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 DE RUEHC #3040/01 1650045
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 Z 140045Z JUN 82 ZFF4
 FM SECSTATE WASHDC
 TO RUEHTV/AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV FLASH 9484
 RUEHJM/AMCONSUL JERUSALEM FLASH 3270
 RUQMBE/AMEMBASSY BEIRUT FLASH 1172
 RUEADWW/ WHITE HOUSE FLASH 7722
 BT
~~SECRET~~ SECTION 01 OF 02 STATE 163040
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 FOR HABIB
 E.O. 12065: RDS-3, 6/13/02 (EAGLEBURGER, LAWRENCE)
 TAGS: MUPS, MARR, LE, IS, PLO, XF
 SUBJECT: HABIB MISSION INSTRUCTIONS
 REF: STATE 163009

1. ~~(SECRET)~~ - ENTIRE TEXT)
2. YOUR INSTRUCTIONS REMAIN AS STATED IN PARAS 1-5 REFTEL.
3. IT IS TOO EARLY TO MAKE DECISION AS TO WHETHER YOU SHOULD BE RECALLED HERE FOR CONSULTATIONS. WE STILL BELIEVE YOU SHOULD GO TO BEIRUT AS SOON AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT, RECOGNIZING THAT IT IS NOW UP TO THE ISRAELIS TO CREATE THE CONDITIONS TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR YOUR MEETING TO BE PRODUCTIVE ALONG LINES DESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY TO ARENS AS STATED BELOW.
4. THE SECRETARY WANTS YOU TOMORROW (JUNE 14) IN JERUSALEM TO SEE BEGIN FOR A GOOD DISCUSSION OF OUR OVERALL POLICY OBJECTIVES SO THAT WE MAY HAVE A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING THAN WE APPEAR TO HAVE AT PRESENT AS TO WHERE THE U.S. AND ISRAEL MAY OR MAYNOT AGREE. YOU WILL KNOW BEST HOW TO DRAW ON THIS CABLE AND REFTEL AND HOW TO STRUCTURE YOUR DISCUSSIONS. YOU SHOULD AVOID ISRAELI ATTEMPTS TO OVERFOCUS ON PEACEKEEPING ISSUES WHICH ARE ONLY PART, ALBEIT IMPORTANT PART, OF WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. OUR OVERALL GOAL REMAINS CENTERED AROUND A NEW DEAL FOR LEBANON WITH A REVIVIFIED CENTRAL GOVERNMENT EXTENDING ITS AUTHORITY OVER ALL LEBANESE TERRITORY.
5. AFTER BEING BRIEFED ON SECURE TELCONS CONCERNING

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 BY KML NARA DATE 7/2/13

SITUATION: HABIB
SUBJECT CATEGORY: TRIP

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

YOUR SESSIONS WITH BEGIN AND HIS COLLEAGUES TODAY, THE SECRETARY TELEPHONED ARENS TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- THERE IS NO WAY THAT THE U.S. CAN ACQUIESCE IN AN ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF LEBANON LASTING FOR FIVE YEARS OR FOR ANY LENGTHY PERIOD; SHOULD ISRAEL SEEK TO DO SO, IT WILL DO SO ON ITS OWN.

-- WE DO NOT WANT TO HEAR ULTIMATUMS ABOUT UNIFIL, ETC. WE WILL WORK TO DO WHAT IS BEST AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. BOTH OPTIONS (UNIFIL AND A NON-UN MNF) ARE NEEDED.

-- "CONTRACTS" WITH TROOP CONTRIBUTORS TO A MNF ARE OUT OF THE QUESTION. WE WILL WORK TO SEE THAT ARRANGEMENTS ARE ADEQUATE FOR ISRAEL'S INTERESTS.

-- IN HABIB'S MEETINGS TOMORROW WE LOOK FOR A BROAD EXCHANGE ON THE FUTURE OF LEBANON COVERING OUR RESPECTIVE GOALS.

-- THE SECRETARY WANTS PHIL HABIB TO GO TO BEIRUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS AN INDEPENDENT CONTRIBUTOR TO THIS PROCESS. HABIB MUST BE ABLE TO SPEAK WITH LEBANESE OFFICIALS WITHOUT INTIMIDATION. IT IS ONE THING FOR ISRAEL TO MOVE TO RELIEVE SYRIAN OR PLU PRESSURE BUT QUITE ANOTHER TO CREATE THE PERCEPTION OF ISRAELI INTIMIDATION OF LEBANON'S LEGALLY INSTITUTED GOVERNMENT.

6. THE SECRETARY TOLD ARENS THAT REPORTS COMING IN NOW OF 100 PLUS IDF TANKS IN THE AREA OF LEBANON'S PRESIDENTIAL PALACE IS MIND-BOGGLING. HE ASKED ARENS FOR CLARIFICATION AND ARENS SAID HE WOULD CALL JERUSALEM RIGHT AWAY (MIDNIGHT ISRAEL TIME). IF ISRAELIS WANT THE PRIME MINISTER'S MEETINGS WITH US IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON IN THE NEXT WEEK TO GO AHEAD AS PLANNED, THIS SITUATION MUST BE CLEARED UP AT ONCE. ARENS SAID HE UNDERSTOOD.

7. ARENS CALLED BACK, HAVING AWAKENED BEGIN AFTER MIDNIGHT. ARENS SAID BEGIN DENIES ANY INTENTION OF

KEEPING THE IDF IN LEBANON FOR FIVE YEARS OR ANY LONG-TERM PERIOD NOR DO THEY INTEND TO OCCUPY BEIRUT; HE WANTS THEM OUT IN WEEKS. ON PEACEKEEPING, BEGIN SAID HE IS MAKING NO DEMANDS AND IS PREPARED TO COOPERATE. HE WILL NOT INSIST ON CONTRACTS WITH TCC'S. HE DOES NOT

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RULE OUT UNIFIL, BUT LEAVES THE DOOR OPEN FOR US TO
CREATE THE PEACEKEEPING FORCE. BEGIN SAID HE WAS AWARE
OF REPORTS OF AN ISRAELI PUSH AROUND BEIRUT BUT DISCLAIMED
THERE WERE TANKS NEAR BAABDA NOR DID HE UNDERSTAND ITS
SIGNIFICANCE. SECRETARY SAID HE UNDERSTOOD LEBANESE
ARMY PROTECTING PALACE AND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD
IDF BECOME ENGAGED WITH LAF. BEGIN AGREED.

8. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED YOUR CABLE ON YOUR MEETING
TODAY WITH BEGIN AND REALIZE AFRESH THE INCREDIBLE
SITUATION YOU ARE FACING. THE SECRETARY WANTS YOU TO
KNOW OF HIS STRONG AND CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR YOU AND
YOUR MISSION.

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SUBJECT CATEGORY: TRIP

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DE RUEHJM #1906 1650152
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U 140152Z JUN 82
FM AMCONSUL JERUSALEM
TO RUQMBA/AMEMBASSY BEIRUT NIACT IMMEDIATE 6849
INFO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2489
RUEHTV/AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV IMMEDIATE 8103
RUEHDM/AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE 5044
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L JERUSALEM 01906
EXDIS
FROM HABIB
E.O. 12005: GDS 6/14/92
TAGS: MUPS, IS, LE, XF
SUBJECT: HABIB MISSION: JUNE 14 TRAVEL
REF: STATE 163040
1. (~~6~~ - ENTIRE TEXT)
2. AS YOU CAN SEE FROM REFTEL, I MAY HAVE TO GO
TO BEIRUT AT SHORT NOTICE ON MONDAY. WHAT IS
BEST WAY TO GET THERE UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS?
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C O N F I D E N T I A L JERUSALEM 01906
EXDIS
FROM HABIB
E.O. 12005: GDS 6/14/92
TAGS: MUPS, IS, LE, XF
SUBJECT: HABIB MISSION: JUNE 14 TRAVEL
REF: STATE 163040
1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)
2. AS YOU CAN SEE FROM REFTEL, I MAY HAVE TO GO
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RUSNNOA
DE RUEHC #3045 1650228
ZNY CCCCC ZZH
U 140232Z JUN 82
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO RUEHJM/AMCONSUL JERUSALEM IMMEDIATE 3272
RUEHTV/AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV IMMEDIATE 9486
RUEHDM/AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE 0449
RUQMBE/AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE 1174
INFO RUEKJCS/ JCS WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4179
RUENAAA/CNO WASHDC
RUSNNOA/USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 163045
EXDIS
E.O. 12065: GDS 6/13/88 (HILL, CHARLES)
TAGS: OVIP, OTRA
SUBJECT: HABIB TRAVEL PLANS

1. ENTIRE TEXT - ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
2. IT APPEARS FEASIBLE TO FLY PRESIDENTIAL EMISSARY PHILIP HABIB AND HIS PARTY TO BEIRUT BY HELICOPTER. NECESSARY CONTINGENCY ARRANGEMENTS CURRENTLY BEING MADE BY DOD.
3. THE TRIP COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED USING TWO U.S. MILITARY HELICOPTERS. THE SECOND ONE WOULD CARRY U.S. PERSONNEL AND WOULD SERVE AS BACKUP FOR THE FIRST. THE HELICOPTERS COULD FLY INTO BEN GURION AIRPORT. IF WE CAN ARRANGE REFUELING AT THAT SITE, THE HELICOPTERS COULD THEN PROCEED ALONG AN OFFSHORE ROUTE WITH THE TRIP TAKING 1 1/2 TO 2 HOURS. (IF NO REFUELING IN ISRAEL IS FEASIBLE, THE COPTERS WOULD RETURN TO THE SHIP, REFUEL, AND THEN PROCEED TO BEIRUT REQUIRING 3 1/2 HOURS.) PREFERRED ROUTE OF FLIGHT TO MAXIMIZE SAFETY SHOULD BE DETERMINED BY EMBASSIES BEIRUT AND TEL AVIV.
4. WE WILL OF COURSE NEED FIRM ASSURANCES FROM ALL PARTIES THAT THE HELICOPTERS WOULD NOT BE FIRED ON. WE WILL ALSO NEED TO OBTAIN FREQUENCIES AND CALL SIGNS TO BE

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MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

