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E.O. 12356: N/A

TAGS: LE, IS, UNSC

SUBJECT: FRENCH LETTER TO UN SYG ON MNF PARTICIPATION.
1. BELOW IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM FRENCH UN PERM REP TO UN SYG STATING THAT LEBANON HAS REQUESTED ASSISTANCE OF FRANCE FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF MNF IN AND AROUND BEIRUT DESIGNED TO SUPPORT LAF OPERATIONS IN RESTORING GOL AUTHORITY AND IN PROTECTING THE CIVILIAN POPULATION.
2. LETTER SAID THAT IN AGREEING TO GOL REQUEST, FRANCE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED SENDING UN FORCE INTO BEIRUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 5 OF SC RESOLUTION 521, BUT DELAYS WHICH WOULD HAVE ENCOUNTERED IN NEGOTIATING UN FORCE AND URGENCY OF SITUATION DICTATED OTHERWISE. HOWEVER, LETTER STATES MANDATE OF MNF SHOULD REFLECT THE OBJECTIVES OF THAT SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION.

BEGIN TEXT:

NEW YORK, 21 SEPTEMBER 1982

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SIR:

ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM MY GOVERNMENT, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO INFORM YOU THAT THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT HAS OFFICIALLY REQUESTED THE ASSISTANCE OF FRANCE FOR THE DEPLOYMENT IN AND AROUND BEIRUT OF A MULTINATIONAL FORCE DESIGNED TO SUPPORT THE OPERATIONS OF ITS ARMED FORCES IN ORDER TO RESTORE ITS AUTHORITY OVER THAT ZONE AND ENSURE THE PROTECTION OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION.

IN ITS DESIRE TO SUPPORT THE DECISIONS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE FAVORED THE

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MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

CREATION OF A UNITED NATIONS FORCE, AS PROPOSED IN PARAGRAPH 5 OF THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION 521 (1982), IN DECIDING TO GIVE A POSITIVE RESPONSE TO THE EXPRESS REQUEST OF THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT, AND IN AN AWARENESS OF THE EXTREME URGENCY OF THE SITUATION, FRANCE TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE CONSULTATIONS WHICH YOU USEFULLY CONDUCTED AND WHICH REVEALED THAT LENGTHY NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE CREATION OF A UNITED NATIONS FORCE. IN ADDITION, THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WAS SYMPATHETIC TO THE APPEALS ADDRESSED TO IT FROM MANY SIDES IN THE ARAB COUNTRIES, LASTLY, IT WISHES TO PERMIT RAPID ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 521 (1982), AND PARTICULARLY ITS PARAGRAPH 5. TO THIS END, THE MANDATE OF THE FORCE SHOULD REFLECT THE OBJECTIVES ESTABLISHED BY THAT RESOLUTION.

WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION 521, THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WELCOMES THE RAPIDITY WITH WHICH THE UNITED NATIONS OBSERVERS WERE PLACED IN BEIRUT, IN SUFFICIENT NUMBERS. THESE OBSERVERS WILL BE ABLE TO PLAY A VALUABLE ROLE IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WILL ENSURE THAT THE MULTINATIONAL FORCE ACTS IN LIAISON WITH THEM AND, IN PARTICULAR, ASSISTS IN THE MISSION ENTRUSTED TO THEM BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT, WHOSE POLICIES ARE BASED ON THE PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER AND WHICH, AS YOU KNOW, ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE ROLE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, WILL NOT FAIL TO REMAIN IN CLOSE LIAISON WITH YOU.

I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD ARRANGE FOR THIS LETTER TO BE DRAWN TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND OF ALL THE COUNCIL MEMBERS. ACCEPT, SIR, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

SIGNED:

LUC DE LA BARRE DE NANTEUIL

END TEXT.

BEIRUT MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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 T CTU SEVEN TWO PT EIGHT PT TWO
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BY KOB NARA DATE 8/24/07

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~~C O N F I D E N T I A L~~ NOFORN
DIADIN 265-14A (AS OF: 1921 EDT 22 SEP 82)
SUBJ: DIA DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE NOTICE (DIN) (U)
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LEBANON: SITUATION REPORT. (U)
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1. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ ISRAEL DEFENSE FORCE (IDF) SWEEP OPERATIONS ARE UNDERWAY, AND THE DRAWDOWN OF THEIR TROOPS IN WEST BEIRUT CONTINUES.
2. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ THE LEBANESE ARMED FORCES (LAF) IS REINFORCING THE POSITIONS IT HAS OCCUPIED IN THE PAST FEW DAYS, CONDUCTING CONTINUOUS PATROLS AND MANNING FIXED AND MOBILE ROADBLOCKS TO HELP CALM THE FRIGHTENED WEST BEIRUT POPULACE. ITS PERFORMANCE SO FAR HAS BEEN SATISFACTORY. THE IDF HAS DIVIDED WEST BEIRUT INTO FIVE SECTORS AND INTENDS TO METHODICALLY HAND OVER TO THE LAF AT LEAST ONE SECTOR EACH DAY. ISRAELI FORCES ARE REMOVING A VAST ARRAY OF WEAPONS -- REPORTEDLY INCLUDING 130-MM HOWITZERS, DISABLED TANKS, RPG'S, AND SMALL ARMS DISCOVERED IN SEVERAL ARMS CACHES. NUMEROUS ISRAELI TRUCKS FILLED WITH CONFISCATED WEAPONS HAVE BEEN SEEN MOVING

