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STATEMENT FOR USE BY LARRY SPEAKES

The President has warmly welcomed Father Jenco after his long and cruel ordeal. The President noted that the happiness of this occasion is tempered by the fact that other Americans and innocents of several nationalities remain captive in Lebanon. Father Jenco was serving in Lebanon in an effort to help the people of that strife-torn country. He and the other American hostages, had dedicated to themselves to service for their fellow man.

The warm welcome that Father Jenco has received this week from the Pope, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and his friends, family, and nation serves as a tribute to a brave man and his faith. The President again expressed his thanks for the work of all those of many different nationalities and organizations who continue to work for the safe return of all hostages.

Those who held Father Jenco in cruel and uncertain confinement must realize that their objectives cannot be achieved by these means. They bring no sympathy or honor to themselves or the cause they profess to support. It is time for the captors and those with influence over them to end this prolonged situation in the name of peace and justice. We continue to hold the captors and those who support them responsible for the safety of the remaining hostages.

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PRESS GUIDANCE AFTER PRESIDENTIAL MEETING

WITH FATHER LAWRENCE JENCO

Friday, August 1, 1986

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A: Father Jenco delivered a confidential message to the President. The details of that message remain confidential.

Q: WHAT DID PRESIDENT REAGAN SAY TO FATHER JENCO?

A: President Reagan welcomed Father Jenco back to the United States and reiterated his determination to see that all hostages in Lebanon -- regardless of nationality -- are released.

Q: WAS THE MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN THE SAME AS THE MESSAGE DELIVERED TO THE POPE AND THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY?

A: We will not comment on the substance of the message Father Jenco delivered to the President, nor will we comment on the substance of confidential messages delivered to others.

Q: IS THE PRESIDENT HOPEFUL THAT MORE HOSTAGES WILL BE RELEASED SOON?

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Q: WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES?

A: As the President has said before, we just cannot get into the details beyond the fact that a variety of persons and intermediaries, like Terry Waite, have been helpful in the past and continue their efforts.

Q: WILL THE U.S. NEGOTIATE FOR THE RELEASE OF THE REMAINING HOSTAGES AS PEGGY SAY AND DAVID JACOBSON HAVE SUGGESTED?

A: I will reiterate what we have consistently said in the past, that we are always willing to talk to anyone, anywhere about the safe return of the hostages. We will not pay ransoms, grant concessions, or otherwise change our policies to meet terrorists' demand.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

August 1, 1986

ACTION

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MEMORANDUM FOR RODNEY B. McDANIEL

FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH
ROBERT L. EARL
CRAIG P. COY

SUBJECT: Father Martin Lawrence Jenco Debrief

Attached at Tab I are the agreed upon press statement and Questions and Answers for use by Larry Speakes after the meeting with Father Jenco. This reflects input from State and various White House offices.

RECOMMENDATION

That you initial and forward to Larry Speakes.

Approve

Lucy

Disapprove _____

Attachment

Tab I - Statement for Use by Larry Speakes
With Questions & Answers

August 1, 1986

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Attachments:

As stated

cc: David Chew

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AND THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

REFS: (A) BEIRUT 04109; (B) STATE 242085

1. COVERAGE IN THE ARABIC LANGUAGE PRESS TO JENCO'S MEETINGS WITH THE POPE AND THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY WAS GENERALLY STRAIGHTFORWARD AND LOW KEY. MOST PAPERS GAVE THE MEETINGS FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE, OR ELSE COVERED THEM ON INSIDE PAGES THAT NORMALLY CONTAIN WORLD NEWS TOPICS. ALL PAPERS CHECKED STATED THAT WAITE HAD EXPRESSED HIS WILLINGNESS TO MEET THE KIDNAPPERS AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME. SEVERAL PAPERS MENTIONED THE LETTER THAT THE POPE HAD GIVEN TO JENCO, IN WHICH THE PONTIFF WAS QUOTED AS HOPING FOR A QUICK MEETING BETWEEN THE KIDNAPPERS AND WAITE, AND A SPEEDY RESOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. WAITE WAS QUOTED IN SOME OF THE REPORTS AS SAYING THAT A SOLUTION IS POSSIBLE BASED ON "MUTUQ RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS".