USED BY THE ISRAELI AND LEBANESE AUTHORITIES. EMBASSIES
SHOULD NOT BEGIN THIS PROCESS UNTIL NOTIFIED. DOD WILL
REQUIRE CAREFUL RISK ASSESSMENT FROM EMBASSIES PRIOR TO
DECISION TO EXECUTE MISSION. MISSION CAN BE CARRIED OUT
WITHIN SIX HOURS OF DECISION TO EXECUTE. HAIG

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STU8685
OO RUEHC
DE RUQMBE #4173 1650245
ZNY CCCCC ZZH ZZK
O 140240Z JUN 82 ZFF4
FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT
TO RUEHJM/AMCONSUL JERUSALEM NIACT IMMEDIATE 7595
RUEHDM/AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS NIACT IMMEDIATE 2282
RUEHTV/AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV NIACT IMMEDIATE 1615
INFO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6957
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L BIERUT 4173

EXDIS

E.O. 12065: RDS-1,4 6/14/02 (BARRETT, ROBERT S) UR-M

TAGS: MDPS, IS, LE, XF

SUBJ: HABIB MISSION: JUNE 14 TRAVEL

1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT)

2. SURFACE TRAVEL DAMASCUS TO BEIRUT ALONG ROUTE PROPOSED BY JOHNNY ABDO STILL SEEMS BEST WAY, SUBJECT APPROVAL OF DAMASCUS, ASSURANCES FROM ISRAELIS, AND LAST MINUTE GO AHEAD FROM US PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FROM DAMASCUS. WE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH JOHNNY LATER TO GET UP TO THE MINUTE APPRECIATION. WE CONSIDER FIXED WING OR HELICOPTER FLIGHT MORE HAZARDOUS.

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TTTTT ZZ RUEHC

DE RUQMBE #4174 1650615

ZNY SSSSS ZZH

Z 140605Z JUN 82 ZFF4

FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC FLASH 6958

RUEHJM/AMCONSUL JERUSALAM FALSH 7596

RUEHDM/AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS FLASH 2283

RUEHTV/AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV FLASH 1616

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~~S E C R E T~~ BEIRUT 4174

EXDIS

E.O. 12065: RDS-1,4 6/14/88 (DILLON, ROBERT S) OR-M

TAGS: OTRA, DVIP

SUBJ: HABIB VISIT TO LEBANON

1. (ENTIRE TEXT)

2. I HAVE TALKED WITH JOHNNY ABDO WHO CHECKED WITH SARKIS AND THE PRESIDENT STILL VERY MUCH WANT HABIB TO COME TO LEBANON. JOHNNY IS WILLING TO SEND THE ESCORT TO THE BORDER AS PREVIOUSLY PLANNED IF HE IS CERTAIN THAT YOU WILL BE THERE FOR THE BURDER CROSSING. THE ESCORT WILL NOT LEAVE HERE UNTIL WE GET CONFIRMATION OF THE EXACT TIME YOU WILL BE THERE.

3. I TOLD JOHNNY TO TELL THE PRESIDENT THAT IN VIEW OF THE PRESIDENT'S STRONG WISH TO SEE HABIB, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT HABIB COME ON TO LEBANON..

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 STU8979
 UD RUEHC
 DE RUEHJM #1909 1650721
 ZNY CCCCC ZZH
 Z 140718Z JUN 82 ZFF-4
 FM AMCONSUL JERUSALEM
 TO RUEHDM/AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS FLASH 5045
 RUQMBE/AMEMBASSY BEIRUT FLASH 6850
 INFO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2490
 RUEHTV/AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV IMMEDIATE 8104
 BT
 C O N F I D E N T I A L JERUSALEM 01909
 EXDIS
 FROM HABIB
 E.O. 12065: RDS-3 06/14/02 (GROVE, JR. BRANDON) DR-M
 TAGS: OTRA
 SUBJECT: TRAVEL TO BEIRUT, ENROUTE DAMASCUS
 REF: (A) BEIRUT 4166, (B) DAMASCUS 4170, (C) BEIRUT 4174
 1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT.)
 2. PLEASE INFORM QADOUR THAT WE INTEND TO COME TO
 DAMASCUS TODAY, AND TO PROCEED BY ROAD TO BEIRUT, WE WILL
 MAKE FINAL DECISION LATER TODAY, AND ADVISE YOU BY FLASH
 CABLE EARLY THIS AFTERNON, IF ALL GOES WELL.
 3. THE BEST WAY TO BEIRUT STILL APPEARS TO BE THE ONE
 PROPOSED BY JOHNNY ABDO. WE WILL PLAN TO USE THE ROUTE
 AND PROCEDURE PROPOSED IN REF A. GROVE
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DE RUEHJM #1910 1650829

ZNY CCCCC ZZH

Z 140829Z JUN 82 ZFF-4

FM AMCONSUL JERUSALEM

TO RUEHDM/AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS FLASH 5046

RUQMBE/AMEMBASSY BEIRUT FLASH 6851

RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC FLASH 2491

RUEHTV/AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV FLASH 8105

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FROM HABIB

E.O. 12065: RDS-3 06/14/02 (GROVE, JR. BRANDON) DR-M

TAGS: OTRA

SUBJECT: HABIB TRAVEL TO BEIRUT

REF: (A) JERUSALEM 1909, (B) BEIRUT 4165

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. THIS IS TO CONFIRM THAT AMBASSADOR HABIB WILL TRAVEL TO BEIRUT TODAY, VIA DAMASCUS, AS FOLLOWS:

1045: DEPART JERUSALEM

11:30: WHEELS UP (ANTICIPATED TRAVEL TIME ONE HOUR THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES)

1305: ARRIVE DAMASCUS

HABIB STILL PLANS TO RIDE WITH KADUUR, AND EXPECTS TO BE MET BY JOINT ISF/LAF G-2 AT MASNA BORDER.

AS RECOMMENDED BY ABDU, PARTY PLANS TO PROCEED TO YARZE VIA ALTERNATE ROUTE NORTH OF MAIN BEIRUT/DAMASCUS HIGHWAY.

3. NOTE: HABIB WILL NOT REPEAT NOT PROCEED FROM DAMASCUS UNTIL EMBASSY BEIRUT CONFIRMS THAT ARRANGEMENTS ARE IN PLACE AND ADVISES HIM TO PROCEED.

4. PARTY WILL CONSIST OF HABIB AND DRAPER ONLY., (KOZAK AND WARNER WILL REMAIN IN JERUSALEM.)

5. APPROPRIATE AIRCRAFT CLEARANCE PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN INITIATED. GROVE

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 Z 140854Z JUN 82ZFF4
 FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT
 TO AMCONSUL JERUSALEM FLASH 0000
 SECSTATE WASHDC FLASH 0000
 AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS FLASH 0000
 AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV FLASH 0000
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 S E C R E T BEIRUT 4179
 EXDIS
 E.O. 12065 RDS-1, 4 6/14/02 (DILLON, ROBERT S.) OR-M
 TAGS: OTRA, OVIP
 SUBJECT: HABIB TRAVEL TO LBEANON
 1. (S-ENTIRE TEXT)
 2. IN RESPONSE TO JERUSALEM 01910, WE ARE PLANNING 1500
 MASNA'A BORDER MEET WITH ISF G-2 ESCORT. AMBASSADOR WILL
 CONTACT DAMASCUS DIRECTLY FROM YARZE OR VIA DEPARIMENT
 BY PHONE TO CONFIRM THOSE ARRANGEMENTS.
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STU1459
OO RUEHC
DE RUEHDM #4185 1650902
ZNY CCCCC ZZH
Z 140901Z JUN 82 ZFF-4
FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS
TO RUEHJM/AMCONSUL JERUSALEM FLASH 3657
RUEHTV/AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV FLASH 6081
RUQMBE/AMEMBASSY BEIRUT FLASH 0504
INFO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6749

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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 04185

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E.O. 12065: RDS-3 6/14/02 (PAGANELLI, ROBERT P.) OR-M
TAGS: OVIP (HABIB, PHILIP C.)
SUBJ: HABIB MISSION: TRAVEL TO BEIRUT VIA DAMASCUS
REF: JERUSALEM 1910 AND 1909

1. ENTIRE TEXT
2. QADDUR HAS REINSTATED ARRANGEMENTS MADE JUNE 13 FOR YOUR TRAVEL TO BEIRUT JUNE 14. HE WILL MEET AND RIDE WITH YOU TO MASNA'. I WILL ACCOMPANY AS WELL.
3. FOR BEIRUT: RSD MCWHIRTER AND POLOFF ABINGTON WILL ALSO ACCOMPANY TO MASNA'. ASSUME EMBASSY BEIRUT WILL PROVIDE SY AND EMOFF ESCORT FROM THERE. PAGANELLI

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 SECSTATE WASHDC FLASH 0000
 AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS FLASH 0000
 AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV FLASH 0000
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 S E C R E T BEIRUT 4180
 EXDIS
 E.O. 12065 RDS-1, 4 6/14/02 (DILLON, RUBERT S.) OR-M
 TAGS: OTRA, OVIP
 SUBJECT: HABIB TRAVEL TO LEBANON
 1. (S-ENTIRE TEXT)
 2. AMBASSADOR CONFIRMS ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR 1500
 MAASNA BURDER MEET. WILL PRUCEED UNLESS OTHERWISE INFORMED BY
 DAMASCUS.
 3. UNCERTAIN WHETHER EMBASSY SECURITY OFFICER WILL BE ABLE TO
 TO COME TO MAASNA. SUGGEST JIM MCWHIRTER BE PREPARED TO COME TO
 BEIRUT WITH PARTY.
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FROM HABIB AND LEWIS

E.O. 12065: RDS 1,3,4 6/14/02 (GROVE, BRANDON JR) DR-M

TAGS: MUPS, LE, SY, US, IS, PLD

SUBJECT: ISRAELI MILITARY PRESENCE IN BAABDA AREA
OF BEIRUT

1. ~~SECRET~~ -- ENTIRE TEXT.