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MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

SOUTH TOWARD ISRAEL. THE IDF INTENDS TO COMPLETE ITS OPERATIONS AND WITHDRAWAL FROM WEST BEIRUT BY 26 SEPTEMBER.

3. ~~(C/NOPORN)~~ ELSEWHERE IN LEBANON, TEL AVIV CLAIMS THAT SYRIAN AND PLO FORCES AGAIN VIOLATED THE CEASE-FIRE IN THE BEKAA VALLEY ON THE 21ST, WHEN THEY FIRED RPG'S AND SMALL ARMS AT ISRAELI POSITIONS. NO IDF CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED.

4. ~~(C/NOPORN)~~ COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE LAF IS ASSUMING POSITIONS VACATED BY ISRAELI TROOPS IN WEST BEIRUT, THE WITHDRAWAL IS NOT GOING AS QUICKLY AS THE LEBANESE BELIEVE IT SHOULD. THE IDF CLAIMS ITS SLUGGISHNESS IS DUE TO THE DIFFICULTY OF SHIPPING OUT THE LARGE STOCKS OF CONFISCATED MATERIEL. HOWEVER, THE LAF ARGUES THAT THE ISRAELIS ARE STALLING FOR MORE TIME TO ROUND UP PERSONS ON THEIR "WANTED LIST."

PREPARED BY:

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TAC/INYC, NAVEUR/N-2, 6THFLT/N-2
SUBJECT: [Redacted] 25x1 ISRAEL/LEBANON/SYRIA/USE OF BEIRUT
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT/(U)

THIS IS AN INFO REPORT NOT FINALLY EVALUATED INTEL

1. (U) CTRY: ISRAEL (IS) LEBANON (LE) SYRIA (SY)
2. (U) REPORT NUMBER: [Redacted] 25x1
3. (U) TITLE: USE OF BEIRUT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
4. (U) DATE OF INFO: 820923
5. (U) ORIG: [Redacted] 25x1
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8. (C/NF) SUMMARY: IN THE COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS WITH PREP
OFF ON EVENING OF 22 SEP, IDF CHIEF OF STAFF RAFAEL EITAN
COMMENTED ON THE USE OF BEIRUT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (BIA).
EITAN STATED THAT THE IDF HAD REPAIRED "ALL THE RUNWAYS"
OF BIA AND THAT THERE IS NO REASON WHY BIA COULD NOT RESUME
ROUTINE OPERATIONS IMMEDIATELY. ACCORDING TO EITAN THE IDF

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HAS BEEN USING RUNWAY 30-210 FOR ITS FLIGHTS AND IDF PERSONNEL OCCUPY AIRPORT FACILITIES ONLY AT THE FIRE STATION BUILDING SOUTH-EAST OF THE INTERSECTIONS OF NORTH-SOUTH AND 30-210 RUNWAYS. AN EAST-WEST SECURITY FENCE HAS BEEN BUILT ACROSS THE AIRPORT DIVIDING IT INTO NORTH AND SOUTH HALVES, BUT THAT SHOULD NOT RESTRICT AIR TRAFFIC, EITAN SAID. TURNING TO THE "POLITICS" OF RE-OPENING THE AIRPORT EITAN SAID THAT THE ISRAELI POSITION THAT A HEBREW SPEAKING IDF PERSON SHOULD BE IN THE MAIN TOWER AT BIA IS NOT INTENDED TO INTERFERE WITH NORMAL COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS BUT, RATHER, TO ASSIST. AS HE DESCRIBED IT, THE IDF PRESENCE IN THE TOWER WOULD ACTUALLY FACILITATE CONTINUOUS OPERATION OF THE AIRPORT, BY REASSURING AIRPORT AUTHORITIES THAT OPERATIONS NEED NOT BE CLOSED EVERY TIME AN ISRAELI PLANE ENTERS LEBANESE AIRSPACE. IN THE PAST, HE SAID, THE OPERATION OF THE AIRPORT CEASED EVEN WHEN ISRAELI AIRCRAFT WERE FAR FROM BEIRUT. FURTHER, EITAN SAID, IN EMERGENCIES, THE ISRAELI MAN IN BEIRUT TOWER COULD ASSIST BY INTERFACING DIRECTLY WITH THE IDF. WHEN PREP OFF POINTED OUT THAT THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT HAD REFUSED TO OPERATE THE AIRPORT AS LONG AS THERE WAS ISRAELI PRESENCE THERE, EITAN DISMISSED THIS ISSUE SUMMARILY SAYING THAT A NEW GOVERNMENT WOULD BE SEATED SHORTLY AND PERHAPS WOULD TAKE LESS PREJUDICED POSITIONS ON SOME OF THE POLITICAL ISSUES. BESIDES, HE SAID, PRIME MINISTER WAZZAN, HAD (IN TAKING A HARD LINE ON THIS ISSUE) A "PERSONAL AND POLITICAL" INTEREST IN APPLYING PRESSURE ON WEALTHY LEBANESE BUSINESSMEN WHO HAVE INTERESTS IN MIDDLE EAST AIRLINES (MEA).

