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Prime Minister

Agree to the action by the Ten
subject to deletion of point 8 and,
if possible, revision of point 3?

A.J.C. 14/6

Dear John,

Israel/Lebanon

Yes not

Brussels telegram number 215 (copy enclosed) asks for instructions on a proposal that the Ten should seek an authoritative statement from the Israeli Government covering a number of humanitarian and political points related to the Lebanese conflict.

We have consulted Mr Hurd by telephone in Bonn (Mr Pym is en route to Riyadh). He considers that we should support the proposed initiative by the Ten subject to two points (see below) but thought that the Prime Minister's views should be sought before instructions were sent to Brussels.

Mr Hurd raised questions about two of the points:

- (i) On point 1 he asked whether the Geneva Convention applied to the PLO. The legal arguments are not clear cut. Our view is that the Israelis should, for humanitarian reasons, apply the appropriate provisions of the Convention in any case. The point can therefore stand.
- (ii) On point 3, he asked whether this would be consistent with our practice as regards journalists in the Falklands. The question of handling of journalists following the recapture of Port Stanley is currently the subject of ministerial consideration: there is likely to be a delay of some days before foreign journalists are allowed in. To meet this point, we would propose to instruct our representative in Brussels to work for the insertion of a phrase such as "at the earliest opportunity" in point 3.

/We also



We also have doubts about point 8, which seems to us not to be a vital ingredient of the package and to leave us open to a charge of condoning a massacre of the PLO. We therefore propose that it be omitted.

I would be grateful to know as soon as possible whether the Prime Minister would be content for us to instruct our representative in Brussels to agree to action by the Ten on these lines. I understand that the other Nine have now agreed to the proposed initiative with the Israelis. The Belgians would like to act this evening if at all possible.

Yours ever

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EUROPEAN POLITICAL COOPERATION: POLITICAL COMMITTEE

BRUSSELS 14 JUNE

LEBANON

1. AT BULLARD'S SUGGESTION IT WAS AGREED AD REFERENDUM THAT THE
TEN SHOULD SEEK AN AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENT FROM THE ISRAELI
GOVERNMENT ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

- (1) THAT IT WILL APPLY THE RELEVANT GENEVA CONVENTIONS, ESPECIALLY AS REGARDS PRISONERS.
- (2) THAT IT WILL ADMIT INTERNATIONAL RELIEF ORGANISATIONS TO THE TERRITORY WHICH ITS FORCES HAVE OCCUPIED, AND WILL FACILITATE THEIR WORK.
- (3) THAT IT WILL SIMILARLY ADMIT AND GIVE NORMAL FACILITIES TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA.
- (4) THAT IT RECOGNISES BOTH THE SOVEREIGN STATE OF LEBANON AND THE INTERNATIONAL FRONTIER BETWEEN LEBANON AND ISRAEL.
- (5) THAT IT HAS NO WISH TO ANNEX OR OCCUPY ANY PART OF THE TERRITORY OF LEBANON.
- (6) THAT IT WILL NOT INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF LEBANON.
- (7) THAT IT WILL COOPERATE FULLY WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS OPEN SQUARE BRACKETS ~~ON ALL MATTERS~~, ESPECIALLY AS REGARDS UNIFIL) CLOSE SQUARE BRACKETS.
- (8) THAT IT WISHES NO ILL TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AS SUCH.
- (9) THAT IT HAS NO AGRESSIVE INTENTIONS TOWARDS ITS NEIGHBOURS, PARTICULARLY SYRIA.
- (10) THAT ITS ARMED FORCES WILL CEASE FIRE AGAINST ALL OTHER COMBATANTS IN THE REGION AT HOURS ON 15 JUNE, AND WILL THEREAFTER REFRAIN FROM ALL WARLIKE ACTIVITY, IF ALL OTHER COMBATTANTS IN THE REGION WILL DO LIKEWISE.

2. IN THE COVERING CHAPEAU THE TEN WOULD REAFFIRM THE BONN STATEMENT AND THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE RELEVANT SECURITY RESOLUTIONS.

3. IN PUTTING THIS TO ISRAELIS THE TEN WOULD NOT GIVE THEM DEADLINE FOR REPLY. THEY WOULD HOWEVER MAKE THEIR DEMANDS PUBLIC AFTER GIVING THE ISRAELIS A REASONABLE TIME TO REPLY. SOME DIVERGENCE AMONG POLITICAL DIRECTORS HOW LONG THIS SHOULD BE. MANY FAVOUR 48 HOURS. WE HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THIS IS TOO LONG.

4. POLITICAL DIRECTORS ARE NOW SEEKING INSTRUCTIONS IN THE HOPE THAT
IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO AGREE ON THIS ACTION DURING THE AFTERNOON.
THE PRESIDENCY WOULD THEN SEND INSTRUCTIONS TO TEL AVIV AND WOULD
CONTACT THE UNITED STATES TO SEEK THEIR SUPPORT.

5. GRATEFUL FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

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