2. DURING HABIB'S MEETING WITH BEGIN MONDAY MORNING, BEGIN ARRANGED LENGTHY TELECON FOR HABIB WITH SHARON. HABIB URGED SHARON WITH ALL POSSIBLE ARGUMENTS TO MOVE IDF TANKS AND OTHER FORCES OUT OF THE BAABDA AREA TO REMOVE PERCEPTION OF ISRAELI INTIMIDATION OF LEBANESE AUTHORITIES. HE STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF PRESERVING AND STRENGTHENING SARKIS' AUTHORITY AND NEED FOR OTHER LEBANESE LEADERS TO HAVE FREE ACCESS TO THEIR PRESIDENT WITHOUT HAVING TO PASS THROUGH ISRAELI TANKS. MOREOVER, HABIB HOPED TO GET TO BEIRUT LATER TODAY AND DID NOT WANT TO ARRIVE IN BAABDA AREA AMID A HEAVY IDF PRESENCE.

3. ULTIMATELY SHARON TOLD HABIB HE UNDERSTOOD AND WOULD ORDER IDF TANKS AND FORCES TO WITHDRAW FROM IMMEDIATE BAABDA AREA AND TO ASSURE THAT ACCESS ROADS TO PRESIDENTIAL PALACE WERE OPEN. DESPITE HABIB'S EFFORTS TO PERSUADE HIM THAT SUCH WITHDRAWAL SHOULD BE BACK SOUTHWARD, SHARON INSISTED THAT IDF WOULD WITHDRAW "EASTWARD."

4. BOTTOM LINE IS THAT SHARON SAID REPEAT SAID THE RIGHT THINGS, ACKNOWLEDGING IMPORTANCE OF

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MAINTAINING INDEPENDENCE AND LEGITIMACY OF
LEBANESE GOVERNMENT. WE WILL NOW SEE WHAT THE
ACTIENS ARE ON THE GROUND.

5. MINIMIZE BEIRUT, DAMASCUS CONSIDERED.

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E.O. 12065: RDS 1 6/14/02 (VELIOTES, NICHOLAS)

TAGS: PEGR, MILI, MOBS, LG, SA, XF, US

SUBJECT:

1. *see* - ENTIRE TEXT.

- BEIRUT FOR HABIB/DRAPER:

2. WE ARE REPEATING TO YOU RIYADH 1696 REPORTING AMBASSADOR MURPHY'S CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SAUD JUNE 14, INCLUDING REQUEST FOR LATEST INFORMATION ABOUT POLITICAL SITUATION OF LEBANESE NATIONAL SALVATION COMMITTEE AND STATUS OF IDF FORCES AROUND BAABDA.

3. IN CURRENT FAST CHANGING SITUATION, WE BELIEVE YOU ARE IN BEST POSITION TO ANSWER QUESTIONS PUT BY SAUD TO MURPHY IN MANNER BEST SUITED TO FACILITATE YOUR MISSION AND TO GIVE SAUDIS ACCURATE PICTURE OF SITUATION IN BEIRUT AT THIS TIME. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO PROMOTE DIRECT CONTACT BETWEEN SARKIS AND SAUDI LEADERSHIP AS REQUESTED BY SAUD (PARA 9 REFTEL). IN ADDITION, REQUEST THAT YOU ENSURE RIYADH IS ADDRESSEE ON ALL REPORTING CABLES YOU SEND ON PROGRESS OF YOUR DISCUSSIONS IN BEIRUT.

4. RIYADH FOR AMBASSADOR MURPHY AND DAS TWINAM:

WE ARE REPEATING TO YOU REPORTING CABLES ON AMBASSADOR HABIB'S TALKS WHICH WERE NOT SENT TO RIYADH PER CONVERSATION WITH TWINAM PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE WITH VICE PRESIDENT'S PARTY. TWINAM IS FULLY BRIEFED ON DEVELOPMENTS AS OF 1700 WASHINGTON TIME JUNE 14. HAIG

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E.O. 12065: RDS-1 & 3, 6/15/92 ((DRAPER, MOKRIS)
TAGS: XF, MOPS, LE, IS, SY, PLO, PEPR
SUBJ: HABIB MISSION: JUNE 14 TALK WITH SARKIS

1. (ENTIRE TEXT)
2. JOINED BY AMBASSADOR DILLON AND DRAPER, I HAD GOOD TALK WITH SARKIS ON EVENING JUNE 14 AT WHICH INTELLIGENCE CHIEF ABDU WAS ALSO PRESENT. AFTER REVIEWING THESE TALKS AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS, I HAVE THE FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS TO OFFER:
 - FIRST OF ALL, SARKIS IS FULLY POSITIVE TOWARDS OUR BASIC GOALS AND APPROACHES AS SET FORTH IN STATE 163009 AND STATE 163040, INCLUDING INTER ALIA A 40 KM BUFFER ZONE, A MORE MUSCULAR, MORE EFFECTIVE FORCE TO CONTROL THIS AREA, AND TO OUR VIEWS AS REGARDS THE PLO, ABSORPTION OF THE PALESTINIANS, STRENGTHENING OF THE CENTRAL AUTHORITY, ETC
 - SARKIS WILL GIVE ME HIS FURTHER THOUGHTS ABOUT HADDAD BEFORE I LEAVE.
 - IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, THAT THE ISRAELIS BEGIN TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT LEBANESE SENSITIVITIES, AND THE NEED TO REFRAIN FROM HUMILIATING THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND THE LEBANESE ARMY. THE ARMY'S MORALE MUST SOMEHOW BE REINVIGORATED AND THEN SUSTAINED, AFTER THE EVENTS OF THE LAST WEEK. ON MY RETURN TO ISRAEL, I INTEND TO TAKE UP THIS ISSUE WITH THE ISRAELIS STRONGLY, SINCE IMPARTING A SENSE OF DIGNITY AND RECOGNITION TO THE LEGITIMATE LEBANESE AUTHORITIES WILL BE CRUCIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR OVERALL STRATEGY.
 - IN THIS CONNECTION, SHARON'S MILITARY MOVE ACROSS THE DAMASCUS/ BEIRUT HIGHWAY AND FAR INTO THE CHRISTIAN HEARTLAND CLOSELY LINKED WITH BASHIR GEMAYEL'S FORCES, COULD TURN OUT TO BE SHORT-SIGHTED. BOTH SARKIS AND ABDU THOUGHT THAT BASHIR'S NOW MORE OVERT CONNECTION NOT ONLY WITH ISRAELI FORCES BUT ALSO WITH ISRAELI

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STRATEGY MAY SET BACK OPPORTUNITIES FOR A GENUINE NATIONAL POLITICAL CONSENSUS. AND I AGREE.

--THIS LAST DEVELOPMENT HAS PROVEN TO BE A SERIOUS OBSTACLE TO THE FINAL DEVELOPMENT BY SARKIS OF A NATIONAL SALVATION COMMITTEE, BRINGING TOGETHER THE KEY NATIONAL ACTORS FROM EACH ETHNIC-RELIGIOUS GROUPING; WALID JUMBLATT HAS BEEN RELUCTANT TO JOIN-- DESPITE THE AGREEMENT OF THE NATIONAL MOVEMENT WHICH HE NUMINALLY HEADS--BECAUSE OF BASHIR'S ACTIONS AND EVIDENCE OF OVERWHELMING ISRAELI INVOLVEMENT.

--IN CONVERSATION WITH BEGIN IN THE US AND WITH ADDED EMPHASIS BY SMA LEWIS, WE SHOULD IMPRESS UPON THE ISRAELIS THAT THEY CANNOT RUN LEBANON LIKE A MINOR SATRAPY. IF THE GUIDANCE I HAVE RECEIVED ON THE STRENGTHENING OF THE CENTRAL AUTHORITIES IS GOING TO BE ACHIEVED, THEN WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE ISRAELIS ARE FULLY ON BOARD AND THAT THEIR ACTIONS ARE NOT CONTRARY TO OUR PURPOSES.

3. BECAUSE OF COMMUNICATION LIMITATIONS, I WILL NOT FULLY REPORT ON LEBANESE CONSULTATIONS UNTIL I REACH DAMASCUS, PROBABLY WEDNESDAY MORNING.

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E.O. 12065: RDS-1, 06/14/02 (VIETS, RICHARD N.)OR-M
TAGS: PPDC, JO, US
SUBJECT: NEED FOR PRESIDENTIAL RESPONSE TO KING
- HUSSEIN'S MESSAGE
1. ~~e~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. THIS IS AN ACTION MESSAGE.
3. UNDERSTAND KING HUSSEIN'S NEXT LETTER TO
THE PRESIDENT ON THE LEBANESE CRISIS
IS ABOUT TO GO INTO FINAL DRAFT. IF WE WANT TO HAVE
ANY INFLUENCE ON HIS CURRENT VIEWS, I AGAIN URGE:
- (1) AN IMMEDIATE PRESIDENTIAL RESPONSE TO HUSSEIN'S
- WEEKEND MESSAGE
- (2) A DETAILED RPT DETAILED UP-DATE ON HABIB'S
- EFFORTS OF PAST SEVERAL DAYS WHICH I CAN USE
- IN BRIEFING THE KING. HE HAS CONVINCED
- HIMSELF (ALONG WITH MOST OF THE REST OF
- JORDAN) THAT WE HAVE BEEN HANDLING THE
- ISRAELIS WITH KID GLOVES BOTH IN JERUSALEM
- AND WASHINGTON. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT
- WE GET HIM OFF THIS KICK ASAP, BUT AS OF
- THIS MORNING I HAVE NO AMMO WHATSOEVER TO
- USE IN TAKING HIM ON.

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E.O. 12065: RDS-1,3 6/15/02 (PAGANELLI, ROBERT P.) DR-M

TAGS: PEPR, MILI, MOPS, IS, LE, SY, US

SUBJ: FONMIN KHADDAM ON ISRAELI ULTIMATUM RE SYRIAN

- PRESENCE IN BAABDA AND ALAYAH

1. ~~S~~ - ENTIRE TEXT

2. FONMIN KHADDAM SUMMONED ME URGENTLY AT 1240 LOCAL JUNE 15 TO INFORM ME OF A "NEW AND GRAVELY SERIOUS DEVELOPMENT." HE SAID THAT THE COMMANDER OF THE IDF IN THE BAABDA REGION HAD CONTACTED SAMI KHATIB, THE LEBANESE COMMANDER OF THE ADF, TO INFORM HIM THAT HIS INSTRUCTIONS WERE TO GET SYRIAN FORCES OUT OF BAABDA AND ALAYAH. KHATIB WAS INSTRUCTED TO INFORM SYRIAN FORCES OF THIS AND ASKED FOR THEIR IMMEDIATE PULLBACK. IF THE FORCES WERE NOT MOVED BY 1200 LOCAL (40 MINUTES BEFORE MY MEETING WITH KHADDAM), THE IDF CUMMANDER WOULD CARRY OUT HIS ORDERS. KHADDAM SAID HE HAD RECEIVED THIS MESSAGE AT ABOUT 1145 LOCAL.