2. WAITE GENERALLY DECLINED COMMENT ON WHAT, IF ANY, ROLE HE PLAYED IN ARRANGING JENCO'S RELEASE. MCNAMARA
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Department of State Guidelines, July 21, 1997

By smj NARA, Date 9/4/08

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SUBJECT: PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE 86-59 -- HOSTAGES:
PRESIDENTIAL MEETING WITH FATHER LAWRENCE JENKO
NOT RELEASABLE TO NATO ADDRESSEES

1. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED BY STATE S/CT FOR AUGUST
4 STATE DEPARTMENT NOON BRIEFING. IT WAS NOT USED. AGENCY
IS FORWARDING THE TEXT FOR POSTS INFORMATION.

2. Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE LATEST REPORTED THREAT
TO THE AMERICAN HOSTAGES AND THE ASSERTION TO A BEIRUT
NEWSPAPER THAT FATHER JENCO DID NOT CARRY ANY MESSAGE?

A: THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT THAT WAS ISSUED FRIDAY
AFTER FATHER JENCO VISITED THE WHITE HOUSE SAID WE
CONTINUE TO HOLD THE CAPTORS AND THOSE WHO SUPPORT THEM
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL THE REMAINING
HOSTAGES. THE STATEMENT ALSO NOTED THAT FATHER JENCO
DID BRING A MESSAGE. WE ARE NOT GOING TO GET INTO THE
DETAILS OF THE MESSAGE, WHO SENT IT, OR THE ARTICLE IN
THE BEIRUT NEWSPAPER.

3. Q: WHAT MESSAGE DID FATHER JENCO DELIVER TO PRESIDENT
REAGAN?

A. FATHER JENCO DELIVERED A CONFIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO THE
PRESIDENT. THE DETAILS OF THAT MESSAGE REMAIN
CONFIDENTIAL.

Q: WHAT DID PRESIDENT REAGAN SAY TO FATHER JENCO?

A: PRESIDENT REAGAN WELCOMED FATHER JENCO BACK TO THE
UNITED STATES AND REITERATED HIS DETERMINATION TO SEE
THAT ALL HOSTAGES IN LEBANON -- REGARDLESS OF
NATIONALITY -- ARE RELEASED.

Q: WAS THE MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN THE SAME AS THE
MESSAGE DELIVERED TO THE POPE AND THE ARCHBISHOP OF
CANTERBURY?

A: WE WILL NOT COMMENT ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE MESSAGE
FATHER JENCO DELIVERED TO THE PRESIDENT, NOR WILL WE
COMMENT ON THE SUBSTANCE OF CONFIDENTIAL MESSAGES
DELIVERED TO OTHERS.

Q: IS THE PRESIDENT HOPEFUL THAT MORE HOSTAGES WILL BE
RELEASED SOON?

A: THE PRESIDENT HAS REITERATED HIS DETERMINATION TO SEE
ALL HOSTAGES IN LEBANON SAFELY RELEASED, AND WE WILL
CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS.

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A: AS THE PRESIDENT HAS SAID BEFORE, WE JUST CANNOT GET
INTO THE DETAILS BEYOND THE FACT THAT A VARIETY OF

PERSONS AND INTERMEDIARIES, LIKE TERRY WAITE, HAVE BEEN
HELPFUL IN THE PAST AND CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS.

Q: WILL THE U.S. NEGOTIATE FOR THE RELEASE OF THE REMAINING
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A: I WILL REITERATE THAT WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY SAID IN
THE PAST, THAT WE ARE ALWAYS WILLING TO TALK TO ANYONE,
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FREEDOM. HE HAS CONVEYED PRIVATE MESSAGES TO WORLD
LEADERS AS HE HAS INSTRUCTED. BEYOND THAT HE IS ANXIOUS
TO REST AND RECOVER FROM HIS LONG ORDEAL. HIS PRIMARY
CONCERN IS THE SAFE RETURN OF THE REMAINING HOSTAGES AND
NOTHING MORE.

Q: WHY HAS THERE BEEN NO MENTION OF WILLIAM BUCKLEY; IS HE
DEAD?

A: WE HAVE NO INFORMATION THAT CAN CONFIRM HIS DEATH.
UNTIL WE DO, WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR HIS SAFE
RETURN ALONG WITH TERRY ANDERSON, DAVID JACOBSEN AND
THOMAS SUTHERLAND.