9B. ORIG CMTS: 1. ~~(C/NF)~~ WHAT EITAN DESCRIBED ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF RUNWAYS FOR USE CORRESPONDS GENERALLY TO WHAT WE HAVE BEEN HEARING, BUT CANNOT VERIFY. WE HAVE ASKED THE IDF FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON OTHER AIRPORT FACILITIES SUCH AS FUEL, LIGHTING, NAV AIDS ETC.
2. ~~(C/NF)~~ WE BELIEVE THAT THE IDF HAS BEEN USING ONLY THE SOUTHERN HALF OF RUNWAY 30-210 AND KNOW THEY HAVE INSTALLED LIGHTS ON THAT PORTION. WHILE WE HAVE NO REASON NOT TO BELIEVE EITAN'S STATEMENT THAT "ALL" THE RUNWAYS ARE REPAIRED WE HAVE NOT YET DETERMINED TYPE OF REPAIRS OR WHETHER THE REPAIRS WILL BE UP TO STANDARD FOR SUSTAINED HEAVY AIRCRAFT USE.
3. ~~(C/NF)~~ WHAT REMAINED UNSAID (BUT OBVIOUS) ABOUT THE ISRAELI PROPOSAL (REQUIREMENT) TO HAVE A MAN IN BEIRUT TOWER, IS THAT HIS PRESENCE WOULD, IN EFFECT, GIVE THE IDF CONTROL OF AIRPORT OPERATIONS.
4. ~~(C/NF)~~ PREP OFF CANNOT COMMENT ON OFF-HAND REMARKS

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ABOUT WAZZAN'S ALLEGED MANIPULATION OF THE ISSUE (OF
REOPENING BIA) FOR POLITICAL OR PERSONAL REASONS RELATING
TO BUSSINESSMEN AND MEA. PERHAPS AMEMB BEIRUT CAN
COMMENT.

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1. SUMMARY:

--MENAHEM MILSON RESIGNS AS HEAD OF THE WEST BANK CIVIL
ADMINISTRATION
--SPORADIC DEMONSTRATIONS AND A GENERAL STRIKE CONTINUE
IN JERUSALEM AND THE WEST BANK ON THE THIRD DAY OF
NATIONAL MOURNING FOR MASSACRE VICTIMS
--MUSTAFA DUDIN VOICES HIS "SERIOUS DIFFERENCES OF
OPINION" WITH ARIEL SHARON OVER THE FUTURE STATUS OF THE
OCCUPIED TERRITORIES
END SUMMARY

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2. MENAHEM MILSON RESIGNS AS HEAD OF THE WEST BANK CIVIL ADMINISTRATION

--PROFESSOR MENAHEM MILSON, THE HEAD OF THE WEST BANK CIVIL ADMINISTRATION, RESIGNED HIS POST YESTERDAY FOLLOWING THE ISRAELI CABINET'S REJECTION OF CALLS FOR AN OFFICIAL JUDICIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE MASSACRE IN WEST BEIRUT. IN A LETTER SUBMITTED TO DEFENSE MINISTER ARIEL SHARON, MILSON REPORTEDLY SAID THAT IN LIGHT OF THE CABINET'S DECISION IT WOULD NOW BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO PURSUE CONTACTS WITH PALESTINIANS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES WHO ARE NOT PLO SUPPORTERS. MILSON REPORTEDLY TOLD SHARON: "MY FIGHT IS AGAINST THE PLO AND NOT AGAINST THE PALESTINIANS."