3. KHADDAM SAID THAT THE SYRIAN RESPONSE TO KHATIB WAS AS FOLLOWS:

-- SYRIAN FORCES ARE IN BEIRUT AND LEBANON UNDER THE APPROVAL OF THE ARAB LEAGUE AND LEGITIMATE LEBANESE AUTHORITIES.

-- LEBANON IS AN INDEPENDENT ARAB COUNTRY.

-- SYRIA WILL DEFEND LEBANON AND THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE WITH ALL OF ITS CAPABILITIES.

KHADDAM SAID THAT HE HOPED WASHINGTON WOULD APPRECIATE THE SERIOUSNESS AND GRAVE CONSEQUENCES WHICH WOULD OCCUR AS A RESULT OF THIS DEVELOPMENT. HE SAID THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR SYRIA TO BELIEVE THAT ISRAEL COULD MAKE A MOVE SUCH AS THIS WITHOUT AMERICAN AGREEMENT.

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IT WAS ALSO SUSPICIOUS THAT A WARNING SUCH AS THIS
CAME AT A TIME WHEN HABIB WAS IN BEIRUT.

4. I TOLD KHADDAM THAT I WOULD IMMEDIATELY CONVEY
THIS INFORMATION TO WASHINGTON AND TO HABIB AND WOULD
GET BACK TO HIM JUST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ON HIS OTHER
REMARKS, HE KNEW HABIB WELL ENOUGH TO KNOW THAT HABIB
WAS IN NO WAY INVOLVED IN THIS DEVELOPMENT. IT WAS
ALSO RIDICULOUS TO ASSUME THAT THE U.S. HAD GIVEN A GREEN
LIGHT TO ISRAEL FOR SOMETHING SUCH AS THIS. WE HAD
MADE MAJOR EFFORTS OVER THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS TO
STABILIZE THE CEASEFIRE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON, TEL AVIV AND HABIB
ACTION TO PREVENT WHAT COULD BE SERIOUS BREAKDOWN OF
CEASEFIRE IN RESPONSE TO REPORTED ISRAELI ULTIMATUM.
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E. 12065: GDS 6/15/88 (BARKEIT ROBERT S) OK-M

TAGS: PIRA, PVIP, (HABIB, PHILIP)

SUBJ: HABIB TRAVEL

1. (ENTIRE TEXT)

2. CRAPER/HABIB INTEND RETURN DAMASCUS SAME PREVIOUS
ROUTE 0900-1300 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16. GET ISRAELI-
SYRIAN CLEARANCES.

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E.O. 12065: RDS-1,3 6/15/02 (PAGANELLI, ROBERT P.) UR-M
TAGS: PEPR, MILI, MDPS, IS, LE, SY, US

SUBJECT: ULTIMATUM RE SYRIAN PRESENCE IN BAABDA AND
ALAYH

REF: (A) DAMASCUS 4216 (B) TEL AVIV 8962 & 8949

1. ~~S~~-ENTIRE TEXT.
2. WE APPRECIATE EMBASSY TEL AVIV'S INTENSIVE EFFORTS ON THIS SUBJECT BUT INFORMATION PROVIDED BY ISRAELIS IS AT VARIANCE WITH WHAT KHADDAM TOLD US. HE STATED SPECIFICALLY THAT AN ISRAELI MILITARY COMMANDER, NOT PHALANGIST, PASSED ON THE ULTIMATUM TO BRIG. KHATIB. WE THEREFORE HAVE NO CLEAR POSITION TO GIVE TO KHADDAM.
3. BASED ON TEL AVIV'S DEMARCHES AND HABIB'S COMMENTS, WE PROPOSE TO INFORM KHADDAM THAT THE U.S. IS FLATLY OPPOSED TO AN ULTIMATUM OF THIS NATURE, WE HAVE TOLD THE ISRAELIS TO TURN IT OFF AND THE ISRAELIS HAVE INFORMED US THAT THE REPORTED DEMAND TO KHATIB DOES NOT HAVE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT APPROVAL.
4. REQUEST URGENT CONCURRENCE WITH THIS APPROACH SO THAT WE CAN GET BACK TO KHADDAM WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL HOURS.
5. COMMENT: SINCE ISRAELIS ATTRIBUTE THIS OPERATION TO PHALANGE, STRONGLY RECOMMEND EMBASSY BEIRUT GET TO BASHIR AND TELL HIM TO BACK OFF, PAGANELLI

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E.O. 12065: RDS-1, 3 6/15/02 (HABIB, PHILIP)

TAGS: MUPS, PINT, PLO, LE, IS, SY, XF

SUBJ: HABIB MISSION: ONE MORE TRY FROM HABIB

1. (X-ENTIRE TEXT)

2. I MAY NOT LEAVE TOMORROW JUNE 16. I AM WORKING TO HELP FIND A LEBANESE POLITICAL SOLUTION WHICH COULD FORESTALL AN ISRAELI MILITARY ONSLAUGHT ON PALESTINIANS IN BEIRUT. I HAVE TALKED TO BASHIR GEMAYEL AND SEVERAL OTHER KEY ACTORS AND WILL BE SEEING SARKIS WITHIN THE HOUR AFTER WHICH WE WILL HAVE A BETTER IDEA OF WHAT IS POSSIBLE.

3. DAMASCUS MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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FROM HABIB

E.O. 12065C RDS-1,3 6/15/92 (HABIB, PHILIP)

TAGS: MOPS, PEPR, LE, IS, XF

SUBJ: HABIB MISSION: PUSHING FOR POLITICAL SOLUTIONS

1. (SENTIRE TEXT)

2. FOLLOWING INTENSIVE TALKS THIS EVENING WITH SARKIS, WAZZAN, BASHIR GEMAYEL AND ABDO, I HAVE DECIDED TO REMAIN IN BEIRUT FOR AT LEAST THROUGH WEDNESDAY TO SEE WHETHER I CAN HELP PUT TOGETHER A "POLITICAL PROCESS" PRODUCING EITHER AN EFFECTIVE NATIONAL SALVATION COMMITTEE OR, BETTER YET, A NATIONAL UNITY CABINET. CONSTRAINED BY COMMUNICATION PROBLEMS, FOLLOWING IS BARE-BONES OF PRESENT SITUATION:

A. SARKIS HAS RUN INTO A PROBLEM IN FORMING THE NATIONAL SALVATION COMMITTEE WHICH HE ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY. JUMBLATT, WHO SITS IN HIS CASTLE IN MUKHTARA, REFUSES TO JOIN. BASHIR IS INSISTING THAT SARKIS GO AHEAD WITHOUT JUMBLATT AND ALSO FORM A NATIONAL UNITY CABINET IN PLACE OF THE PRESENT CABINET. OTHER LEBANESE POLITICAL LEADERS, INCLUDING WAZZA, ARE UNCERTAIN OF WHICH WAY TO GO AND ARE UNABLE TO BRING THEMSELVES TO SETTLE THEIR DIFFERENCES.

B. BASHIR, WITH ISRAELI MILITARY PRESSURE AS AN AID, HAS BEEN PUSHING FOR A NEW LEBANESE GOVERNMENT WHICH COULD NEGOTIATE A SURRENDER OF PLO LEADERSHIP AND END REMAINING PLO MILITARY POWER THROUGH A COMBINATION OF NEGOTIATION AND FORCE APPLIED BY A BASHIR-DOMINATED GOVERNMENT. THIS WOULD SAVE ISRAEL THE ONUS OF A MAJOR MILITARY OPERATION IN WEST BEIRUT AND PERHAPS PAVE WAY FOR ELECTION OF BASHIR OR CHAMOUN AS

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PRESIDENT. THE NEW GOVERNMENT WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO DEAL WITH ISRAELIS WHILE THE IDF WOULD STAY WHERE IT IS AROUND BEIRUT AS A FURN OF BACKUP PRESSURE TO NEW GOVERNMENT'S EFFURTS WITH PLU AND LEBANESE RECALCITRANTS.

C. IN MEANTIME IDF IS NOW SOFTENING UP AIRPORT AREA AND MAY TRY TO SEIZE IT, THUS APPLYING PRESSURE TO THREAT TO MOVE ON INTU WEST BEIRUT. THIS MAY STIMULATE LEBANESE POLITICIANS, PARTICULARLY MUSLIMS TO END PROCRASTINATION AND TRY TO FORM NEW GOVERNMENT. THEY DO NOT WORRY ABOUT PALESTINIANS BUT THERE IS CONCERN FOR LEBANESE MUSLIMS LIVING IN PROXIMITY TO PALESTINIANS IN WEST BEIRUT.

D. SARKIS IS READY TO MOVE TOWARDS NATIONAL UNITY CABINET BUT WILL NOT FORM A SO-CALLED CHRISTIAN CABINET OR A MILITARY CABINET SINCE THIS WOULD SPLIT AWAY THE MUSLIMS FOR GOOD, WHICH HE IS DETERMINED TO AVOID. HE INSISTS ON WAZZAN'S PARTICIPATION AND AT LEAST THE ACQUIESCENCE OF KEY MUSLIM LEADERS SUCH AS SA'IB SALAM, WHOM I AM SEEING EARLIER IN THE MORNING TO GAIN HIS COOPERATION.

