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MY TELNO 275 (NOT TO ALL): ISRAEL/LEBANON

1. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER YESTERDAY'S  
CABINET MEETING:

QUOTE

- 1) ISRAEL WILL MAINTAIN THE CEASEFIRE IN LEBANON. IF THE ENEMY VIOLATES THE CEASEFIRE THE IDF WILL RESPOND WITH FULL SEVERITY.
- 2) THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL RECOMMENDS THAT THE LEBANESE ARMY ENTER WEST BEIRUT.
- 3) ALL OF THE FIFTEEN TERRORIST ORGANISATIONS OF WHICH THE ROOF ORGANISATION CALLED THE PLO IS COMPRISED WILL HAND OVER THEIR WEAPONS TO THE LEBANESE ARMY. ALL MEMBERS OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED TERRORIST ORGANISATIONS, WITHOUT ANY EXCEPTIONS, WILL LEAVE BEIRUT AND LEBANON.
- 4) THE DEPARTING COLUMN OF THE TERRORISTS, UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS, WILL MOVE ACROSS THE INTERNATIONAL LEBANESE/SYRIAN BORDER ALONG THE BEIRUT/DAMASCUS ROAD. THE IDF WILL ENSURE THAT IN THE SECTOR OF THAT ROAD WHICH IS UNDER ITS CONTROL THE COLUMN WILL HAVE SAFE PASSAGE. IF THE TERRORISTS PREFER AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE, THIS WILL BE MADE POSSIBLE FOR THEM BY THE IDF.
- 5) WITH THE LIBERATION OF WEST BEIRUT AND THE REUNIFICATION OF THE LEBANESE CAPITAL, THE POLITICAL NEGOTIATION BETWEEN ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED WILL BEGIN WITH A VIEW TO REACHING AN AGREEMENT WHICH WILL GUARANTEE THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF LEBONON, THE DEPARTURE OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES FROM THAT COUNTRY, ITS INDEPENDENCE, AND THE PEACE OF ITS INHABITANTS. THIS AGREEMENT WILL ENSURE SECURITY AND PEACE OF THE GALILEE AND ITS INHABITANTS, OF ISRAEL AND ITS CITIZENS.
- 6) ISRAEL WILL GLADLY ACCEPT THE GOOD OFFICES OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE NEGOTIATING PARTIES, IN ORDER TO REACH THIS AGREEMENT.

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1. YESTERDAY'S CABINET COMMUNIQUE AND THE UNATTRIBUTABLE GLOSSES ON IT NOW APPEARING IN THE ISRAELI PRESS TEND TO CONFIRM OUR RECENT ASSESSMENTS. THE SIGNAL WHICH THE ISRAELIS WANT TO SEND TO THE PLO IS THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO GIVE HABIB ANOTHER 72 DAYS TO FIND A PEACEFUL SOLUTION SEMICOLON THAT THE CHOICE FOR THE PLO IS SAFE CONDUCT DISARMED OR PHYSICAL ERADICATION SEMICOLON AND THAT THE MATTER CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO DRAG ONLM
2. THE DILEMMA REMAINS OF PRECISELY WHAT MILITARY ACTION COULD BE TAKEN WITHOUT INCURRING UNACCEPTABLE ISRAELI CASUALTIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL ODIUM OF RAZING WEST BEIRUT. SO DOES THE PROBLEM OF MAINTAINING CREDIBILITY. IN THIS CONNECTION, CABINET SOURCES WERE INDICATING TO JOURNALISTS LAST NIGHT THAT THE PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN THE CABINET COMMUNIQUE SHOULD NOT BE SEEN AS ISRAEL'S LAST WORD, BUT AS INTENDED TO ELICIT A COUNTER-PROPOSAL FROM THE PLO. SIMILARLY, WHILE DEMANDING THE DEPARTURE OF ALL PLO FORCES FROM LEBANON, ISRAEL WOULD CONSIDER SERIOUSLY A PROPOSAL FOR THE DEPARTURE OF A SMALLER, THOUGH STILL SIGNIFICANT, NUMBER. AND AS REGARDS THE CALL FOR ALL FOREIGN FORCES TO LEAVE LEBANON, CABINET SOURCES ARE ALSO QUOTED AS ADMITTING THAT HHE PROSPECT OF A TOTAL SYRIAN WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ENTIRE COUNTRY, INCLUDING THE BEKA'A VALLEY, WAS UNREALISTIC IN THE SHORT TERM.
3. THE PRESS ALSO REPORTS CONTINUING DISAGREEMENT AMONG MINISTERS ON THE QUESTION OF A POSSIBLE EARLY ASSAULT ON WEST BEIRUT, WITH SOME MINISTERS ARGUING THAT TIME WAS RUNNING OUT BUT THE MAJORITY IN FAVOUR FOR ALLOWING MORE TIME. THE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER CASUALTIES SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN A MAJOR FACTOR IN YESTERDAY'S CABINET DISCUSSIONS, ESPECIALLY GIVEN REPORTS OF QUESTIONING BY TROOPS IN LEBANON OF THE SCALE AND PURPOSE OF TDG PRESENT OPERATION. (BUT NO ONE SUGGESTS THAT THE IDF WOULD REFUSE TO CARRY OUT ORDERS TO ATTACK WEST BEIRUT). CRITICISM OF SHARON AND OF MILITARY CENSORSHIP BY DEFENCE CORRESPONDENTS CONTINUE.
4. THE ABSENCE OF ANY DIRECT REFERENCE IN THE CABINET COMMUNIQUE TO THOSE SYRIAN FORCES REMAINING IN BEIRUT IS CURIOUS. LOGICALLY, THEIR WITHDRAWAL TOO SHOULD TAKE PLACE AT THE SAME TIME AS THAT OF THE PLO, BEFORE POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FUTURE OF LEBANON. WE HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING WHETHER THE OMISSION IS DELIBERATE OR ACCIDENTIAL.

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