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DISCUSSIONS WITH QUAI SECRETARY GENERAL ROSS

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2. SUMMARY: IN A DEBRIEFING ON JENKO RELEASE, S/CT
DIRECTOR OAKLEY AND CT NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
[REDACTED] TOLD QUAI DEPUTY SYG ROSS ON AUGUST 6 THAT SINCE
JULY, 1985, FRENCH AND AMERICAN HOSTAGES HAVE BEEN
HELD SEPARATELY BUT IN THE SAME BEIRUT APARTMENT
BUILDING. GIVEN PREVIOUS WELL-SOURCED (BUT ERRONEOUS)

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REPORTS OF OTHER LOCATIONS, THIS SUGGESTS AN EFFECTIVE DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN BY THE CAPTORS. ONE OF AMERICAN HOSTAGE MAY HAVE SEEN FRENCHMAN CARTON. ROSS APPRECIATED BRIEFING, [REDACTED]

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Sec. 1.4(b)(d)

[REDACTED] OAKLEY REITERATED U. S. POLICY OF NOT PRESSING KUWAIT FOR RELEASE OF PRISONERS IT HOLDS IN EXCHANGE FOR U. S. HOSTAGES. ROSS EXPRESSED DESIRE TO STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH ON HOSTAGE AFFAIR. END SUMMARY.

3. S/CT DIRECTOR ROBERT OAKLEY AND NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICER FOR CT [REDACTED] MET AUGUST 6 WITH ANDRE ROSS, SECRETARY GENERAL OF FOREIGN MINISTRY, AND JEAN-LOUIS LUCET, ACTING DIRECTOR OF MFA BUREAU OF NORTH AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN AFFAIRS. A/DCM AND POLOFF ACCOMPANIED. AMBASSADOR OAKLEY AND [REDACTED] EXPLAINED THAT THEY HAD COME TO PARIS AS A RESULT OF FRENCH REQUEST TO AMBASSADOR RODGERS THAT U. S. PROVIDE A READ-OUT OF JENKO DEBRIEFING, AND TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM OF ONGOING EXCHANGES ON TERRORISM.

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JENKO DEBRIEFING

4. IN ADDRESSING JENKO CASE, OAKLEY AND [REDACTED] NOTED THAT THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CONCLUSION TO BE DRAWN WAS THE FACT THAT SINCE MID-JULY, 1985, THREE AMERICANS AND SOME FRENCH HOSTAGES (BELIEVED TO NUMBER THREE) WERE HELD IN SEPARATE GROUPS IN THE SAME APARTMENT BUILDING SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTHERN SUBURBS OF BEIRUT. GIVEN THE NUMEROUS, AND IN MANY CASES WELL-SOURCED, REPORTS OVER THE PAST MONTHS THAT THE HOSTAGES WERE

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BEING HELD IN THE BIQA' OR IN THE BASTA AREA OF BEIRUT DURING THAT PERIOD, ALL OF WHICH TURNED OUT TO BE FALSE, THE HOSTAGE CAPTORS WOULD APPEAR TO BE RUNNING A VERY EFFECTIVE DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN (WITH THE TRUE LOCATION OF THE HOSTAGES KNOWN ONLY TO A TIGHT INNER CIRCLE). OAKLEY AND [REDACTED] ALSO TOLD THE FRENCH THAT THE CAPTORS HAD VOICED ANTI-LIBYAN AND ANTI-SYRIAN SENTIMENTS TO THE HOSTAGES, AND THAT HOSTAGE TERRY ANDERSON HAD TOLD FATHER JENKO THAT HE HAD BRIEFLY SEEN A FRENCHMAN NAMED "MARCEL" WHO REPORTEDLY SPOKE ARABIC--PROBABLY MARCEL CARTON. THE AMERICANS SAID AS WELL THAT THE PRESENT THREE AMERICANS, AND CARTON, FONTAINE, AND KAUFMANN, ARE PROBABLY BEING HELD BY ONE GROUP LED BY HIZBALLAH FUNCTIONARY 'IMAD MUGHNIYAH, WHILE THE REMAINING TWO ANTENNE 2 FRENCHMEN ARE UNDER THE CONTROL OF ANOTHER GROUP, POSSIBLY ISLAMIC AMAL LEADER MUSAVI. (THE

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4. AS FOR FATHER JENKO'S RELEASE, OAKLEY AND [REDACTED] RECALLED THAT THE CAPTOR'S HAD MADE SIMILAR THREATS AND CLAIMS OF HUMANITARIAN MOTIVES WHEN THEY RELEASED REV. BENJAMIN WEIR LAST YEAR [REDACTED]