E. TONIGHT I PERSUADED SARKIS TO CONVENE A MEETING OF THE NATIONAL SALVATION COMMITTEE ON WEDNESDAY MORNING WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF AT LEAST SETTING THE STAGE FOR A NATIONAL UNITY CABINET WITHIN 24 HOURS. I SPOKE TO WAZZAN BY TELEPHONE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE AND APPLIED STRONG PRESSURE TU COOPERATE. IN FACT, I HAVE BEEN APPLYING STRONG PRESSURE TO ALL LEBANESE ALL DAY, SAYING THAT THEY HAVE TO GET THEIR ACT TOGETHER AND COME UP WITH A CONSENSUS. FOR OUR PART, I ARGUED, I WOULD GIVE STRUNG SUPPORT TO ANY LEGITIMATELY ORGANIZED GOVERNMENT UNDER SARKIS. BASHIR TELLS ME HE WANTS INTERIOR PORTFOLID IN SUCH A CABINET SO AS TO BEGIN TO ESTABLISH ORDER AND NEGOTIATE PALESTINIANS OUT OF BEIRUT.

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F. WAZZAN WAS RELUCTANT TO COME TO THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE BECAUSE OF CONTINUED IDF PRESENCE IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD. ABDU HAS ESTABLISHED A THREE-OFFICER LIAISON GROUP FOR DEALINGS WITH THE ISRAELIS. AS A RESULT, LEBANESE ARMY WILL TAKE OVER CHECKPOINTS IN THAT VICINITY AND ELSEWHERE FROM PHALANGE MILITARY POLICEMEN, AND THEREBY EASE POLITICAL PROBLEMS FOR POLITICIANS GOING TO PRESIDENTIAL PALACE, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

G. CONSISTENT WITH MY EARLIER FLASH RECOMMENDATIONS TODAY, IT REMAINS CRITICALLY IMPURTANT THAT THE IDF REDUCE ITS VISIBILITY IN THE BEIRUT AREA AND WITHDRAW FROM AROUND PALACE IN B'ABDA, WHICH IS BOTH A FORM OF INTIMIDATION AND "NATIONAL HUMILIATION". MOREOVER, SHARON'S REPORTED COMMENTS (WHICH I HAVE NOT YET SEEN) ABOUT THE NEED FOR A STRONG LEBANESE GOVERNMENT ARE RAISING SPECTER OF ISREALI DOMINATED GOVERNMENT-- MAKING THE MUSLIMS ANGRY AND THEREFORE RELUCTANT TO COOPERATE.

H. IF A NATIONAL UNITY CABINET IS FORMED, SARKIS AND ABDU SAID IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT THAT THE US, FRANCE AND OTHER FRIENDS OF LEBANON SPEAK OUT STRONGLY AND PUBLICLY TO ENDORSE THIS DEVELOPMENT. THE ISRAELIS SHOULD BE URGED TO REMAIN SILENT AND AVOID THE CURSE THAT OTHERWISE MIGHT FLOW FROM A SEEMING ISRAELI ENDORSEMENT.

I. LATE DEVELOPMENT. I HAD PROMOTED A MIDNIGHT MEETING BETWEEN SARKIS AND BASHIR. THIS HAS NOT OCCURRED, WITH RESULT THAT CONVENING OF THE

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SALVATION COMMITTEE MEETING TOMORROW (SEE ABOVE) MAY BE DELAYED WHILE BASHIR PRESENTS SOME NEW IDEAS TO SARKIS. I WILL CONTINUE TRYING TO INCREASE THE PACE OF LEBANESE POLITICAL DECISIONS.
3. TEL AVIV AND JERUSALEM. FOR AMBASSADOR LEWIS OR DCM BURWN: TEL KIMCHE-WHO GENUINELY UNDERSTANDS THE LEBANESE SCENE-THAT I HAVE BEEN PUSHING HARD FOR A POLITICAL CONSENSUS AND THAT I BELIEVE IT MAY BE MOVING IN THE DIRECTION OF WHAT BASHIR NEEDS. PLEASE DO NOT GO FURTHER INTO WHAT I HAVE SAID ABOVE, BUT MAKE CLEAR HOW IMPORTANT IT IS THAT THE ISRAELIS TAKE INTO ACCOUNT LEBANESE SENSITIVITIES AND REMOVE THE EMBARRASSMENT OF THE IDF PRESENCE CLOSE TO THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE. (BEIRUT NEWSPAPERS FEATURED PHOTOGRAPHS OF ISRAELI TANKS IN A FIELD WITH THE PALACE ON THE HILL JUST ABOVE.) I AM ALSO HOPEFUL THAT THE REPRESENTATIONS ALREADY MADE WILL GET ISRAELIS TO HOLD OFF ACTION AGAINST WEST BEIRUT.

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E.O. 12065: RDS-3 06/15/92 (BROWN, WILLIAM A.) UR-M
TAGS: PEPR, MOPS, IS, LE

SUBJECT: ISRAEL'S OPERATIONS IN LEBANON -- WEST BEIRUT

1. ~~SECRET~~ ENTIRE TEXT.
2. NINE DAYS AFTER THE ISRAELIS BEGAN GROUND OPERATIONS IN LEBANON, THE SITUATION HAS COME DOWN TO TWO BASIC FACTORS AS FAR AS THE PALESTINIAN FACTOR IS CONCERNED: THE MOPPING-UP OPERATIONS IN THE AREAS ALREADY UNDER ISRAELI CONTROL AND THE QUESTION OF WHAT TO DO ABOUT THE PLO PRESENCE IN WEST BEIRUT. IT IS THE SECOND OF THESE ISSUES WHICH IS THE REAL KEY TO EVENTS IN LEBANON IN THE DAYS AHEAD ALONG WITH A CONTINUED SYRIAN MILITARY PRESENCE IN BEIRUT AND FURTHER EAST ON THE BEIRUT/DAMASCUS HIGHWAY.

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3. WEST BEIRUT REMAINS THE CORE PROBLEM. AS OF YESTERDAY (JUNE 15), THE ISRAELIS HAD COMPLETED THE ENCIRCLEMENT OF WEST BEIRUT. ISRAELI FORCES HAD MOVED TO THE AIRPORT IN THE SOUTH AND HAD

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CUT THE BEIRUT-DAMASCUS ROAD TO THE NORTHEAST OF THE AIRPORT, IN THE PROCESS LINKING UP WITH THE CHRISTIAN FORCES IN EAST BEIRUT. THIS ACTION, COMBINED WITH THE ISRAELI NAVAL BLOCKADE AROUND BEIRUT, CUT WEST BEIRUT OFF FROM ANY CONTACT BY LAND, SEA OR AIR WITH THE REST OF LEBANON OR THE REST OF THE WORLD. THE ISRAELIS HAVE, IN THE WORDS OF THE JERUSALEM POST, "TIGHTENED THE NOOSE" AROUND THE REPORTEDLY 6,000-10,000 ARMED PALESTINIANS INSIDE WEST BEIRUT.

4. THE ISRAELIS HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THEY DO NOT WANT TO OCCUPY WEST BEIRUT THROUGH MILITARY FORCE. PRIME MINISTER BEGIN, DEFENSE MINISTER SHARON AND CHIEF OF STAFF EITAN HAVE ALL PUBLICLY STATED THAT ISRAEL HAS NO SUCH INTENTION, THOUGH SHARON QUALIFIED HIS STATEMENT SAYING "FOR THE MOMENT." THE ISRAELIS RECOGNIZE THAT A CAMPAIGN TO TAKE WEST BEIRUT AND ELIMINATE THE PALESTINIAN INFRASTRUCTURE THERE WOULD INVOLVE HOUSE TO HOUSE FIGHTING, AND BE ENORMOUSLY COSTLY IN TERMS OF ISRAELI CASUALTIES, A KEY CONSIDERATION HERE. WHILE THE ISRAELIS COULD LIMIT THEIR CASUALTIES BY MASSIVE BOMBING/SHELLING OF WEST BEIRUT, THIS WOULD HAVE SEVERE POLITICAL COSTS, DOMESTICALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY. A MASSIVE ACTION -- WHETHER ON THE LAND, OR INVOLVING EXTENSIVE BOMBING/SHELLING OF WEST BEIRUT, OR BOTH -- WOULD PUT PROFOUND STRAINS ON THE DOMESTIC CONSENSUS ABOUT THE LEBANON OPERATION AND ITS ULTIMATE GOALS, A CONSENSUS WHICH, THOUGH FRAYED AT THE EDGES, SEEMS SO FAR TO BE HOLDING UP. IT WOULD SERIOUSLY COMPROMISE THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A LEGITIMATE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT IN LEBANON AND CAUSE MAJOR INTERNATIONAL REPERCUSSIONS, INCLUDING RISKING A SEVERE RIFT WITH THE UNITED STATES. IN SUM, THE ISRAELIS KNOW THE COSTS WOULD BE ENORMOUS.

5. NEVERTHELESS, THE ISRAELIS HAVE THE PLO TRAPPED AND THEY WILL BE LOATH TO LET THEM GET AWAY. IN MANY WAYS REMARKS WE ARE HEARING ABOUT THE ENCIRCLEMENT OF THE PALESTINIANS IN WEST BEIRUT ARE REMINISCENT OF WHAT WE HEARD LAST JULY ABOUT HAVING THE PLO ALMOST DEFEATED, ONLY TO LET THEM GET AWAY BY CONCLUDING AN ILL-TIMED AND ILL-CONCEIVED CEASE-FIRE. MANY ISRAELIS SEE THE LATEST EVENTS AS ANOTHER ROUND IN THAT FIGHT, A ROUND IN WHICH THEY HAVE THE PLO ON THE ROPES AGAIN. THEY ARE DETERMINED THAT THE PALESTINIANS WILL NOT BE SAVED BY THE BELL THIS TIME. THEY SEE THE PRESENT

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SITUATION AS A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO DELIVER A BLOW SO DEVASIATING THAT IT WILL ELIMINATE THE PLU AS A SERIOUS THREAT FOR YEARS TO COME.

