSSED BY MY COLLEAGUES, PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE SECOND THING WE SAW UNCLASSIFIED
WAS GREAT JOY BEING SHOWN AT THE ELECTION OF A NEW PRESIDENT. AND I THINK THE ELECTION OF THAT NEW PRESIDENT REPRESENTS, PERHAPS THE BEST AND MAYBE THE LAST HOPE FOR THAT COUNTRY. AND HOPEFULLY WITH THE HELP OF ITS ALLIES AND ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES, AND HOPEFULLY, AS CONGRESSMAN SCHEUER SAID, A MORE MODERATE LEADERSHIP OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES AROUND IN THIS AREA, THAT PERHAPS THAT PRESIDENCY AND THAT GOVERNMENT CAN PREVAIL, AND COALESCE BEHIND MR. GEMAYEL. BUT THE FACT SIMPLY IS THIS: THAT THOSE TWO INCIDENTS PLUS TODAY, THE CONVERSATION WE HAD WITH THE PRIME MINSITER WHERE HE OUTLINED, SPECIFICALLY, THAT THE DUAL WITHDRAWAL OF THE SYRIAN TROOPS AND THE ISRAELI TROOPS SIMULTANEOUSLY, AND THE FACT THAT HE WAS WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH -- INITIATE AGAIN, THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS, AS SOON AS ALL OF THE PLO ARE OUT OF THE COUNTRY, CERTAINLY LENDS CREDENCE TO THE FACT THAT HE IS INTERESTED IN PEACE IN THIS AREA OF THE WORLD.
Q: CONGRESSMAN, DID YOU GET THE IMPRESSION THAT UNLESS THE SYRIANS LEAVE, THE ISRAELI FORCES WILL STAY SORT OF TOOTH TO JOWL IN THE BEKAA VALLEY WITH THEM?
MCGRATH: WE GOT THE IMPRESSION THAT THIS GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE LEBANON AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, BUT I DON'T THINK THAT THEY CAN LEAVE UNILATERALLY. I THINK THAT THERE HAS TO BE A SIMULTANEOUS WITHDRAWAL OF THE ISRAELI FORCES AND THE SYRIAN FORCES.
SCHEUER: AS A MATTER OF FACT, THE PRIME MINISTER -- WE ASKED HIM THAT EXACT QUESTION -- AND THE PRIME MINSITER MADE IT PERFRECTLY CLEAR THAT HE THOUGHT THAT ALL FOREIGN MILITARY FORCES SHOULD LEAVE LEBANON, BUT THAT IT WOULD HAVE TO BE A SIMULTANEOUS WITHDRAWAL. THAT THERE WOULD BE NO UNILATERAL WITHDRAWAL OF THE ISRAELI FORCES BEFORE THE SYRIANS HAD DEPARTED, THAT IT WOULD BE A SIMULTANEOUS WITHDRAWAL.
MCGRATH: AND I BELIEVE ALSO THAT IT'S IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE SYRIANS TO WITHDRAW AT THIS PARTICULAR

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Q. DID THE PRIME MINISTER EXPRESS ANY WORRY CONCERNING
NEW AMERICAN INITIATIVES ABOUT CAMP DAVID AND THE PEACE
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BIAGGI: NONE WHATSOEVER. AS A MATTER OF FACT, HE WAS MOST RESPONSIVE WHEN I POSED THE QUESTION, AND HE SAID THAT HE ANTICIPATED THAT THERE WOULD BE A RESUMPTION OF THE CAMP DAVII TALKS WITHIN TWO OR THREE WEEKS. CLEARLY, THAT'S AN ENCOURAGING SIGN. AND THEN WE WENT ON TO TALK OF AUTONOMY, AND HE SPELLED OUT WHAT AUTONOMY MEANT, AND IT WAS PROBABLY THE GREATEST AND BROADEST GRANTING OF POWERS, WITH EVERY POWER, SAVE SECURITY FORCES, AND HE CITED ILLUSTRATIONS OF FRANCE AND BELGIUM AND ITALY WHERE AUTONOMY WAS GIVEN IN LESSER DEGREE. THIS IS THE BROADEST OF AUTONOMOUS POWERS.

