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TAGS: SREF, SHUM, ICRC, LE, XF

SUBJECT: SABRA/SHATILA, SEPTEMBER 23

1. ~~(ENTIRE TEXT)~~
2. ICRC CONCLUDED ITS EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY VICTIMS FROM THE SABRA/SHATILA MASSACRE SINCE ADVANCED STATE OF DECOMPOSITION MAKES RECOGNITION OF CORPSES IMPOSSIBLE. ICRC'S COUNT OF BODIES AS OF THIS AFTERNOON WAS 293, LESS THAN HALF OF WHOM HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED.
3. SEARCHH FOR BODIES AND CLEARING OF DEBRIS WILL CONTINUE A COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF PRIMIN CHAFIC AL-WAZZAN (IT IS CHAIRED BY LAF BRIGADIER KURAYTIM) WHICH INCLUDES REPRESENTATIVES FROM UNWRA, ICRC, USAID, LEBANESE CIVIL DEFENSE AND THE LAF. THE HARIRI CONSTRUCTION GROUP, WHICH IS UNDERTAKING A CLEAN-UP OF WEST BEIRUT, HAS ALSO VOLUNTEERED ITS EQUIPMENT FOR SABRA/SHATILA. THE ON-GOING PROBLEM IS THE NUMBER OF MINES AND OTHER ORDNANCE IN THE CAMP. ONE HARIRI EMPLOYEE HAS BEEN INJURED AND SOME EQUIPMENT DAMAGED IN EXPLOSIONS THUS FAR.
4. POLOFF DROVE THROUGH SABRA/SHATILA LATE THIS AFTERNOON. HEAVY STENCH IN THE SOUTHWEST AREA OF THE CAMP MAKES IT CLEAR THAT THERE ARE STILL A NUMBER OF BODIES UNDER THE RUBBLE. THIS SECTION IS VIRTUALLY DESERTED, BUT LIFE APPEARS TO BE RETURNING TO THE STREETS FARTHER NORTH. ICRC HAS PLACED THE GAZA HOSPITAL UNDER ITS PROTECTION, AND IT

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IS EXPECTED TO OPEN FOR AT LEAST LIMITED SERVICES ON SEPT 24, LESS THAN A WEEK AFTER IT CLOSED IN THE WAKE OF THE MASSACRE. STAFF WILL CONSIST OF ICRC, PALESTINE RED CRESCENT SOCIETY, AND MIDDLE EAST COUNCIL OF CHURCHES VOLUNTEERS. SHORTAGE OF STAFF PREVENTS ICRC FROM OPENING AKKA HOSPITAL AT THIS TIME.

5. EXTENSIVE LAF PRESENCE IN CAMP THAT WE OBSERVED ON SEPT 21 HAS DIMINISHED DRASTICALLY. EXCEPT FOR A HANDFULL OF SOLDIERS AT THE SOUTHERN ENTRANCE, NO TROOPS ARE VISIBLE FOR ALMOST A MILE INTO THE CAMP AND THERE ONLY A FEW. APC'S AND OTHER VEHICLES HAVE ALSO BEEN REMOVED. DILLON

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JERUSALEM PLEASE PASS TO HABIB

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR

TAGS: MOPS, MILI, SY, LE, IS, IT

SUBJECT: HABIB/DRAPER MISSION; POSSIBLE STOP IN ROME

REF: BEIRUT 6525

FROM REFTEL WE GATHER THAT AMBASSADOR HABIB MAY BE RETURNING TO WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK. WE BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE HIGHLY ADVISABLE, AND IT CERTAINLY WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT, IF HE COULD STOP IN ROME TO SEE ITALIAN OFFICIALS ON HIS WAY WESTWARD. COLOMBO WILL BE AT THE UNGA, BUT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY WISH TO RECEIVE HABIB AT A HIGH LEVEL.

MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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RUEHJI/AMEMBASSY JIDDA IMMEDIATE 5048  
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FOR AMBASSADORS HABIB AND DRAPER  
E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR

TAGS: MOPS, MILI, SY, LE, IS

SUBJECT: HABIB/DRAPER MISSION: SYRIAN VISIT

REF: (A) BEIRUT 6525, (B) JERUSALEM 2944, (C) AMMAN 8076

1. SUMMARY: ON THURSDAY EVENING, WE PASSED TO THE PRESIDENCY AMBASSADOR HABIB'S REQUEST FOR A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT ASSAD, BUT AS OF 1130 LOCAL TIME FRIDAY WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ASSAD'S REPLY. END SUMMARY.

2. AT 2015 HOURS SEPTEMBER 23, SHURTLYRFTER RECEIVING REF A, CHARGE MET WITH SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR SABAH QABBANI (QADDUR WAS THEN AT THE AIRPORT SEEING VISITORS OFF) TO PRESENT AMBASSADOR HABIB'S REQUEST TO SEE PRESIDENT ASSAD. CHARGE EXPLAINED THAT HABIB WAS REQUESTING A MEETING DESPITE FACT THAT ASSAD IS ON VACATION, BECAUSE IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR HABIB TO BE ABLE TO REPORT FULLY AND ACCURATELY TO PRESIDENT REAGAN ON THE PRESENT SYRIAN POSITION. CHARGE SAID THAT AS OF THURSDAY EVENING THE TIME FOR HABIB'S VISIT WAS NOT YET FIRM, BUT WOULD PRUBABLY BE IN MONDAY-TUESDAY PERIOD.

3. QABBANI TOOK CAREFUL NOTES AND PROMISED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH PRESIDENCY IMMEDIATELY WITH THIS REQUEST, AND TO GIVE US THE PRESIDENT'S REPLY ASAP.

4. CHARGE CONTACTED QABBANI AGAIN AT 0800 LUCAL TIME SEPTEMBER #54 AT 0800 LOCAL TIME SEPTEMBER 24 TO ASK

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IF THE PRESIDENT HAD RESPONDED TO HABIB'S REQUEST,  
ADDING THAT HABIB IS NOW THINKING OF TIME FRAME FOR HIS  
SYRIAN VISIT BETWEEN 1000 HOURS SEPT. 27 AND 1500  
HOURS SEPT. 28. QABBANI SAID HE HAD, AS YET, NO WORD;  
HE PROMISED TO CONTACT US AS SOON AS HE HEARD FROM THE  
PRESIDENCY. AS OF 1130 FRIDAY HE HAS NOT DONE SO.

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E.O. 12356: DECL: 9/24/88

TAGS: OVIP (DRAPER, MORRIS)

SUBJ: DRAPER MISSION: WHEELS UP

1. ~~(X)~~ ENTIRE TEXT)
2. WHEELS UP/DRAPER 1235 LOCAL, SEP 24.
3. ESTIMATED ARRIVAL TIME AT BEIRUT AIRPORT 1345 LOCAL.
4. MINIMIZE EMBASSY BEIRUT CONSIDERED. GROVE

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4. THE VIEW FROM THE U.S.:

- A) UNDER THE TITLE "THE (U.S.) ADMINISTRATION VS. THE (ISRAELI) GOVERNMENT," HA'ARETZ CORR. GIDEON SAMET WRITES THAT "THE WHITE HOUSE THIS WEEK SMELLED POLITICAL BLOOD IN ISRAEL, ONLY IN ITS MOST OPTIMISTIC SCENARIOS COULD (THE U.S.) FORESEE THE CURRENT TROUBLES OF THE GOI," MENTIONING "GENEROUSLY DISTRIBUTED LEAKS" AGAINST DEFMIN SHARON BY THE U.S ADMINISTRATION, THE HA'ARETZ CORR. SAYS THAT "OFFICIAL U.S. SPOKESMEN FED THE FIRE OF ACCUSATIONS AGAINST ISRAEL ABOUT ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BEIRUT SLAUGHTER." THINGS MAY QUIET DOWN FOR A WHILE, CONCLUDES CORR. SAMET, HOWEVER, NOTHING WILL "PUT DOWN WASHINGTON'S DESIRE TO HAVE OTHER PARTNERS IN JERUSALEM."
- B) WASHINGTON CORRS. HIGHLIGHT ADDRESS BY VICE PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH TO THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB. ACCORDING TO ISRAEL RADIO CORR. SHALOM KITAL, THE THRUST OF THE VP'S SPEECH WAS "TO EASE THE STRAIN IN ISRAEL-U.S. RELATIONS." MAARIV HEADLINES THE VP'S STATEMENT THAT "THE U.S. DOES NOT INTERFERE IN ISRAEL'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS." THE JERUSALEM POST CARRIES SAME HEADLINE. AL-HAMISHMAR FOCUSES ON VP BUSH'S REMARK THAT "UNTIL CURRENT ACCUSATIONS AGAINST ISRAEL ARE LAID TO REST, 'THERE WILL BE A CLOUD' HANGING OVER U.S.-ISRAEL RELATIONS."
- C) JERUSALEM POST CORR. WOLF BLITZER WRITES AN EDITORIAL PAGE ARTICLE ON "UGLY SUSPICIONS" IN WASHINGTON THAT DEFMIN SHARON WAS "PLAYING FAST AND LOOSE WITH THE TRUTH" REGARDING THE WEST BEIRUT MASSACRE.
- D) IN ANOTHER ARTICLE, IN YEDIOT, CORR. BLITZER SAYS THAT

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MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

"IT IS UP TO ISRAEL" TO UNDO THE CURRENT CRISIS IN ITS RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. "AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION THIS TIME SIDES WITH THE PRESIDENT," EXPLAINS CORR. BLITZER. "BEGIN CAN WITHSTAND THE STORM ONLY IF HE MANAGES TO PERSUADE HIS AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THAT THINGS CAN BE STRAIGHTENED OUT. ONLY IF HE CHANGES SOME OF HIS BASIC POSITIONS ON A NUMBER OF FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES ...."

E) DAVAR WASHINGTON CORR. YOSEF PRIEL WRITES THAT "IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS, U.S. OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT ONE 'POSITIVE' VICTIM OF THE LEBANON WAR WOULD BE THE BEGIN GOVERNMENT." PRESIDENT REAGAN IS "TRULY A FRIEND OF ISRAEL," SAYS CORR. PRIEL. "BUT HE FINDS HIMSELF FIGHTING FOR ISRAEL AND AGAINST BEGIN, EVER SINCE HE MOVED INTO THE WHITE HOUSE, HE HAS ALMOST CONSTANTLY BEEN UPSET BY THE ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER...."

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E.O. 12356: DECL: OACD

TAGS: MILI, PEPR, PINT, LE, IS, PLO

SUBJECT: MISSING/PRISONERS FROM SHATILA REFUGEE CAMP

1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT)

2. ICRC HAS RECEIVED 370 COMPLETED INQUIRY FORMS FROM RESIDENTS OF SABRA/SHATILA REPORTING MISSING PERSONS, OF THESE 90 WERE LISTED AS ARRESTED AND 280 AS SIMPLY HAVING DISAPPEARED. ICRC HAS ASKED ISRAELIS FOR CONFIRMATION OF ANY INDIVIDUALS THEY ARE HOLDING, AND EXPECTS THAT SOME WILL SURFACE IN THE ANSAR PRISON CAMP OR ISRAEL--IF THE IDF TOOK THEM IN THE FIRST PLACE. IN MOST CASES, FAMILY MEMBERS IDENTIFIED CAPTORS AS MILITIAMEN(EITHER HADDAD OR PHALANGE). ICRC FEARS THAT MANY OF THE MISSING MAY BE UNIDENTIFIED OR UNLOCATED VICTIMS OF THE MASSACRE. DILLON

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 1. SUMMARY:  
 AMIN GEMAYEL INAUGURATION REPORTED WITH EMPHASIS ON  
 HIS CALL FOR A UNITED, ARAB LEBANON.  
 AMBASSADOR HABIB RETURNS TO AREA BEARING WHAT AL  
 FAJR CALLS A "NEW PLAN" FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL.  
 FREIJ SAYS THERE NEVER HAS BEEN A CIVIL ADMINISTRATION  
 ON THE WEST BANK.  
 JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS IN U.S. DEMAND INQUIRY INTO BEIRUT.  
 GEORGE BUSH SAYS ARABS MUST RECOGNIZE ISRAEL.  
 END SUMMARY.