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6. THE ISRAELIS WOULD CLEARLY PREFER TO CRUSH THE PLL IN WEST BEIRUT WITHOUT HAVING TO LAUNCH A FRONTAL ATTACK. THEY MAY HOPE THAT A STRENGTHENED GOL WILL MOVE THE LAF INTO WEST BEIRUT, OR FAILING THAT, THAT THE PHALANGE WILL DO THE JOB. SOME MAY EVEN BELIEVE

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FROM HABIB

E.O. 12065: RDS-1,3,4 6/16/92 (HABIB, PHILIP)
TAGS: MOPS, PEPR, PGDV, PINT, LE, IS, US, PLO, XF
SUBJ: HABIB MISSION: SITUATION ON MORNING JUNE 16

1. (8-ENTIRE TEXT)

2. AS I INDICATED LAST NIGHT, I INTEND TO STICK IN BEIRUT AS LONG AS I BELIEVE I CAN CONTRIBUTE TO DEVELOPMENT OF A STRONGER LEBANESE EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY, EITHER THROUGH NATIONAL SALVATION COMMITTEE CONCEPT OR A NEW CABINET. I MET WITH SA'B SALAM THIS MORNING AT 0700. HE AGREES ON THE NEEDS, HAS BEEN SUPPORTING THE SALVATION COMMITTEE CONCEPT, TALKS REGULARLY WITH BASHIR GEMAYEL, AND PROMISED ME HE WOULD TRY TO STIFFEN WAZZAN'S RESOLVE. I'VE TALKED TO ABDU AND INTEND TO MEET WITH BASHIR GEMAYEL AND PERHAPS SARKIS AFTER THE TWO MEN HAVE HAD THEIR MEETING TOGETHER AT 0900. TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM OF WALID JUMBLATT'S REFUSAL TO JOIN SALVATION GROUP, I AM URGING ON ALL THAT AN "EMPTY SEAT" BE RESERVED FOR HIM OR ANOTHER DRUZE LEADER, SO THAT A NEW EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY CAN MOVE FORWARD ON WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.

3. UNFORTUNATELY, TO SOME DEGREE THERE IS STILL TOO MUCH TRADITIONAL POLITICKING GOING ON EVEN WHILE THE INTEGRITY OF THE STATE IS IN JEOPARDY. I AM TRYING TO CUT THROUGH THIS NONSENSE CONSISTENT WITH MY INSTRUCTIONS AND BECAUSE A NEWLY BUCKED-UP EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY MAY BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH AN NEUTRALIZE THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM HERE. A COMMON THEME AMUNG MUSLIMS AND CHRISTIANS ALIKE IS THAT THE PALESTINIANS WILL HAVE TO BE DISARMED STAGE BY STAGE. WHILE BASHIR SAYS HE WANTS TO PROMOTE AN EXODUS OF THE PLO LEADERSHIP CADRE,

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PROVIDING THEM SOME FORM OF SAFE PASSAGE, OTHER
LEBANESE MAY BE WILLING TO ALLOW THE CADRE TO REMAIN
IN BEIRUT ON CONDITION THEY CARRY ON A "POLITICAL"
CAMPAIGN ONLY AND NEVER AGAIN USE THE COUNTRY AS A
SPRINGBOARD FOR MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST ISRAEL.
IT IS NOT WORTH COMMENTING ON THESE DEVELOPMENTS FURTHER,
EXCEPT TO NOTE THAT THE THEME OF PALESTINIAN DISARMAMENT
IS STRONG AND CONSISTENT AMONG ALL. EXCEPT PERHAPS
FOR JUMBLATT, THERE IS GOOD SUPPORT FOR PUTTING
LEBANESE ARMY INTO WEST BEIRUT.

4. PALESTINIAN FIGHTERS REPORTEDLY HAVE LARGELY ABANDONED
TRADITIONAL PALESTINAIN QUARTERS AND HAVE FANNED OUT TO
RESIDENTIAL BUSINESS AREAS OF WEST BEIRUT. THIS
WOULD MAKE "MOPPING UP" OPERATION A BROADER UNDERTAKING
IF ISRAELIS WERE TO USE FORCE.

5. ADDRESSEES SHOULD TAKE NOTE OF WHAT I BELIEVE IS
GENUINE EMBARRASSMENT AND DISCOMFORT ON BASHIR'S PART
OVER SOME ASPECTS OF ISRAELI ACTIONS. HE HAS INDICATED-
AS HAVE OTHERS, CRITICS INCLUDED-THAT HE WOULD NOT
BECOME THE ISRAELI "PUPPET". THAT HONOR, HE SAYS
CYNICALLY, MIGHT GO TO THE THE FANATICAL MARONITE ABU ARZ.

6. DAMASCUS MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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 E.O. 12065: N/A
 TAGS: MOPS, PGDV, PEPR, IS, LE, SY, US, XF
 SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER BEGIN REPORTEDLY CALLS
 CABINET SECRETARY MERIDOR FROM THE U.S.

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 1. THE FOLLOWING IS A FBIS TRANSLATION OF A
 1430 GMT JUNE 16 KOL ISRAEL BROADCAST. THE
 NEWS ITEM REPORTS THAT PRIME MINISTER BEGIN
 PHONED THE CABINET SECRETARY AND ASKED HIM TO
 RELAY TO ACTING PRIME MINISTER EHRLICH THAT
 WHATEVER HAS BEEN DECIDED ON THE SECURITY OF
 ISRAEL BE CARRIED OUT IRRESPECTIVE OF HINTS IN
 THE U.S. MEDIA THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN MIGHT
 CANCEL HIS MEETING WITH BEGIN NEXT MONDAY IN
 WASHINGTON.

2. COMMENCE TEXT:

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 THE PRIME MINISTER CONTACTED CABINET SECRETARY DAN
 MERIDOR ABOUT AN HOUR AGO AND ASKED HIM TO TRANSMIT
 TO HIS FILL-IN, SIMHA EHRLICH, AND TO THE OTHER
 MINISTERS THE FOLLOWING: THE NEW YORK TIMES AND
 THE U.S. ELECTRONIC MEDIA CAME OUT WITH IDENTICAL

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HINTS STATING THAT IF ISRAEL DOES NOT BEHAVE PROPERLY, THE U.S. PRESIDENT MIGHT CALL OFF HIS MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MONDAY IN WASHINGTON.

MR. BEGIN WANTED TO INFORM THE MINISTERS THAT WHATEVER THE CABINET DECIDED UPON FOR THE SECURITY OF ISRAEL BE CARRIED OUT IRRESPECTIVE OF THESE HINTS.

OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT, SHIMON SCHIFFER, ESTIMATES THAT IN SO DOING THE PRIME MINISTER WISHED TO EXPRESS HIS DISMAY WITH THE THREATENING HINTS AGAINST ISRAEL THAT COULD BE HEARD TODAY COMING FROM THE DIRECTION OF THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION.

END TEXT.

3. MINIMIZE BEIRUT, DAMASCUS CONSIDERED.

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FROM HABIB

E.O. 12065: RDS-1,3 6/16/02 (HABIB, PHILIP)

TAGS: MOPS, PEPR, LE, IS, US, SY

SUBJ: HABIB MISSION: SYRIAN DEMARCHE ON CEASE-FIRE DISENGAGEMENT

REF: DAMASCUS 4269

1. (~~S~~-ENTIRE TEXT)

2. I DO NOT HAVE WITH ME IN BEIRUT ALL THE RELEVANT REPORTS CONCERNING OUR NUMEROUS CEASE-FIRE EFFORTS AND THEIR OUTCOME, BUT I RECALL THE DETAILS VIVIDLY:
--WHEN I WAS IN DAMASCUS, I CERTAINLY DISCUSSED THE DESIRABILITY OF A DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES IN ORDER TO SOLIDIFY THE CEASE-FIRE AND FULLY EXPECTED THAT THIS WOULD BE A PRIORITY OF BUSINESS ON MY RETURN TO ISRAEL.
--IN MY INITIAL MEETINGS WITH BEGIN AND SHARON AND THEREAFTER, I PROPOSED THAT DISENGAGEMENT WOULD BE A DESIRABLE STEP TO CONSIDER. SHARON INSISTED THAT THIS WAS NOT NECESSARY BECAUSE THE ISRAELI AND SYRIAN FORCES OPPOSING ONE ANOTHER WERE LARGELY ARMORED; THEY WERE NOT INFANTRY IN TRENCHES. THERE WAS, THEREFORE, A RESPECTABLE DISTANCE ALREADY SEPARATING THE FORCES, IN ADDITION, ISRAEL HAD ALREADY TAKEN THE COMMANDING TOPOGRAPHY,
--ON OR ABOUT JUNE 13, I RAISED WITH BEGIN THE BREAKDOWN OF THE CEASE-FIRE IN THE BEIRUT AREA, AT WHICH POINT BEGIN PRODUCED HIS INCREDIBLE DEFINITION OF THE CEASE-FIRE: IT WAS NOT REPEAT NOT A CEASE-FIRE "IN PLACE" SINCE, AMONG OTHER REASONS, THE PRESIDENT'S APPEAL TO BEGIN HAD NOT CONTAINED THE PHRASE "IN PLACE". UNDER THIS MIND-BOGGLING DEFINITION-FOREIGN TO ANY RATIONAL DEFINITION OF A CEASE-FIRE-ISRAEL COULD WITH IMPUNITY MOVE FORWARD INTO THE TERRITORIES HELD BY ITS ADVERSARIES AND, AS LONG AS ISRAEL DID NOT FIRE FIRST, THERE WOULD BE NO VIOLATION OF THE ISRAEL'S 'UNILATERALLY DECLARED' CEASE-FIRE.
--I, OF COURSE, MADE IT THOROUGHLY CLEAR THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD

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APPEALED FOR A CEASE-FIRE IN PLACE AND THAT IT HAD BEEN THE BASIS FOR MY DISCUSSIONS IN DAMASCUS. SAM LEWIS SUPPORTED MY POSITION AND REMINDED BEGIN THAT IN DISCUSSING THE PRESIDENT'S REQUEST HE HAD MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE CEASE-FIRE WAS IN PLACE. BEGIN IN ESSENCE ARGUED THAT THIS MIGHT HAVE BEEN TRUE IF ISRAEL'S UNILATERAL UNDERTAKING HAD BEEN NEGOTIATED INTO A FORMAL CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT, BUT AS IT WAS, THERE WAS SIMPLY A UNILATERAL UNDERTAKING.

--THERE WAS A FURTHER ISRAELI WRINKLE TO THEIR CASE. WHILE ISRAEL COULD ACCEPT A SIMILAR UNILATERAL UNDERTAKING WITH THE SYRIANS AS REGARDED A CEASE-FIRE ON THE GROUNDS THAT SYRIA WAS A GOVERNMENT ACCUSTOMED TO MAKING AGREEMENTS, THIS DID NOT HOLD TRUE FOR THE PLO. AS THE HISTORY OF THE 1981 CEASE-FIRE HAS MADE CLEAR, ISRAEL CANNOT ACCPET THE PLO AS A CO-EQUAL PARTY IN ANY SENSE, WHATEVER UNILATERAL UNDERTAKING IT MAY HAVE MADE SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE ISRAELIS.

