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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ISRAELI CABINET STATEMENT.

BEGINS:

"NOTHING WILL REMAIN FROM THE VENICE RESOLUTION BUT ITS BITTER MEMORY. THE RESOLUTION CALLS UPON US, AND OTHER NATIONS, TO INCLUDE IN THE PEACE PROCESS THE ARAB SS KNOWN AS 'THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION.' THE PRINCIPAL COMPONENT OF THIS ORGANIZATION OF MURDERERS RESOLVED IN DAMASCUS, ON THE EVE OF THE VENICE CONFERENCE, TO WIT: 'FATAH IS AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT WHOSE AIM IS TO LIBERATE PALESTINE COMPLETELY AND TO LIQUIDATE THE ZIONIST ENTITY POLITICALLY, ECONOMICALLY, MILITARILY, CULTURALEY AND IDEOLOGICALLY'".

"NOT SINCE 'MEIN KAMPF' WAS WRITTEN HAVE MORE EXPLICIT WORDS BEEN SAID, IN THE EARS OF THE ENTIRE WORLD, INCLUDING EUROPE, ABOUT THE DESIRE FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF THE JEWISH STATE AND NATION."

"FOR 'PEACE' WHICH WOULD BE ACHIEVED WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF THAT SAME ORGANIZATION OF MURDERERS, A NUMBER OF EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ARE WILLING TO GIVE A GUARANTEE, EVEN MILITARILY. THE HEART OF ANYONE WITH A MEMORY WILL SHUDDER, KNOWING THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE GUARANTEE GIVEN TO CZECHSLOVAKIA IN 1938, AFTER THE SUDENTENLAND WAS TORN FROM IT, ALSO FOR THE SAKE OF SELF-DETERMINATION. ISRAEL DOES NOT SEEK A GUARANTEE FOR ITS SECURITY FROM ANY EUROPEAN NATION. ISRAEL KNOWS, AND WILL KNOW, HOW TO DEFEND ITSELF.

"THE INITIATORS OF THE VENICE DOCUMENT AND ITS COMPOSERS EVEN TRIED TO INTERVENE IN THE STATUS OF JERUSALEM, OUR ETERNAL CAPITAL, WHICH IS NOT SUBJECT TO (NEXT WORD IN ITALICS) ANY DIVISION, AND IN OUR RIGHT TO SETTLE AND LIVE IN ERETZ YISRAEL, A RIGHT WHICH IS ALSO AN INSEPARABLE PART OF OUR DEFENCE SYSTEM IN THE FACE OF ENEMIES AND ATTACKERS.

"ANY MAN OF GOOD WILL AND ANY FREE PERSON IN EUROPE WHO WOULD EXAMINE THIS DOCUMENT WOULD SEE IN IT A MUNICH-LIKE SURRENDER, THE SECOND IN OUR GENERATION, TO TYRANNIC EXTORTION, AND AN ENCOURAGEMENT TO ALL THE ELEMENTS WHICH ARE UNDERMINING THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS AND WHICH ASPIRE TO DEFEAT THE PEACE PROCESS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

"ISRAEL SIGNED A PEACE TREATY WITH EGYPT, GIVING MANY SACRIFICE ON ITS BEHALF. IT IS FULFILLING THE CONDITIONS OF THE TREATY FAITHFULLY AND METICULOUSLY. IT IS WILLING TO UPHOLD METICULOUSLY AND FAITHFULLY THE SECOND PARTY OF THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS, TO WIT:

"FULL AUTONOMY FOR THE ARAB INHABITANTS OF JUDEA, SAMARIA, AND THE GAZA DISTRICT, AND FULL SECURITY FOR ISRAEL AND ALL ITS CITIZENS."

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MY TEL NO 236: MIDDLE EAST

1. THE EMOTIONAL STATEMENT READ BY BEGIN AFTER YESTERDAY'S CABINET WAS APPROVED BY THE CABINET UNANIMOUSLY. (FULL TEXT IN MIFT, NOT TO ALL). SOME IN CABINET APPEAR TO HAVE WANTED SOMETHING STRONGER STILL, INCLUDING A REFUSAL TO RECEIVE THE FACT FINDING MISSION, OR NOT TO RECEIVE ANY GERMAN MEMBERS OF IT. BUT SHAMIR APPARENTLY OBTAINED SOME TONING DOWN, AND LATER IMPLIED THAT THERE WERE POINTS OF MODERATION IN THE EUROPEAN STATEMENT WHICH MIGHT HAVE BEEN INFLUENCED BY SHAMIR'S VISITS TO EUROPEAN CAPITALS. OFFICIAL LEVEL REACTIONS HERE ARE CRITICAL BUT A GOOD DEAL MORE BALANCED THAN THE CABINET STATEMENT.

2. MY ITALIAN COLLEAGUE IS SEEING THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY THIS MORNING. HIS INSTRUCTIONS ARE NOT TO HAND OVER THE TEXT OF THE VENICE STATEMENT, BUT TO CONCENTRATE ON EXPLAINING THE EUROPEAN APPROACH AS BEING BASED ON SC 242 AND 338, AND ON THE SECURITY OF ISRAEL, WITH GUARANTEES BY THE NINE IF ISRAEL WANTS THEM. HE WILL EMPHASISE THAT THE NINE WISH CAMP DAVID WELL AND THAT EUROPE'S FURTHER POSITION WILL ONLY BE DECIDED AFTER THE MISSION OF THE NINE. I HOPE TO REPORT THE OUTCOME OF THIS MEETING LATER TODAY.

3. SHAMIR APPARENTLY INTENDS TO CALL IN COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS HERE THIS WEEK TO TELL US OFFICIALLY OF THE CABINET REACTION.

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