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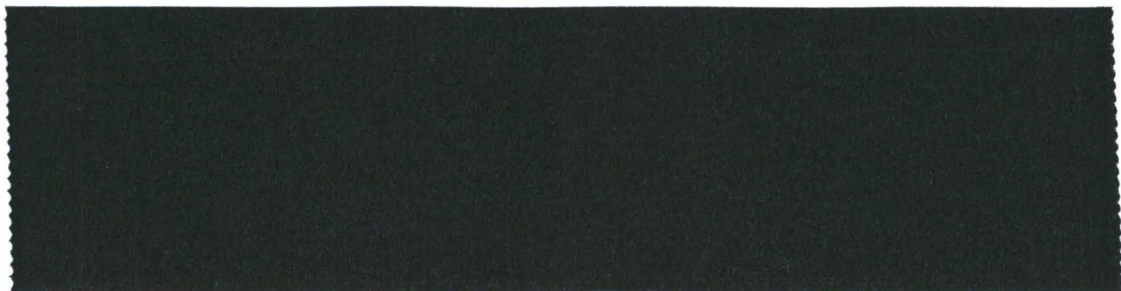
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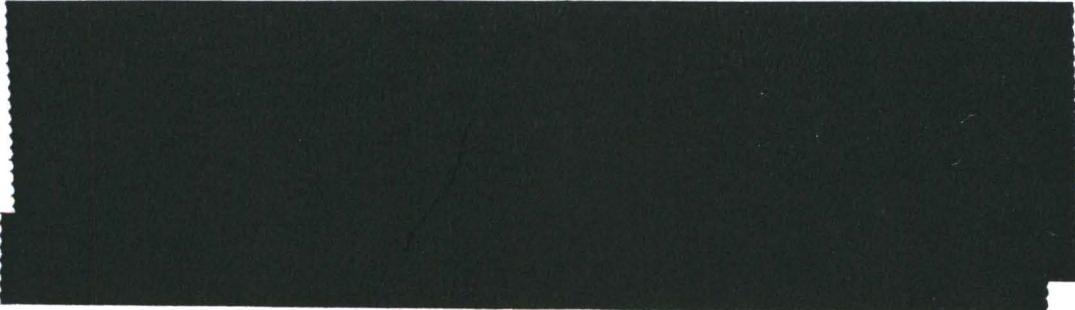
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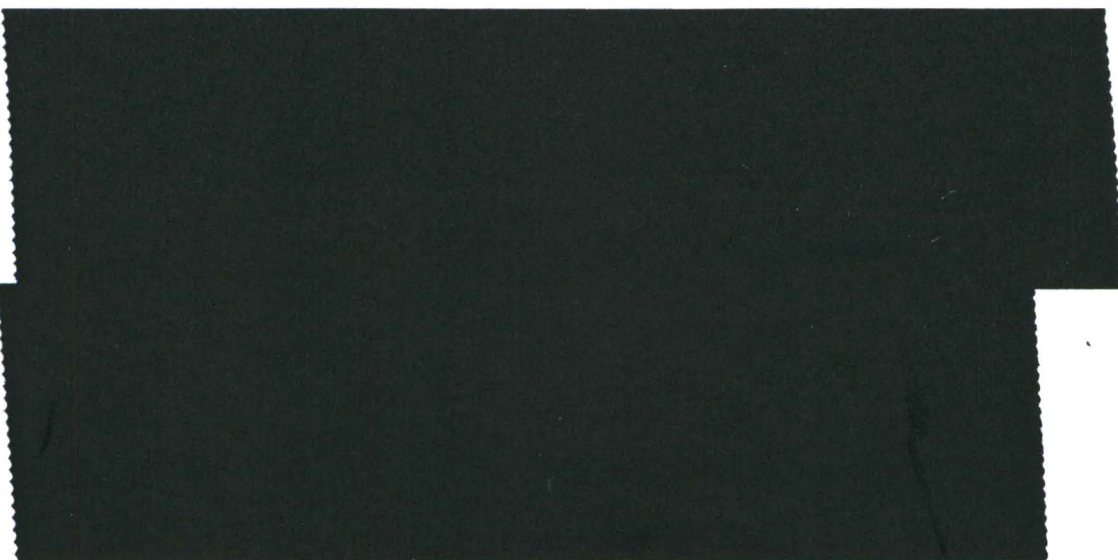
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AS FOR SPECIFIC DEMANDS, SAID OAKLEY, THE U. S. HAD RECEIVED ONLY THAT FOR THE RELEASE OF THE 17 PRISONERS IN KUWAIT (AND IN PRACTICAL TERMS, THE THREE LEBANESE AMONG THEM). OUR POSITION, HE REMINDED ROSS, REMAINS UNCHANGED: WE HAVE NOT AND WILL NOT TALK TO THE KUWAITIS ON THIS SUBJECT. PRESIDENT REAGAN TOLD FATHER JENKO LAST FRIDAY, AND THE HOSTAGE FAMILIES EARLIER, THAT WE WILL NOT NEGOTIATE FOR THE HOSTAGES.