--ACCORDINGLY, UNDER THIS DEFINITION, THE ISRAELIS HAVE MOVED FORWARD CONSISTENTLY-BEYOND KHALDAH ON TO KEY SPOTS BETWEEN BEIRUT AND ALAYH, AND NORTH ON THE BEIRUT-DAMASCUS HIGHWAY INTO THE CHRISTIAN HEARTLAND WHOSE HILLS AND MOUNTIANS COMMAND ALL OF BEIRUT.

--THE ISRAELIS HAVE FURTHER RATIONALIZED THEIR MOVE FORWARD BY ALLOWING THAT THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO MOVE TO PROTECT THEIR MEN FROM ATTACK. IN SHORT, WHEN FIRED UPON, THEY HAVE A RIGHT NOT ONLY SEIZE THE AREA FROM WHICH THE FIRING TOOK PLACE, THEY ALSO HAVE A RIGHT TO SEIZE TERRAIN THAT COULD NEUTRALIZE THAT FIRING.

3. WHATEVER THE RIGHTS OR WRONGS IN THE ISRAELI POSITION, THEIR ACTIONS HAVE PRODUCED A NEW REALITY. I RECOMMEND ONLY THAT AMBASSADOR PAGANELLI BE INSTRUCTED TO SAY THAT THE ISRAELIS REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE CONCEPT OF DISENGAGEMENT-DESPITE OUR EFFORTS- AND HAVE MADE THEIR OWN UNILATERAL DEFINATION OF A CEASE-FIRE. NEVERTHELESS, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO URGE ON ALL SIDES THE NEED TO STOP FIRING, WITH DISENGAGEMENT AND FURTHER WITHDRAWAL TO BE NEGOTIATED LATER.

4. IF THE SYRIANS ARE TROUBLED BY THESE DEVELOPMENTS, I CAN ONLY ADD THAT HERE IN THE FIELD, I HAVE ENCOUNTERED SIMILAR PROBLEMS. TODAY I READ A TRANSCRIPT OF A STATEMENT BY OUR PRESS SPOKESMAN IN WHICH HE AVOIDED ANSWERING A DIRECT PRESS QUERY ON WHETHER THE CEASE-FIRE WAS IN PLACE OR ALLOWED FOR FORWARD MOVEMENT OF TROOPS. THE QUESTION WAS OBVIOUSLY STIMULATED BY ISRAELIS HAVING SET FORTH THEIR DEFINITION PUBLICLY.

5. DAMASCUS MINIMIZE CONSIDERED,

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FROM HABIB

E.O. 12065: RDS-1,3 6/16/02 (HABIB, PHILIP)

TAGS: MILI, MOPS, PEPR, PGOV, PINT, LE, IS, US, PLU

SUBJ: HABIB MISSION: RESOLVING THE WEST BEIRUT PROBLEM

1. (8-ENTIRE TEXT)

2. LEBANESE ARMY INTELLIGENCE CHIEF JOHNNY ABUD CAME TO SEE ME TONIGHT, JUNE 16, ON INSTRUCTIONS OF PRESIDENT SARKIS AND PRIME MINISTER WAZZAN. WAZZAN HAS BEEN MEETING WITH YASIR ARAFAT AND OTHER PLO LEADERS, (IE FATAH CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER HANI AL-HASSAN, BUT NOT RADICALS SUCH AS HABASH AND HAWATMAH). AS A RESULT, WAZZAN HAS PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL:

A. WOULD THE ISRAELIS AGREE, AND THE US GUARANTEE, THERE WILL BE NO MILITARY ASSAULT ON THE PALESTINIANS IN WEST BEIRUT FOR TWO DAYS? DURING THAT TIME-TO BEGIN WHEN THE US GUARANTEE IS RECEIVED-THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT WILL NEGOTIATE WITH THE PLO FOR DEPLOYMENT OF THE LEBANESE ARMY INTO WEST BEIRUT, AND ON CONDITIONS FOR BRINGING THE PALESTINIANS UNDER LEBANESE GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY.

B. IF THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT CAN COME TO AN INTERIM UNDERSTANDING WITH THE PLO IN THAT TWO DAY PERIOD, COULD THE US CONVEY AND GUARANTEE ISRAELI AGREEMENT THAT THEY WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH OR ATTACK THE LEBANESE ARMY IN WEST BEIRUT AS THE ARMY TAKES OVER AND AS A FINALLY NEGOTIATED RESOLUTION OF THE PALESTINIAN PRESENCE THERE TAKES PLACE?

C. CAN WE INFORM WAZZAN WHAT THE US WANTS OF THE PLO? (THIS QUESTION IS NOT CLEAR, BUT IS PRESENTED AS GIVEN, AND SHOULD BE ANSWERED IN THE GENERAL SENSE SUGGESTED BELOW IN PARA 6)

3. ABUD ALSO MET WITH ISRAELI CHIEF OF STAFF EITAN AND FIVE OTHER ISRAELIS THIS EVENING (DETAILS BY SEPTEL). EVEN WITHOUT A SPECIFIC DISCUSSION OF THE WAZZAN PROPOSALS, ABUD BELIEVES THE

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ISRAELIS MAY BE READY TO SQUARE A DEAL WITH THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT IN A WAY THAT WOULD NEUTRALIZE THE PLO AND ALSO SPARE WEST BEIRUT FROM AN ONSLAUGHT.

4. IF THIS PROCESS GOES FORWARD, ABDO WOULD ENVISAGE THE FOLLOWING PHASED ARRANGEMENTS:

--FIRST, A TAKEOVER OF THE BEIRUT AIRPORT BY LEBANESE SPECIAL G-2 FORCES UNDER ABDO'S CONTROL.

--SECOND, DEPLOYMENT OF THE LEBANESE ARMY ACROSS THE DEMARCATION LINE INTO BOTH WEST AND EAST BEIRUT. DURING THIS PERIOD, THE ARMY WOULD TAKE CONTROL OF KEY ROADS AND ROAD JUNCTIONS; ARMED PALESTINIANS AND ARMED MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL MOVEMENT WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED INTO THE STREETS. MEANWHILE, CONFIDENCE WOULD BE DEVELOPED BETWEEN THE GOI AND PALESTINIAN AND NATIONAL MOVEMENT FORCES.

--NEGOTIATIONS WOULD TAKE PLACE UNDER THE STATUS OF THE PLO AND THE PALESTINIANS, WITH ABDO'S THOUGHT THAT THE PLO WOULD GIVE UP ITS ARMS AND TURN ITSELF INTO A POLITICAL ORGANIZATION EXCLUSIVELY. (THIS ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE SUBJECT TO US ADVICE.)

5. THE WAZZAN APPROACH TO US OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PREVENT THE DESTRUCTION OF WEST BEIRUT WHILE ALSO NEUTRALIZING THE PALESTINIANS. I RECOMMEND STRONGLY THAT I BE AUTHORIZED TOMORROW TO CONVEY AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSES IN PRINCIPLE TO QUESTIONS A AND B ABOVE, SUBJECT TO WORKING OUT THE DETAILS WITH THE ISRAELIS WHICH EMBASSY TEL AVIV SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO DO FORTHWITH. WE SHOULD SEEK ISRAELI AGREEMENT TO BEGINNING THE TWO DAY PERIOD ON A DATE CERTAIN, EG, JUNE 18 OR 19. I REALIZE THAT WE MAY BALK AT A US "GUARANTEE" OF ISRAELI AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, THAT WAS THE REQUEST. WE MIGHT SEEK TO TURN IT INTO A US ENDORSEMENT OF AN ISRAELI AGREEMENT, BUT WE WOULD NEED ASSURANCES FROM THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF THE GOI, NOTING THAT PRIME MINISTER BEGIN IS IN THE US.

6. AS FOR WAZZAN'S QUESTION C ABOVE, I RECOMMEND THAT I BE AUTHORIZED TO TELL HIM THAT WE BELIEVE THE PALESTINIANS SHOULD BE ABSORBED INTO A FRAMEWORK RESPONSIVE TO GOI AUTHORITY AND THAT THEY SHOULD LIVE AS PEACEFUL RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTRY UNDER LEBANESE AUTHORITY. I BELIEVE I SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE AUTHORIZED TO SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PLO TURNING ITSELF

INTO A POLITICAL ACTION ORGANIZATION EXCLUSIVELY. I SHOULD SAY SIMPLY THAT THE PLO SHOULD NOT CARRY OUT A MILITARY STRUGGLE. IF PRESSED ON THIS, I PROPOSE FALLING BACK TO A STATEMENT THAT THE PLO COULD BE TURNED INTO A POLITICAL ORGANIZATION BUT THAT IT MUST NOT REMAIN HEADQUARTERED IN LEBANON,

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E.O. 12065: RDS-1,3 6/16/02 (HABIB, PHILIP)

TAGS: MILI, MDPS, PEPR, PGDV, PINT, LE, IS, US

SUBJ: HABIB MISSION: KEY DEVELOPMENTS OF JUNE 16

1. (S-ENTIRE TEXT)

2. BY SEPTTEL ADDRESSEES WILL HAVE READ MY REPORT CONCERNING WAZZAN'S PROPOSAL TO SPARE WEST BEIRUT FROM MILITARY ASSAULT IN RETURN FOR A NEGOTIATED NEUTRALIZATION OF THE PLO BY THE LEBANESE. FOLLOWING OUTLINES ADDED INFORMATION CONVEYED TO ME THIS EVENING BY INTELLIGENCE CHIEF JOHNNY ABDU.