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--MILSON'S RESIGNATION FOLLOWS WEEKS OF RUMORS ABOUT A SERIOUS RIFT BETWEEN HIM AND SHARON. THE JERUSALEM POST AND THE PRO-PLO AL FAJR REPORT THAT DEFENSE MINISTRY SOURCES CLAIMED AFTER THE RESIGNATION THAT MILSON HAD OBJECTED TO "FURTHER RELAXATIONS IN POLICY" WHICH SHARON OSTENSIBLY WANTED TO INTRODUCE IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

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--MILSON IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO HIS TEACHING POST AT THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY. ASHAAB REPORTS THAT YOSEF LUNZ, CURRENTLY HEAD OF THE CIVIL ADMINISTRATION IN GAZA, HAS BEEN MENTIONED AS A LIKELY REPLACEMENT. (NOTE: WHILE MILSON'S RESIGNATION GETS PROMINENT FRONT-PAGE TREATMENT IN ALL THE ARABIC LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS, THERE IS NO EDITORIAL COMMENT.)

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3. SPORADIC DEMONSTRATIONS AND A GENERAL STRIKE CONTINUE IN JERUSALEM AND THE WEST BANK ON THE THIRD DAY OF NATIONAL MOURNING FOR MASSACRE VICTIMS

--LARGE DEMONSTRATIONS AND A NEAR TOTAL STRIKE MARKED THE THIRD DAY OF UNREST IN THE WEST BANK YESTERDAY, AS PALESTINIANS CONTINUED THEIR PROTESTS OVER LAST WEEK'S MASSACRE IN WEST BEIRUT. BALATA AND KALANDIA REFUGEE CAMPS WERE PLACED UNDER CURFEW FOLLOWING MOCK FUNERALS FOR THE MASSACRE VICTIMS, AND NUMEROUS STONE-THROWING INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED THROUGHOUT THE AREA--ALMOST ALL SHOPS AND SCHOOLS IN JERUSALEM AND THE WEST BANK WERE CLOSED AS RESIDENTS OBSERVED THE THIRD DAY OF "NATIONAL MOURNING."

--JERUSALEM'S ARABIC PRESS CONTINUES ITS HEAVY COVERAGE OF THE MASSACRE AND THE SUBSEQUENT STORM OF CRITICISM IT HAS CREATED IN ISRAEL AND AROUND THE WORLD. ALL PAPERS

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CONCEIVES ITS INDEPENDENCE IN ITS OWN WAY; THAT OF A
DOCILE SATELLITE WHICH WILL NOT ONLY SIGN THE REQUESTED
PEACE TREATY BUT WILL DO EVERYTHING REQUESTED BY ITS
POWERFUL PROTECTOR.

THESE TWO POSSIBILITIES WERE PERFECTLY INCOMPATIBLE
WITH THE VIEWS OF BECHIR GEMAYEL....HE COUNTED ON THE
U.S. TO HELP HIM RESIST THE ISRAELI PRESSURE AND THE
U.S. WAS LENDING HIM A VERY COMPLAISANT EAR....ONCE
AGAIN THE ADVANTAGES DRAWN FROM SUCH OR SUCH ATTACK BY
THE VARIOUS SIDES DO NOT PERMIT A DECISION AS TO WHO IS
RESPONSIBLE. BUT WE MUST ADMIT THAT ... THE ISRAELI
WAR GOALS MUST BE ONCE MORE RECONSIDERED.

GENERAL SHARDN, WHO CLEARLY INTENDS TO IMPOSE FAIT
ACCOMPLIS ON EVERYONE, IS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE
ASSASSINATION OF GEMAYEL TO SWEEP AWAY THE HABIB
ACCORDS AND TO 'CLEAN' WEST BEIRUT AS IF DIPLOMACY HAD
MERELY BEEN A TEMPORARY STEP IN HIS MARCH FORWARD. THE
BLOODY SETTLEMENT OF ACCOUNTS THAT HE PERMITTED IN THE
SABRA AND CHATILA CAMPS IS CLEARLY A SIGNAL ENCOURAGING
THE PALESTINIANS--ALL PALESTINIANS THIS TIME--TO LEAVE