MCGRATH: HE, IN FACT, HAD SOME VERY GLOWING WORDS TO SAY ABOUT OUR PRESIDENT AND THE ROLE OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE PROCESS OF HAVING THE PLO LEAVE LEBANON.

Q. WHEN YOU SAY RESUMPTION OF THE TALKS IN THE NEXT TWO OR THREE WEEKS, WHAT EXACTLY DID HE MEAN, THE RESUMPTION OF AUTONOMY OR THE CAMP DAVID PEACE PROCESS IN GENERAL?

MCGRATH: FROM THE IMPRESSION I GOT, IT WAS THE ENTIRE CAMP DAVID PROCESS WHICH INCLUDED AUTONOMY TALKS.

Q. DID THE PRIME MINISTER MENTION THE EGYPTIAN POSITION THAT OPPOSES THE RENEWAL OF THE TALKS BEFORE ALL THE FORCES ARE OUT OF LEBANON?

BIAGGI: I DON'T REMEMBER THE WORD "EGYPTIAN" COMING UP ONCE DURING OUR CONVERSATION.

SCHEUER: HE SAID, CLEARLY, THAT HE DIDN'T THINK THAT THE AUTONOMY SHOULD WAIT UNTIL ALL THE FORCES ARE OUT, THAT

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HE THOUGHT THOSE TALKS OUGHT TO START WITHIN THE NEXT TWO OR THREE WEEKS.

MCGRATH: AS SOON AS THE PLO EVACUATION HAD OCCURRED,
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Q: DID THE PRIME MINISTER EXPRESS HIS HOPE THAT NOW THAT BASHIR GEMAYEL HAS BEEN ELECTED, THAT PEACE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND LEBANON IS A REALISTIC HOPE.

SCHEUER: HE SAID VERY, VERY FORTHRIGHTLY HE SAID THAT HE HOPES THAT WITHIN THE NEXT -- IN THE NEAR FUTURE THAT LEBANON WILL BE THE SECOND COUNTRY COMING AFTER EGYPT TO SIGN A PEACE TREATY WITH ISRAEL. HE WAS VERY FORTHRIGHT AND CLEAR ON THAT. HE HOPES THAT WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

Q: IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS?

SCHEUER: WELL, HE DIDN'T GIVE AN EXACT TIME, BUT HE THOUGHT IN THE NEAR FUTURE, WHAT THEY HOPED FOR WAS FOR A SECOND ARAB COUNTRY TO SIGN A PEACE TREATY WITH ISRAEL, COMING AFTER EGYPT. THAT IT WOULD BE LEBANON, AND THAT AFTER THAT, WITH THE REMOVAL OF PLO TERROR AND VIOLENCE AND THREATS OF ASSASSINATIONS, THAT PERHAPS THERE IS A HOPE THAT KING HUSSEIN WOULD THEN COME FORTH AS A MODERATE LEADER OF AN ARAB STATE AND BE THE THIRD SIGNATORY.

R: THANK YOU.