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2. AMIN GEMAYEL INAUGURATION REPORTED WITH EMPHASIS ON HIS CALL FOR A UNITED, ARAB LEBANON.

-- ARABIC PRESS REPORTED ON GEMAYEL INAUGURATION WITH FOCUS ON HIS SPEECH. PRO-ISRAELI AL ANBA DEVOTED MOST ITS FRONT PAGE TO STORY AND PHOTO. AL QUDS ALSO RAN PHOTO BUT SMALLER, MORE SUBDUED STORY. AL QUDS NOTED GEMAYEL'S PROMISE TO DISSOLVE THE MILITIAS. ASHAAB STRESSED HIS CALL FOR NATIONAL UNITY. BOTH PAPERS NOTED HIS SUPPORT FROM BOTH MUSLIM AND CHRISTIAN FACTIONS AND HIS DESIRE TO INSURE LEBANON REMAINED PART OF THE ARAB WORLD.

3. AMBASSADOR HABIB RETURNS TO THE AREA.

-- AL FAJR BANNERED "HABIB CARRIES NEW PLAN" TO ATTAIN ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM BEIRUT. AL QUDS REPORTS THAT HABIB TOLD GEMAYEL THAT THERE IS A "SPECIAL AMERICAN PLAN FOR LEBANON" TO HELP REGAIN ITS SOVEREIGNTY. AL ANBA AND ASHAAB CONFINED THEMSELVES TO FACTUAL ACCOUNTS.

4. FREIJ SAYS THERE NEVER HAS BEEN A CIVIL ADMINISTRATION ON THE WEST BANK.

-- COMMENTING ON MILSON'S RESIGNATION, BETHLEHEM MAYOR ELIAS FREIJ TOLD AL ANBA THAT THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A CIVIL ADMINISTRATION ON THE WEST BANK. FREIJ SAID THAT "IN REALITY, THE RULE THAT GOVERNS THE WEST BANK IS PURELY MILITARY." THIS VIEW IS BALANCED BY THE AL QUDS REPORT THAT THE ISRAELI SETTLER COUNCILS ON THE WEST BANK HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR VIEW THAT MILSON'S RESIGNATION REFLECTS THE FAILURE OF THE SHARON POLICY OF DEVELOPING ARAB LEADERSHIP. THE SETTLERS GO ON TO CLAIM THAT THE ONLY SOLUTION IS TO ANNEX THE WEST BANK OUTRIGHT.

5. JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS IN U.S. DEMAND INQUIRY INTO BEIRUT.

-- AL QUDS FRONTPAGED PROMINENT STORY ON THE DEMAND BY FOUR MAJOR AMERICAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE, FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INVESTIGATORY COMMITTEE BY THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT. IN A RELATED STORY ASHAAB REPORTED ON A JERUSALEM PEACE NOW DEMONSTRATION LAST NIGHT WHICH ALSO DEMANDED THE SETTING UP OF A  
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6. GEORGE BUSH SAYS ARABS MUST RECOGNIZE ISRAEL,  
AL ANBA, AL FAJR AND AL QUDS ALL REPORTED VICE  
PRESIDENT BUSH'S REMARKS ON THE MID EAST. ONLY AL  
QUDS GAVE AS MUCH PROMINENCE TO HIS CALL FOR ISRAEL  
TO RECOGNIZE THE DENIAL OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS  
AS TO HIS REAFFIRMATION OF ISRAEL SECURITY COMMITMENTS.

7. EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

AL QUDS AND ASHAAB DEVOTED THEMSELVES TO GEMAYEL'S  
DUTY TO REBUILD TRUST BETWEEN THE VARIOUS COMMUNITIES.  
AL QUDS CALLED ON HIM TO REMOVE "THE SCAR OF SHAME"  
FROM THE FOREHEADS OF THE PHALANGISTS. ASHAAB  
CALLED ON HIM TO CHOOSE BUILDING THE DEMOCRATIC  
UNITY OF LEBANON OVER THE RETURN OF THE SECTARIAN  
MINI-STATES.

AL FAJR RAN THE WORDS "WE APOLOGIZE" SHOWING THEIR  
EDITORIAL WAS CENSURED IN FULL YET AGAIN.

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8. ALSO REPORTED:

- ASHAAB BANNERED THE DEMANDS OF THE PLO, MUSCOW AND VIENNA FOR UN SECURITY COUNCIL TO INVESTIGATE THE BEIRUT MASSACRES.
- AL QUDS CLAIMED FRENCH MNF TROOPS HAD TO DELAY THEIR ARRIVAL AFTER ISRAEL FORCES DID NOT COMPLETE THEIR PROMISED WITHDRAWAL.
- JERUSALEM'S ISLAMIC COUNCIL CANCELLED EID AL ADHA CELEBRATIONS IN MEMORY OF THE BEIRUT VICTIMS.
- UNRWA SIT-IN CONTINUES OVER ELIMINATION OF FOOD RATIONS FOR MOST REFUGEES.
- ARABS OF TULKARIM PROTEST BEIRUT. MAYOR HANNOUN AFFIRMS THE UNITY OF ALL PALESTINIANS. STRIKE CLOSES ALL SHOPS ON AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 23.
- VILLAGE LEAGUES HOLD MEETING IN RAMALLAH TO CELEBRATE EID BY DISTRIBUTING REUNIFICATION OF AMIL FAMILY PERMITS. IN PARALLEL DEVELOPMENT SEVERAL DOZEN ARAB PRISONERS RELEASED ON OCCASION OF EID.
- THE WEST BANK-JORDAN BRIDGE CROSSINGS WILL CLOSE DOWN FOR NEXT FEW DAYS IN HONOR OF YOM KIPPUR AND EID AL ADHA.

9. WORTH NOTING:

PRO-ISRAELI AL ANBA REPORTS THAT THE JERUSALEM MUNICIPALITY HAS REFUSED MEIR KAHANE'S KACH MOVEMENT PERMISSION TO PLACE ITS PUSTERS PRAISING THE SABRA AND SHATILA MASSACRES ON MUNICIPAL BILLBOARDS. THE MUNICIPALITY, WHICH BANNED THE POSTERS BECAUSE THEY WOULD "HURT THE FEELINGS OF ARAB CITIZENS AND INCITE SECTARIAN TENSIONS," HAS BEEN SERVED WITH A SHOW CAUSE ORDER BY KACH. KACH MEMBERS REPORTEDLY DEMONSTRATED OUTSIDE KNESSET RECENTLY IN SUPPORT OF BEIRUT MASSACKES. GRUVE

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2. U.S. ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL:

A) WASHINGTON CORR. REPORT ON A CONGRESSIONAL DECISION  
YESTERDAY "TO FREEZE U.S. ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL AT ITS  
CURRENT LEVEL."

B) ISRAEL RADIO WASH. CORR. SHALOM KITAL SAID THIS  
EORNING THAT IN LIGHT OF ISRAEL'S POOR STANDING IN THE  
U.S., THAT DECISION WAS "THE LESSER OF TWO EVILS."

C) CORR. AVI TEMKIN ARGUES IN THE JERUSALEM POST THAT  
"IN THE SHORT TERM, TALK OF U.S. ECONOMIC PRESSURE ON  
ISRAEL (IS) A HOLLOW THREAT." ISRAEL IS STRONG ENOUGH,  
ECONOMICALLY, SAYS CORR. TEMKIN, AND THE U.S. IS NOT  
STRONG ENOUGH TO PRESSURE JERUSALEM TO CHANGE ITS POLICIES.  
HOWEVER, "IN THE LONG RUN, THE PICTURE IS, OF COURSE,  
COMPLETELY DIFFERENT," SAYS THE POST CORR.