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BEIRUT FOR THE BEKAA, SYRIA OR OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES. WILL HE PAUSE TO PROPOSE TO SYRIA NEGOTIATIONS ON A PARTITION OR WILL HE DECIDE TO CONQUER THE BEKAA TO CHASE THE PALESTINIANS AND THE SYRIANS? THE INFERNAL LOGIC PREVAILING SINCE JUNE 5 ENCOURAGES THE SECOND POSSIBILITY. WHY WOULDN'T MR. SHARON, WHO HAS SEEN SO MANY OF HIS DREAMS COME TRUE, NOT DREAM OF A SATELLITE LEBANON HEADED FOR EXAMPLE BY COMMANDANT HADDAD? . . . IN SHORT, ONE OF THE GOALS OF THE INITIATORS OF THE GALILEA OPERATION, WHICH CONSISTED OF MAKING LEBANON INTO A NEW EGYPT WITH A 'PEACE CORRIDOR' FROM CAIRO TO BEIRUT, APPEARED AMBITIOUS AND ATTRACTIVE BUT THIS OBJECTIVE TOO MUST BE REAPPRAISED: LEBANON, TOO SMALL TO PLAY THE ROLE OF EGYPT, IS GIVEN A ROLE OF SATELLITE IN THIS PLAN. THE FUTURE WILL SAY WHETHER MR. AMINE GEMAYEL WILL DISPLAY A VIGOR SIMILAR TO THAT OF HIS BROTHER, BUT THE NEW PRESIDENT WILL CERTAINLY CLASH WITH HIS PROTECTOR AND NEIGHBOR. THE FUTURE WILL TELL WHERE AND WHEN PRESIDENT REAGAN, WHO IS SAID TO BE VERY SENSITIVE TO TELEVISED IMAGES AND WHO REACTED PROPERLY TO THE HORRORS OF BEIRUT, WILL DECIDE FIRMLY TO PUT AN END TO THE DEVORING AMBITION OF HIS PROTEGES IN JERUSALEM. THE SENDING--MORE OR LESS IMPOSED UPON ISRAEL--OF MARINES TO BEIRUT IS A FIRST STEP IN THIS DIRECTION. IT MUST BE FOLLOWED BY OTHERS."

POPULAR CONSERVATIVE FRANCE-SOIR EDITORIAL ON PAGE 7 BY FOREIGN EDITOR BENOIT RAYSKI: "IS ISRAEL A STATE LIKE THE OTHERS? . . . ISRAEL IS NOT A STATE LIKE THE OTHERS BUT ONLY AS SOME OTHERS--INCREASINGLY RARE--WHICH ARE CALLED DEMOCRACIES. . . . ARE THERE MANY COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD WHERE WE WOULD SEE THE DEFENSE MINISTER ADMIT THAT HE LET ASSASSINS UNLEASH THEMSELVES ON THEIR VICTIMS? ARE THERE MANY STATES WHERE ONE HEARS THE OPPOSITION LEADER SHOUT TO THE CHIEF OF THE GOVERNMENT THAT HE HAS COVERED HIS COUNTRY WITH SHAME AND BLOOD? AND CAN WE COUNT MANY NATIONS WHERE JOURNALISTS, CONGRESSMEN, INTELLECTUELS AND MERE CITIZENS ARE SHOUTING THAT THE BLOOD OF THE MASSACRED PALESTINIANS IS STRANGLING THEM? NO, THERE ARE NOT MANY OF THESE NATIONS. BUT ISRAEL IS ONE OF THEM WITH ITS QUALITIES AND IT FAULTS. . . ."

CONSERVATIVE FIGARO/AUDRE EDITORIAL BY FOREIGN EDITOR SERGE MAFFERT: ". . . DISCOUNTING ACTIONS WHICH CAN BE JUSTIFIED BY IMMEDIATE SECURITY IMPERATIVES, IS IT

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POSSIBLE THAT ISRAEL MIGHT BECOME A STATE WHICH
INTERVENES PERMANENTLY OUTSIDE OF ITS BORDERS?....
ISRAEL AND ITS ARMY ARE ENGAGED IN A QUIGMIRE WHICH
THEY CANNOT LEAVE WITHOUT MORAL WOUNDS. IF WE CAN MAKE

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F) ALL MEDIA GIVE HEAVY PLAY TO STATEMENTS IN THE KNESSET DEBATE YESTERDAY BY BEGIN AND SHARON. THE PRIME MINISTER CHARGED THAT LABOR "USED THE BEIRUT TRAGEDY TO FURTHER ITS POLITICAL ENDS." SHARON ARGUED THAT "ISRAEL HAS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO DO WITH THE INCIDENT WHICH COULD NOT HAVE BEEN FORESEEN." SHARON ALSO SINGLED OUT FOR SPECIAL TREATMENT THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION, CHARGING THAT WASHINGTON WANTED HIM OUT OF THE WAY BECAUSE THEY WANTED JERUSALEM AND THE WEST BANK. FORTUNATELY, ADDED THE DEFMIN., "THE U.S. DOES NOT APPOINT OR FIRE ISRAELI MINISTERS OR GOVERNMENTS. THIS IS JERUSALEM AND NOT SAIGON," THUNDERED SHARON.

G) A MAARIV EDITORIAL POINTS OUT THAT "THE GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY WON A VOTE BUT EMERGED FROM THE BATTLE BRUISED AND IN BAD SHAPE...."