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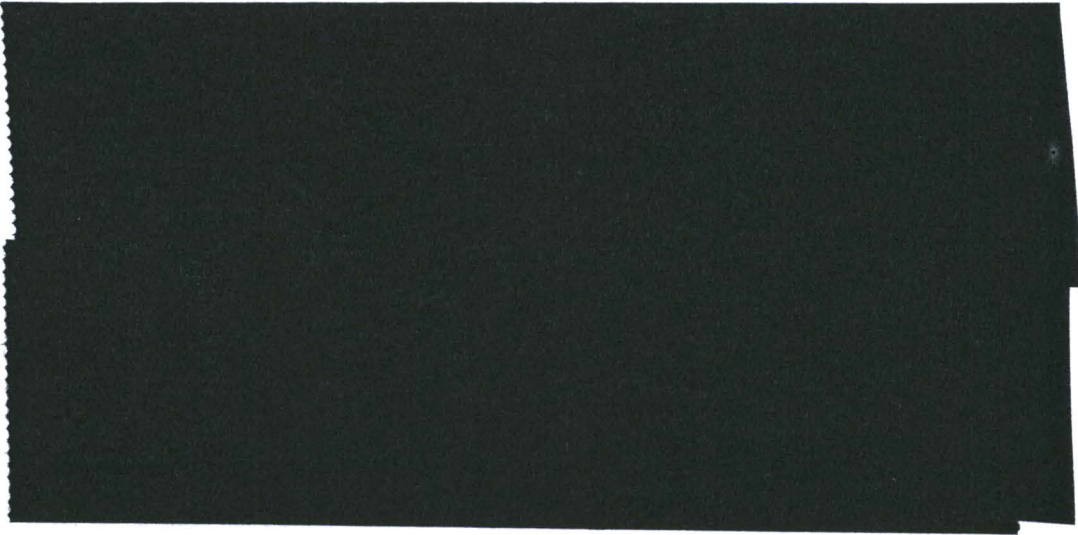
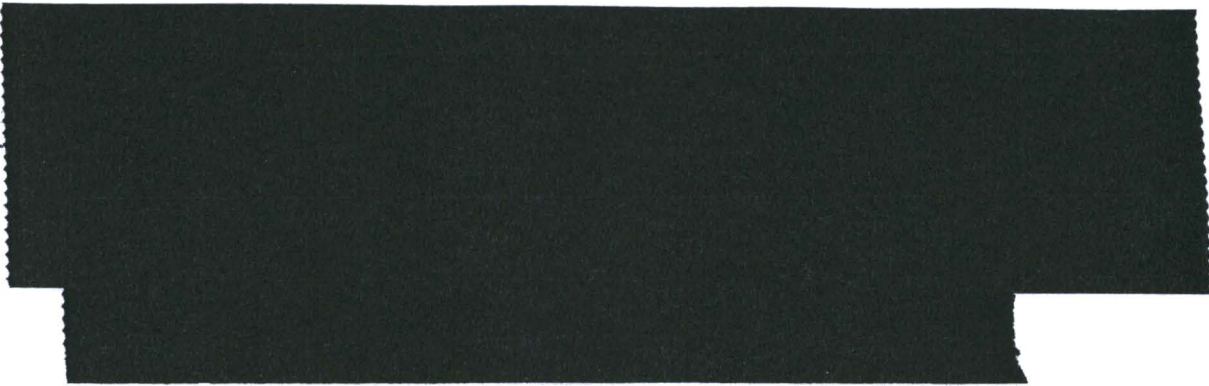
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9. OTHER SUBJECTS--SYRIA, LIBYA, AND THE ABDULLA
CASE--SEPTELS.

10. BEIRUT MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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