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WASHINGTON TELNO 2224 OF 24 JUNE: LEBANON.

1. I CONFIRM THE TEXT KINDLY TRANSMITTED BY THE AMERICANS AND HAVE RETURNED TO THE CHANCERY.
2. ARAFAT AND ABU IYAD HAVE APPARENTLY RECOGNIZED THAT THE GAME IS UP AND HAVE CONTACTED BASHIR GEMAYEL THROUGH SAEB SALAM. THEY HAVE BEEN DENOUNCED BY HABASH AS TRAITORS. SO MUCH IS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN. EVEN WALID JUMBLATT HAS APPARENTLY RECOGNIZED THE FACTS OF LIFE. (A MEMBER OF MY STAFF CONFIRMED THIS YESTERDAY WITH FARWAN HARMADA).
3. THIS I THINK MEANS THAT THE PALESTINIAN MOVEMENT IN BEIRUT IS IRREVOCABLY SPLIT. TO BE SURE, THE PALESTINIAN LEADERSHIP IS STILL

BICKERING OVER A PRECISE FORMULA SEMI COLON BUT THERE IS NO GOING  
BACK ON INTERCOURSE WITH THE DEVIL. THERE COULD NOW BE FIGHTING  
BETWEEN PALESTINIAN FACTIONS WHICH COULD BECOME PARTICULARLY  
DANGEROUS TO ALL THE INHABITANTS OF BEIRUT. MOST OF THE PALESTINIANS  
(WITHOUT THE HEAVY EQUIPMENT) SEEM TO HAVE LEFT THE CAMPS AND HAVE  
REDEPLOYED IN WEST BEIRUT PROPER.

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4. IT SEEMS CERTAIN NOW THAT THE ISRAELIS HAVE OCCUPIED BHAMDOUN  
SEMI COLON AND THE SYRIANS ARE REPORTED TO BE RETREATING FROM  
SUJ EL GHARB.

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