H) POLITICAL WRITERS OFFER A GREAT DEAL OF SPECULATIONS ON THE FATE OF THE BEGIN GOVERNMENT, FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION YESTERDAY OF ENERGY MINISTER BERMAN AND REPORTED CONTACTS AMONG VARIOUS POLITICAL FACTIONS (INCLUDING FORMER DEFMIN WEIZMAN) AIMED AT FURMING A NEW, "CENTRIST" PARTY AND/OR A NEW COALITION GOVERNMENT WITHOUT BEGIN. THE OPINION OF LEADING POLITICAL ANALYSTS IS THAT "A CABINET CRISIS HAS BEEN AVERTED - BUT ONLY FOR A WHILF" (ISRAEL TV.)

I) ONE CABINET MINISTER IS REPORTED BY MAARIV TO HAVE CAST DOUBT ON BEGIN'S PLEDGE TO THE NRP TO UNDERTAKE "WITHIN A COUPLE OF WEEKS A CREDIBLE INVESTIGATION" INTO THE BEIRUT TRAGEDY. BEGIN IS SIMPLY WAITING FOR THE STORM

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TO SUBSIDE, THE MINISTER REPORTEDLY SAID.

J) TWO APPEALS BY PRIVATE CITIZENS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, TO ORDER BEGIN TO APPOINT A JUDICIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY. (HA'ARETZ.)

K) A YEDIDOT EDITORIAL PREDICTS THAT "BEGIN MIGHT BE FORCED TO CALL EARLY ELECTIONS."

3. THE VIEW FROM THE U.S.

A) ALL MEDIA ABOUND WITH REPORTS ON STRONGLY-WORDED STATEMENTS AGAINST THE GOI, ISSUED ON CAPITOL HILL. SINGLED OUT FOR SPECIAL ATTENTION IS SEN. CRANSTON'S OPEN LETTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

B) HA'ARETZ FRONTPAGES TWO STORIES BY CORR. GIDEON SAMET, ONE TELLING ABOUT "HARSH CRITICISM IN THE U.S. OVER ISRAEL'S REFUSAL TO APPOINT A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY." PAPER QUOTES COLUMNIST JAMES RESTON'S OP-ED PIECE ON THE ISSUE. THE OTHER STORY SAYS THAT "THE ADMINISTRATION IS ACTING TO PERSUADE CONGRESS NOT TO INCREASE ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL." CORR. SAMET SAYS THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE NICHOLAS VELIOTES WAS DOING THAT YESTERDAY IN A CLOSED APPEARANCE BEFORE A CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE.

G) MAARIV CORR. RAFAEL MANN REPORTS IN A FRONTPAGE STORY THAT "ISRAEL'S PRESTIGE ON THE HILL YESTERDAY HIT AN UNPRECEDENTED LOW."

H) AL-HAMISHMAR FEATURES INTERVIEW WITH FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY HAROLD SAUNDERS, TITLED "U.S.-ISRAEL RELATIONS ARE AT A BREAKING POINT."

4. "UNPRECEDENTED UNREST" AMONG ISRAELI ARABS:

A) ISRAEL TV DESCRIBED YESTERDAY'S DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE ARAB SECTOR AS "ONE OF THE MOST SERIOUS OUTBURSTS OF ARAB NATIONALISTIC FEELINGS IN ISRAEL'S HISTORY. AN ERUPTION OF HATRED AND FURY NEVER SEEN BEFORE."

B) DAVAR REPORTS ON "BLACK SMOKE OVER NAZARETH," WHERE 49 RESIDENTS AND 38 POLICEMEN HAVE BEEN WOUNDED IN A SPATE OF VIOLENT DEMONSTRATIONS. POLICE HAD TO USE GUNS TO QUELL THE RIOTS.

5. AMB. HABIB:

A) MAJOR DAILIES REPORT ON THE ARRIVAL TODAY IN ISRAEL OF AMB. HABIB, FOR TALKS ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI AND OTHER TROOPS FROM LEBANON.

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8) HA'ARETZ POLITICAL CORR. REPORTS THAT "ACCORDING TO RELIABLE POLITICAL SOURCES, HABIB CARRIES PRESIDENT REAGAN'S INSTRUCTIONS THAT ISRAEL MUST MAKE AN EARLY 'SIGNIFICANT WITHDRAWAL' FROM THE ENTIRE BEIRUT AREA." THE HA'ARETZ CORR. ADDS THAT ISRAEL MIGHT NOT MIND THAT AS LONG AS THE MOVE IS NOT DESCRIBED AS AN "AMERICAN DICTATE."

6. HEAD OF WEST BANK CIVIL ADMINISTRATION RESIGNS: ALL MEDIA REPORT ON THE RESIGNATION YESTERDAY OF PROF. MENAHEM MILSON, "OVER CABINET REFUSAL TO APPOINT A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY ON THE BEIRUT MASSACRE." THE REAL REASON, SAY POLITICAL WRITERS, IS SHARON-MILSON DISAGREEMENT OVER HOW TO RUN THE ADMINISTRATION. MILSON IS SAID TO BE AGAINST A MORE RELAXED POLICY IN THE TERRITORIES, ADVOCATED BY SHARON.

