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ISRAEL/LEBANON

1. I HAVE JUST RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING FURTHER MESSAGE ADDRESSED
TO THE PRIME MINISTER FROM KING HUSSEIN DATED 14 JUNE. I HAVE
NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO DELIVER TO THE KING THE PRIME MINISTER'S
MESSAGE IN YOUR TELNO 145, WITH WHICH IT HAS CROSSED.
BEGINS.

DEAR PRIME MINISTER,

THE EVENTS OF THE LAST FEW DAYS WHICH CULMINATED IN THE OCCUPATION
OF ONE-THIRD OF LEBANON AND THE DESTRUCTION OF HUMAN LIFE AND
PROPERTY ON A MASSIVE SCALE INVITE MANY QUESTIONS.

WHAT DOES THIS MOST RECENT ISRAELI ENGINEERED CRISIS OFFER THE
REGION FOR THE MEDIUM AND LONG-TERM NECESSITIES OF STABILITY?
WHAT WERE THE ISRAELI OBJECTIVES? IF THE OBJECTIVES WERE TO DESTROY
THE AREA AND DRIVE THE ARAB POPULATION OUT OF LEBANON THIS POLICY

THE PLO INFRASTRUCTURE AND TO DRIVE THEM OUT OF LEBANON, THIS POLICY HAS CLEARLY BACKFIRED. NOT ONLY DOES THIS TRAGEDY GIVE RISE TO RADICALISM, BUT ALSO WEAKENS NATIONALIST MODERATE STATES AND FURTHER BALKANIZES THE REGION. FURTHERMORE, THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE AND PALESTINIAN RIGHTS CANNOT BE DENIED BY THE INVASION OF LEBANON SINCE IT WILL ONLY INCREASE THE FRUSTRATION AND STIFFEN RESISTANCE.

AS RIGHTLY STATED BY THE RT. HON. FRANCIS PYM, "WHAT HAS HAPPENED IS A TOTALLY UNJUSTIFIED INVASION BY THE ISRAELIS... THERE CANNOT BE PEACE AND STABILITY IN THAT AREA OF THE WORLD WITHOUT TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE."

THE FIGHTING HAS UNDOUBTEDLY DEEPEINED THE SENSE OF PSYCHOLOGICAL HUMILIATION AND FRUSTRATION FELT BY ALL. A LARGE NUMBER OF VILLAGES HAVE BEEN TOTALLY DESTROYED AND LARGE SECTIONS OF ENTIRE CITIES, SUCH AS TYRE AND SIDON, WERE TOTALLY DEMOLISHED WITH ABOUT 2,500 CIVILIANS KILLED OR WOUNDED AND 600,000 RENDERED HOMELESS.

THE INTEGRITY OF THE U.S. AND HER ALLIES HAS BEEN FURTHER DISCREDITED AND UNDERMINED. THE WESTERN WORLD MUST RAPIDLY ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 508 AND 509 WHICH YOU SUPPORTED, AND THE VERSAILLE DECLARATION OF JUNE 6 WHICH YOU ENDORSED. EFFORTS SHOULD ALSO BE EXERTED TO STRENGTHEN THE UNITED NATIONS INTERIM FORCES IN LEBANON TO ENABLE IT TO ACCOMPLISH ITS MISSION.

THIS DIVERSION FROM THE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUE OF THE FUTURE OF THE PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL IN JUNE OF 1967 CANNOT BE REDRESSED BY DELAYED "PRESSURE" TO INVITE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM LEBANON.

THIS CRUCIAL HOUR DEMANDS THAT POWER AND RESPONSIBILITY BE EXERCISED TOWARD THE INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE OF THE MIDDLE EAST IN OBTAINING A SHARED CONCERN FOR JUSTICE, SECURITY AND PEACE FOR ALL PEOPLES.

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