--ABDU MET WITH EITAN AND FIVE OTHER IDF GENERALS AT HIS HOME IN BEIRUT. EITAN ASKED ABDU WHAT WAS HIS PLAN FOR BEIRUT. ABDU SAID THAT THE LEBANESE ARMY MUST BE DEPLOYED THERE BY STAGES AND DESCRIBED THEM (SEPTTEL). ABDU SAID THAT THE ISRAELIS HAD A MILITARY SOLUTION FOR THE PROBLEM BUT THAT THE LEBANESE HAD TO DEAL IN BOTH MILITARY AND POLITICAL DIMENSIONS. ISRAEL WOULD NOT COMMIT GENOCIDE AGAINST THE PALESTINIANS AND THE LEBANESE COULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO DO SO EITHER. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION, ABDU SAID THAT THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT TURN OVER PALESTINAIN LEADERS TO THE ISRAELIS, ALTHOUGH THEY MIGHT ARRANGE SOME FORM OF SAFE PASSAGE ELSEWHERE. EITAN SAID THAT THE PLO LEADERS SHOULD LEAVE THE COUNTRY.

--EITAN ASKED FOR ABDU'S COOPERATION IN RECOVERING THE 12-17 ISRAELI PRISONERS HELD BY THE PALESTINIANS. EITAN SAID HE HAD 4,000 PALESTINIAN PRISONERS TO BARGAIN WITH OF WHOM 2,000 WERE FIGHTERS. ABDU SAID THAT HE WISHED THEY COULD BE SENT TO EGYPT. AS

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A LEBANESE, HE SAID HE FOUND IT HARD TO FACE THE PROSPECT OF ABSORBING 4,000 PALESTINIANS BACK INTO LEBANON IN RETURN FOR SECURING THE RELEASE OF THE ISRAELI PRISONERS.

--ABDU TOLD EITAN HE THOUGHT THE PLO SHOULD BE TURNED INTO AN ORGANIZATION "WITH A POLITICAL PRESENCE AND FREEDOM", WHICH A STRONG GOL COULD PRESERVE. HE TOLD ME HE HAD IN MIND SPECIAL REGULATIONS AND CONTROLS OVER PLO ACTIVITIES, PARTICULARLY IN THE PRESS.

--AS FOR THE SYRIANS, ABDU MADE IT CLEAR TO EITAN HE PREFERRED THEM OUT OF THE COUNTRY BUT THAT SYRIA COULD NOT BE TOLD TO PULL OUT COMPLETELY AT ONCE. IT WAS UNREALISTIC. LEBANON WAS WILLING TO DESIGNATE AREAS FOR A SYRIAN PRESENCE IN THE BQ'IA VALLEY AND IN NORTHERN LEBANON. I SAID I HOPED THIS WOULD CONSITUTE A "DRAMATIC REDUCTION" AS SPECIFIED IN US POLICY GOALS. ABDU SAID HE WOULD NEVER GIVE IN AS REGARDS SYRIANS IN MT LEBANON, HOWEVER. I SAID THAT IN THE MEANTIME THE SYRIANS MUST NOT BE MADE TO FEEL THERE IS NO WAY OUT FOR THE SYRIANS NOW ENCIRCLED BY THE ISRAELIS. THEY SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO RETURN TO SYRIA OVER ROADS NOW BLOCKED BY THE ISRAELIS.

--ABDU AND THE ISRAELIS TALKED ABOUT AN MNF AND THE 40 KM BUFFER ZONE ALONG FAMILIAR LINES. EITAN SAID THAT ISRAEL WAS AGAINST A UNIFIL RENEWAL THIS WEEK. I TOLD ABDU THAT BEGIN HAD ALREADY MADE A POLITICAL DECISION TO GO ALONG WITH A 3 MONTH EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE PROVIDED THERE WAS NO SC DEBATE.

--ABDU RAISED WITH EITAN THE ISSUE OF THE WEAPONS AND VEHICLES TAKEN FROM LEBANESE ARMY UNITS IN SOUTH LEBANON AND TURNED OVER TO HADDAD. EITAN PROMISED TO GIVE THIS MATERIAL BACK RIGHT AWAY.

--WHEN ABDU RAISED THE DESIRABILITY OF GOL TAKING OVER AND RESTORING OPERATIONS AT THE AIRPORT, EITAN TOOK A POSITIVE ATTITUDE BUT A TIME WAS NOT SPECIFIED.

--ON ISSUES SUCH AS PRESENCE IN THE BUFFER ZONE RAISED BY THE ISRAELIS WITH ME, ABDU TOLD EITAN THAT I HAD ALREADY TAKEN THESE MATTERS UP WITH THE LEBANESE.

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--ABDU ASKED EITAN WHETHER THE 3,000 LEBANESE ARMY TROOPS DISLODGED FROM THEIR BARRACKS IN SIDON BY THE ISRAELIS COULD RETURN, EITAN PROMISED TO DO SOMETHING. ABDU REJECTED EITAN'S SUGGESTION THAT THE LEBANESE ARMY TAKE OVER SIDON ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE LEBANESE COULD NOT BE SEEN AT THIS EARLY POINT AS COOPERATING TOO CLOSELY WITH THE ISRAELIS.

--ABDU ASKED THE ISRAELIS TO WITHDRAW THEIR ARMOR FROM THE CLOSE VICINITY OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE AND TO END PATROLS THERE, EITAN AGREED. HE ALSO PROMISED TO REMOVE A TANK FROM IN FRONT OF THE HOME OF LEBANESE ARMY COMMANDER KHOURY.

--BASHIR GEMAYEL WAS PRESENT AT THE MEETING WITH THE ISRAELIS.
3. I ASKED ABDU FOR A SUMMING UP OF THE DAY'S DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL SALVATION COMMITTEE AND A POSSIBLE NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT. WHAT HE SAID WAS CONSISTENT WITH WHAT BASHIR GEMAYEL AND SA'B SALAM HAD TOLD ME EARLIER. ABDU SAID THAT NABIH BARRI (OF THE AMAL) HAD NOW JOINED JUMBLATT IN REFUSING TO PARTICIPATE. BASHIR HAD LEFT HIS MEETING WITH SARKIS TO MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT WHICH WAS WELL RECEIVED BY THE MUSLIMS. HE HAD SAID THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING WAS TO SAVE BEIRUT AND THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO WORK CLOSELY UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF SARKIS TO THIS END. SARKIS IS NOW GOING TO WORK HARD TO BRING BACK BARRI INTO THE FOLD.

4. ABDU WILL BE MEETING SECRETLY IN ISRAEL WITH SHARUN AND KIMCHE TONIGHT, DURING WHICH HE WILL REVIEW EITAN'S COMMITMENTS AND UNDERSTANDINGS. HE PROFESSED

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HIMSELF MORE THAN SATISFIED WITH HIS INITIAL MEETING
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 E.O. 12065: RDS-3 6/16/02 (EAGLEBURGER, LAWRENCE S.)
 TAGS: MOPS, UR, LE, IS, US, IS
 SUBJECT: EXCHANGE OF "VERBAL NOTES" BETWEEN SOVIETS AND
 ISRAELIS

1. (~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. ISRAELI DCM NEHUSHTAN TELEPHONED ADAS HILL TODAY TO SAY THAT ISRAEL HAD RECEIVED A VERBAL NOTE FROM THE SOVIETS VIA THE FINNISH EMBASSY IN ISRAEL. ISRAEL HAD REPLIED VIA THEIR INTERESTS SECTION IN THE DUTCH EMBASSY IN MOSCOW. THE MESSAGE FROM THE SOVIETS, NEHUSHTAN SAID, WAS UNADDRESSED AND UNSIGNED AND READ AS FOLLOWS:

"THE ISRAELI MILITARY FORCES BY ARTILLERY SHELLING AND BOMBING HAVE CREATED A THREAT TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN BEIRUT AND TO SOVIET PERSONNEL. BUMBS, MORTAR AND ARTILLERY SHELLS ARE FALLING IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE EMBASSY. THIS ACTIVITY IS IN FLAGRANT CONTRADICTION WITH GENERALLY RECOGNIZED INTERNATIONAL NORMS. THE SOVIET UNION REQUIRES IMMEDIATE ACTION TO HALT THIS ACTIVITY AND TO PROTECT ITS DIPLOMATIC MISSION. THE SOVIET UNION WARNS THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONSEQUENCES OF THIS ACTIVITY WILL BE ENTIRELY BORNE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL."

3. NEHUSHTAN SAID THAT BEGIN SENT A REPLY IMMEDIATELY (ALSO UNADDRESSED AND UNSIGNED) READING AS FOLLOWS:

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"THE IDF IS IN LEBANON BECAUSE ARMED BANDS CALLING THEMSELVES THE PLO HAD BEEN PERMANENTLY ATTACKING ISRAELI CIVILIAN POPULATION, MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN. THE PRESENCE AND THE ACTIVITIES OF SUCH ARMED BANDS IN THE TERRITORIES OF ONE STATE CARRYING OUT ATTACKS INTO THE TERRITORIES OF ANOTHER STATE FALLS WITHIN THE CLASSIC DEFINITION OF AGGRESSION AS REPEATEDLY PROPOSED BY THE SOVIET UNION TO THE UN. ISRAEL IS EXERCISING ITS INDISPUTABLE RIGHT OF SELF-DEFENSE TO DEAL WITH THIS SITUATION. IT HAS NEVER OCCURED TO THE IDF TO ATTACK THE SOVIET EMBASSY AND ITS PERSONNEL OR ANY OTHER EMBASSY AND ITS STAFF. REPORTS RECEIVED FROM BEIRUT INDICATE THAT THE NEAREST IDF OUTPOST IS AT LEAST FIVE KILOMETERS FROM THE BUILDING HOUSING THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN BEIRUT. ISRAEL PROCLAIMED A UNILATERAL CEASEFIRE ON FRIDAY, JUNE 11 WITH SYRIA AND THEREAFTER STOPPED FIRING AND THERE HAVE BEEN NO EXCHANGES OF FIRE SINCE THEN. HOWEVER, THE SUCALLED PLO CONTINUES TO CARRY OUT ATTACKS AND DECLARES THAT IT INTENDS TO FIGHT ON. THE IDF WILL NOT SHOOT UNTIL SHOT AT. A COMPLETE CEASEFIRE CAN COME INTO FORCE WITHOUT DELAY IF THE ARMED BANDS STOP FIRING DE FACTO. ISRAEL HAS NO INTENTION OF INFRINGING UPON THE DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY OR ANY OTHER EMBASSY." HAIG

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