7. MAARIV AND HA'ARETZ REPORT THAT CABINET MINISTER YOSEF BURG YESTERDAY TOLD HIS KNESSET NRP FACTION THAT ONE OF THE REASONS WHICH HAD MADE HIM DECIDE TO BACK THE GOVERNMENT WAS "RECENT INQUIRIES BY THE U.S. EMBASSY, AS TO WHETHER THE NRP WOULD HELP BRING DOWN THE CABINET."

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LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BEIRUT 6498
E.O. 12356:N/A

TAGS: PINS, PINT, MILI, LE, IS, PLU, IT, FR
SUBJECT: DETONATION OF MUNITIONS DUMP
1. AT 0940 LOCAL, SEPTEMBER 23, A VERY LARGE STOCK OF MUNITIONS, WHICH HAD BEEN GATHERED BY LAF FROM CACHES DISCOVERED DURING ITS SWEEP OF AREAS OF WEST BEIRUT, DETONATED, PRODUCING A SPECTACULAR SERIES OF EXPLOSIONS AND COOKED-OFF ROCKET ROUNDS RAINING DOWN ON THE CITY FOR A RADIUS OF FOUR MILES. THESE MUNITIONS WERE STORED TEMPORARILY IN THE RAILROAD YARD SOUTHEAST OF THE CITY IN QASK AL-ADL (EAST BEIRUT).
2. LAF OFFICERS WHO WERE PRESENT IN THE RESIDENCE FOR A COORDINATION MEETING ON THE MNF, REPORTED THAT THREE LAF OFFICERS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS STORAGE AREA AND A YUGOSLAV MUNITIONS EXPERT WERE IN ALL LIKELIHOOD PRESENT ANDD PRESUMABLY LOST. THERE ARE ALMOST SURELY CIVILIAN CASUALTIES IN AREA BUT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE ESTIMATE AT THIS STAGE.
3. LOCAL RADIO STATIONS HAVE ADVISED INHABITANTS TO STAY INDOORS. RESIDENTS OF THE IMMEDIATELY AFFECTED AREA HAVE BEEN ADVISED TO GO TO SHELTERS. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THERE WILL BE FURTHER DETONATIONS AND

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COOK-OFFS OF ROCKET ROUNDS FOR THE NEXT THREE HOURS.
4. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE INAUGURATION OF
PRESIDENT AMIN GEMAYEL IS SCHEDULED AT 1100, THERE IS
WIDESPREAD DISBELIEF THAT THIS EVENT WAS ACCIDENTAL.

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E.O. 12356: DECL 9/23/88

TAGS: AFMR PDIP OGEN

SUBJECT: BEIRUT CRISIS - TELEGRAPHIC TRAFFIC WITH BEIRUT
REF: STATE 208509; STATE 225705; STATE 183038; STATE 18048

1. EVEN THOUGH WE ARE HANDLING TRAFFIC AT AN ACCELERATED RATE,
WE FIND THAT WE ARE STILL RECEIVING TRAFFIC THAT SHOULD BE
FFRST SCREENED BY THE DEPT. AND THEN FORWARDED TO US,
IF NECESSAR.

2. JUST THIS MORNING WE WERE INFORMED THAT WE ARE AT LEAST EIGHT
HOURS BEHING FOR INCOMING TRAFFIC.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IF IF THE DEPT. WOULD AGAIN INFORM
POSTS AND PARTICULARLY MILITARY POSTS, THAT WE ARE STIL
ON MINIMIZE AND ARE NOT FULLY OPRATIIONAL.

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PGM/FN, NEA; BEIRUT ROME AND JERUSALEM FOR VOA; VOA
NEWS/CA. AMEMBASSY BEIRUT PASS AMBS, HABIB AND DRAPER.
E.O. 12065 N/A
SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION/PRESS REVIEW, SEPT. 23, 1982