3. AMB. HABIB IN JERUSALEM:

A) ALL MEDIA REPORT ON AMB. HABIB'S MEETING LAST NIGHT  
WITH DEFMIN SHARON, ON "THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS" OF THE  
DEPLOYMENT OF THE MULTINATIONAL FORCE IN BEIRUT.  
(HA'ARETZ.)

B) HA'ARETZ POLITICAL CORR. YEHUDA LITANI ADDS THAT AT  
AMB. HABIB'S MEETING TODAY WITH PRIME MINISTER BEGIN,

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THE U.S. SPECIAL ENVOY WILL BRING UP "PRESIDENT REAGAN'S REQUEST FOR A GENERAL AND PROMPT ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL SECTIONS OF THE CITY." THE U.S. IS NOT LIKELY TO AGREE THAT ISRAEL WOULD BE ALLOWED TO KEEP SOME "STRATEGIC POINTS" IN THE CITY.

C) MAARIV CORR. YOSEF WAXMAN REPORTS THAT IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT THE PLO HAD "CHEATED" ISRAEL, BY LEAVING BEHIND IN BEIRUT SOME 2,000 MEN AND LARGE QUANTITIES OF ARMS, "JERUSALEM WILL THIS TIME BE VERY CAREFUL IN THE TALKS. IT WILL ASK FOR CONCRETE PROMISES AND SUPERVISORY CAPABILITIES, IN ORDER NOT TO BE CHEATED AGAIN."

3. U.S. EMBASSY DENIES "INTERFERENCE" IN ISRAELI POLITICS:

A) ISRAEL TV AND RADIO, AS WELL AS HA'ARETZ CARRY THE DENIAL OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN TEL AVIV OF REPORTS THAT IT WAS "INTERFERING" IN ISRAELI POLITICS. FOLLOWING MINISTER BURG'S REPORTED REMARKS IN HA'ARETZ AND MAARIV, THE EMBASSY SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE U.S. NEVER INTERFERED AND DOES NOT INTERFERE IN ISRAEL'S DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.

B) MEANWHILE, MINISTER BURG HIMSELF PLAYED DOWN PRESS REPORTS ABOUT HIS REMARKS. HE TOLD IDF RADIO THAT REGARDLESS OF THE NATURE OF THE INCIDENT, HE FELT THAT "IT WAS THE JOB" OF ANY EMBASSY OFFICIALS TO FIND OUT WHAT WAS GOING ON IN THEIR HOST COUNTRIES.

4. LABOR MK "PROTESTS" U.S. EMBASSY'S "INTERFERENCE."

A) ISRAEL RADIO, HA'ARETZ AND MAARIV REPORT THAT LABOR MK UZI BARAM YESTERDAY CABLED AMB. LEWIS HIS "ACCUSATION THAT THE AMB. WAS INTERFERING IN ISRAEL'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS." BARAM IS SAID TO HAVE REFERRED TO YEDIOT'S ROSH-HASHANA INTERVIEW WITH AMB. LEWIS, IN WHICH, BARAM IS SAID TO HAVE NOTED, "THE AMB. CALLED PRIME MINISTER BEGIN A UNIQUE LEADER IN THIS GENERATION."

5. MORE ON THE BEIRUT CRISIS:

A) ISRAEL RADIO IS REPORTING ON ITS NOON NEWSCAST ON A DAY OF FAST IN KIBBUTZ MA'AGAN MICHAEL, IN PROTEST AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT'S HANDLING OF THE BEIRUT CRISIS.

B) DAVAR REPORTS THAT JERUSALEM MAYOR TEDDY KOLLEK HAS RECENTLY BEEN INFORMED BY BIG JEWISH CONTRIBUTORS THAT "DOWING TO THE LEBANON SLAUGHTER," THEY CAN NOT KEEP UP THEIR PRACTICE.

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