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Prime Minister!

Content that this message
should be sent to President
Mubarak? WJH 10/6

Yes
no

Dear John,

President Mubarak has sent a message to the Prime Minister about the Israeli action in Lebanon (copy of Cairo telegram number 255 of 7 June enclosed). Parallel messages have gone to heads of government of the rest of the Ten and to President Reagan and Mr Begin.

We are discussing Lebanon within the Ten but there has been no suggestion that we should concert a reply to President Mubarak's message. However, the Ten have issued a statement which vigorously condemns the Israeli invasion of Lebanon. I enclose a suggested brief reply from the Prime Minister in the form of a draft telegram to Cairo.

The Egyptian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister General Kamal Hassan Ali will be in London briefly on 11 and 12 June. He is calling on Mr Pym on the afternoon of 11 June.

Yours ever

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 10 YOUR TELNO 255 OF 7 JUNE (NOT TO ALL)
 11 ISRAEL/LEBANON: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MUBARAK
 12 1. Please deliver the following reply from the Prime Minister
 13 to President Mubarak as soon as possible. Begins
 14 Thank you for your message about the situation in Lebanon.
 15 We too are extremely concerned at the effect that continued
 16 fighting there could have on efforts, to which Egypt has
 17 contributed so much, to find a lasting peace in the Middle East.
 18 Our immediate concern is therefore to bring an end to the
 19 fighting. We have made our position clear in our association
 20 with the Versailles statement and in our support for UN Security
 21 Council resolutions 508 and 509. You will also have seen the
 22 statement by the European Community of 9 June which vigorously
 23 condemned the Israeli invasion of Lebanon. We remain in close
 24 touch with our European partners and with those directly concerned
 25 with the conflict. We see no justification for Israel acting

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2 in the way that she has.

3 We have also been able to make our strong views known to
4 President Reagan and Mr Haig during the talks they have had in
5 London over the past few days. We fully support the efforts of
6 President Reagan's special envoy Mr Philip Habib to find a way
7 to halt the fighting.

8 In the meantime we are very conscious of the appalling
9 human cost of the conflict and we have asked the Lebanese
10 government to let us know of any urgent needs they have for
11 humanitarian assistance. We are ready to do what we can.

12 Ends.

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TO PRIORITY FCO
TELEGRAM NUMBER 255 OF 7 JUNE

MIPT: LEBANON/ISRAEL

1. PRESIDENT MUBARAK AND THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE APPRECIATE YOUR GENUINE CONCERN OVER THE DETERIORATING SITUATION IN LEBANON. THE CURRENT ISRAELI OPERATION THERE IS CERTAIN TO HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT THROUGHOUT THE REGION. IT DEALS A DEVASTATING BLOW TO THE EFFORTS WE ARE EXERTING TIRELESSLY IN ORDER TO WIDEN THE SCOPE OF PEACE AND GAIN MORE SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSITION OF PEACE AND HARMONY IN THE MIDDLE EAST. OUR TASK HAS BEEN MADE MORE DIFFICULT BY THE NEW ISRAELI ACTION.
2. THE PRESENT ISRAELI ATTITUDE IS LIKELY TO WEAKEN THE VOICES OF MODERATION AND REASON WITHIN THE PALESTINIAN MOVEMENT AND GIVE NEW AMMUNITION TO THE FORCES OF EXTREMISM AND NEGATIVISM. IN OTHER WORDS, THOSE AMONG THE PALESTINIANS WHO WERE WILLING TO ACCEPT THE PRINCIPLE OF MUTUAL AND SIMULTANEOUS RECOGNITION BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE WILL FEEL ISOLATED AND BETRAYED.
3. ON THE OTHER HAND, THIS UNWISE POLICY WILL NO DOUBT ENCOURAGE OUTSIDE INTERVENTION AND STIMULATE FURTHER POLARIZATIONS WHICH ARE DETRIMENTAL TO THE INTERESTS OF ALL NATIONS.
4. THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION WHICH WAS PROMPTLY ISSUED TODAY WAS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. HOWEVER, FURTHER ACTIONS ARE NEEDED TO ENSURE THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI FORCES AND THE REINSTITUTION OF THE VIOLATED CEASE-FIRE.
5. WE EXPECT YOUR FRIENDLY COUNTRY AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE TO PLAY A VITAL AND INDISPENSABLE ROLE DURING THE COMING FEW WEEKS. FIRST, PRESSURE SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WITHIN THE SECURITY COUNCIL UNTIL ITS RESOLUTION IS FULLY OBSERVED AND IMPLEMENTED. ANY WEAKENING OF THE COUNCIL'S STAND WOULD BE A SERIOUS SETBACK TO OUR EFFORTS. SECOND, THE UN FORCES OPERATING IN LEBANON SHOULD BE

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REINFORCED AND ENLARGED SO AS TO ENABLE THEM TO CARRY OUT THEIR CRUCIAL MISSION EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY. THE GAPS THAT HAVE EXISTED IN THE AREA COVERED BY THE UN FORCES SHOULD BE CLOSED WITHOUT DELAY. IN THE ABSENCE OF THIS ARRANGEMENT, THE UN ROLE WILL BE JEOPARDIZED AND SEVERELY COMPROMIZED. THIRD, PRESIDENT MUBARAK HOPES THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY USE YOUR GOOD OFFICES AND INFLUENCE WITH THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF EFFECTING A PROMPT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION. THE LONGER ISRAEL REMAINS ON LEBANESE SOIL, THE GREATER BECOMES THE RISK TO THE CAUSE OF A DURABLE AND COMPREHENSIVE PEACE IN THE REGION. THE PRESIDENT TRUSTS YOUR GOOD JUDGEMENT AND IS CERTAIN THAT YOU WILL TAKE WHATEVER MEASURES ARE NEEDED TO CONTAIN THIS DANGEROUS ESCALATION OF VIOLENCE AND TENSION. A FIRM EUROPEAN STAND WILL STRENGTHEN THE HAND OF ARAB MODERATES AT THESE TENSE MOMENTS.

6. PRESIDENT MUBARAK WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU THAT HE SENT TWO URGENT MESSAGES TO PRESIDENT REAGAN AND PRIME MINISTER BEGIN FOR THE SAME PURPOSE.

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