1. HIGHLIGHTS:
- EDITORIAL OPINION AND COMMENTARIES FOCUS ON YESTERDAY'S KNESSET DEBATE. HAARETZ EDITORIAL STATES, "THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN SAVED, BUT (NATIONAL) DISTRESS CONTINUES." THE PAPER CHARGES THAT YESTERDAY'S SPEECHES BY P.M. BEGIN AND DEFMIN SHARON WERE "AN AMAZING CUMBINATION OF HYPOCRISY AND INSENSITIVITY."
 - DAVAR SAYS THAT "NEVER IN ISRAEL'S HISTORY HAS THE STATE BEEN HELD IN SUCH LOW ESTEEM..." JERUSALEM POST EDITORIAL AND SAYS BEGIN "IS DIGGING INTO HIS BUNKER...LIKE THE U.S. IN THE LONG AGONY OF WATERGATE, ISRAEL WILL FIND RELIEF FROM ITS PRESENT CRISIS AND PRESENT DANGER ONLY WHEN (BEGIN) RESIGNS."
 - NATIONALIST (RIGHTIST) COLUMNIST ISRAEL ELAD, IN HAARETZ, CRITICIZES THE "CIVILIZED WORLD" FOR NOT SAYING ANYTHING ABOUT LEBANON'S ELECTING "AS PRESIDENT THE ACTING LEADER OF THE PERPETRATORS OF THE KILLINGS..."
 - MAARIV WASHINGTON CORR. WRITES THAT "ISRAEL'S PRESTIGE ON THE HILL YESTERDAY HIT AN UNPRECEDENTED LOW." AL-HAMISHMAR'S EDITOR INTERVIEWS FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY HAROLD SAUNDERS AND TITLES IT "U.S.-ISRAEL RELATIONS ARE AT A BREAKING POINT."
 - ISRAEL TV CALLED YESTERDAY'S VIOLENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN

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ISRAEL'S ARAB AREA, "ONE OF THE MOST SERIOUS OUTBURSTS OF ARAB NATIONALISTIC FEELINGS IN ISRAEL'S HISTORY... AN ERUPTION OF HATRED AND FURY NEVER SEEN BEFORE."

-- MAARIV AND HAARETZ REPORT THAT NRP LEADER YUSEF BURG TOLD HIS FACTION THAT ONE REASON HE DECIDED TO STAY WITH THE GOVERNMENT IS "RECENT INQUIRIES BY THE U.S. EMBASSY, WHETHER THE NRP WOULD HELP TOPPLE THE CABINET."

END HIGHLIGHTS.

2. KNESSET SAYS 'NO' TO STATE INQUIRY AND TO WEST BEIRUT DEBATE:

A) A CARTOON IN THE JERUSALEM POST SAYS THAT WHILE BEGIN WON AT THE KNESSET YESTERDAY, "THE COUNTRY LOST."

B) AN HA'ARETZ EDITORIAL OPINES THAT "THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN SAVED BUT (NATIONAL) DISTRESS CONTINUES." DISMISSING ANY INVESTIGATION THE CABINET MIGHT DECIDE TO UNDERTAKE IN THE FUTURE AS "INAPPROPRIATE," HA'ARETZ CHARGES THAT "IN LIGHT OF WHAT WE ALREADY KNOW ABOUT THE BEIRUT SLAUGHTER, (THE KNESSET SPEECHES OF) BEGIN AND SHARON WERE AN AMAZING COMBINATION OF HYPOCRISY AND INSENSITIVITY."

C) "THE ROOF CAVES IN" ON ISRAEL, EDITORIALIZES DAVAR. "NEVER IN ISRAEL'S HISTORY HAS IT BEEN HELD IN SUCH LOW ESTEEM BY EVEN OUR BEST FRIENDS." CITING STATEMENTS BY SEN. HENRY JACKSON AND OTHERS, DAVAR ASSEKTS THAT "THERE IS NO BASIS FOR THE OPTIMISM, VOICED BY THE ISRAELI MINISTER OF FINANCE, THAT U.S. ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL WOULD CONTINUE AS BEFORE."

D) THE JERUSALEM POST SAYS THAT "PRIME MINISTER BEGIN, LIKE RICHARD NIXON IN THE WATERGATE AFFAIR, IS DIGGING INTO HIS BUNKER. HE REFUSED TO RECOGNIZE THE REALITY AROUND HIM." EDITORIAL GOES ON TO STATE THAT "AS LONG AS THE BEGIN GOVERNMENT IS IN POWER WITHOUT CHANGE AND WITHOUT EXPIATION, ISRAEL WILL REMAIN CRIPPLED IN ITS EXTERNAL RELATIONS. EVEN THE JEWISH PEOPLE IN THE DIASPORA FEEL BETRAYED AND THREATENED...." SAYS PAPER, WHOSE FINAL CONCLUSION IS THAT "LIKE THE U.S. IN THE LONG AGONY OF WATERGATE, ISRAEL WILL FIND RELIEF FROM ITS PRESENT CRISIS AND PRESENT DANGER ONLY WHEN (BEGIN) RESIGNS."

E) NATIONALIST COLUMNIST ISRAEL ELDAD POINTS OUT IN HA'ARETZ THAT "A MERE TWO DAYS AFTER THE SLAUGHTER, LEBANON HAS ELECTED AS PRESIDENT THE ACTING LEADER OF THE PERPETRATORS OF THE KILLINGS ... AND NOBODY IN THE WHOLE CIVILIZED WORLD SAYS ANYTHING...."

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