SCHEUER: LET ME JUST ADD ONE OTHER (THING). WE'VE HEARD A WHOLE DRUMBEAT OF CRITICISM FROM THE CIVILIZED WORLD ABOUT THE ACTIONS OF THE ISRAELIS IN THIS LAST TEN WEEKS, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT NOW THAT THE FRUITS OF THE ISRAELI MILITARY ACTION ARE APPARENT, WITH THE SIGHTS AND TELEVISION PICTURES OF THOSE SHIPS SAILING OUT OF THE HARBOUR OF BEIRUT WITH THOUSANDS OF PLO TERRORISTS ON THEM, THAT THE IRRATIONALITY, THE LUGUBRIOUSNESS OF THIS DRUM BEAT OF CRITICISM FROM AROUND THE WORLD BECOMES APPARENT, AND WE THINK THAT NOW IF THE TIME FOR THOUGHTFUL PEOPLE WHO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT PEACE TO DECLARE A MORATORIUM ON THIS UTTERLY IRRATIONAL CRITICISM OF ISRAEL -- THIS SANCTIMONIOUS, PIOUS LECTURING AND MORALIZING TO ISRAEL. INSTEAD, THE ENTIRE CIVILIZED WORLD OUGHT TO CONSOLIDATE BEHIND THE CAMP DAVID PROCESS TO CREATE THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH MODERATES THROUGHOUT THE MIDDLE EAST REGION CAN EMERGE, THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH MODERATE LEADERS OF THE PALESTINIANS IN THE WEST BANK CAN EMERGE AS SPOKESMEN, THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH KING HUSSEIN CAN EMERGE AS A LEADER OF HIS COUNTRY ALL MOVING TOWARD RECONCILIATION, TOWARD CONSENSUS, AND TOWARD PEACE. THIS IS THE TIME, NOW, FOR
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ENHANCE THE POSSIBILITIES OF THE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST
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ACTUALLY ARISE; THE PRESIDENT-ELECT'S SUCCESS DEPENDS ON HIS ABILITY TO CO-OPT OR OTHERWISE DIMINISH SUNNI OPPOSITION TO HIS ELECTION. (MOST COMMENTATORS BELIEVE THAT JEMAYEL IS IN A FAIRLY GOOD POSITION TO ACHIEVE THIS END.) YET NAGGING DOUBTS REMAIN TO DAMPEN THE ENTHUSIASM OF COMMENTATORS WHO ARE CONCERNED THAT JEMAYEL'S LONGSTANDING COOPERATION WITH ISRAEL WILL IMPEDE HIS ABILITY TO CONSOLIDATE THE GOVERNMENT AND BUILD A CONSENSUS FOR PEACE WITH ISRAEL. MANY COMMENTATORS NOTE THAT IT MAY NOT BE TO BASHIR'S OR ISRAEL'S ADVANTAGE TO PRESS FOR A FORMAL PEACE TREATY, BUT RATHER TO ACCEPT DE FACTO SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WILL PROTECT ISRAEL'S INTERESTS IN LEBANON.
END SUMMARY.

3. THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT, ACCORDING TO AN AUGUST 23RD HAARETZ REPORT, ANTICIPATES THAT JEMAYEL WILL BE BRANDED BY SOME AS AN ISRAELI PUPPET, BUT REJECTS THE CHARGE BY SAYING THAT JEMAYEL IS NO MORE AN ISRAELI CANDIDATE THAN ELIAS SARKIS WAS SYRIA'S CANDIDATE. THE FACT REMAINS THAT SO LONG AS THERE IS NO AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SYRIA AS TO THE DISPOSITION OF POWER IN LEBANON, ONE OR THE OTHER OF THE TWO COUNTRIES IS GOING TO CALL THE SHOTS. UNDER THIS CIRCUM- STANCE, ISRAEL OUGHT TO BE EXPECTED TO HAVE ITS SAY CONCERNING DEVELOPMENTS AT THE BA'ABDA PALACE. IN A SEPARATE FRONT PAGE COMMENTARY, ODED ZARAI POINTS OUT THAT, WHILE JEMAYEL FACES AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE, HE MAY VERY WELL SUCCEED ON ACCOUNT OF HIS ARMY, HIS SUPERIOR ORGANIZATION, AND THE DIRECT SUPPORT OF ISRAEL COMPLEMENTED BY THE INDIRECT SUPPORT OF SAUDI ARABIA. HAARETZ' YEHUDA LITANI ALSO CASTS THE ELECTION RESULTS AS "THE BEST THING THAT COULD HAPPEN TO ISRAEL." IF ANYONE CAN PULL LEBANON TOGETHER, HE SAYS, JEMAYEL CAN. YET LITANI IS HARDLY SANGUINE; AS FAR AS HE IS CONCERNED, IT IS FAR FROM CERTAIN THAT JEMAYEL WILL COME THROUGH FOR ISRAEL NOW THAT "THE TIME FOR REPAYMENT" HAS COME.

4. THE HISTADRUT'S DAVAR ATTEMPTS TO PUNCTURE ISRAELI CONFIDENCE BY STRESSING THE MEANINGLESSNESS

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DEROGATING THE EXTENT OF ISRAELI INFLUENCE IN
A RECONSTITUTED LEBANON. BESIDES, STATES
DAVAR, JEMAYEL WILL HAVE TO DEMONSTRATE A GENIUS
FOR DIPLOMACY IN ORDER FOR HIS PRESIDENCY TO
SUCCEED; BUT DOES HE HAVE IT? DAN AVIDOR, A
DAVAR COLUMNIST, IS NOT SO PESSIMISTIC. HE

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