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TO IMMEDIATE UKMIS NEW YORK
TELEGRAM NUMBER 538 OF 16 JUNE
AND TO IMMEDIATE PARIS
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ISRAEL/LEBANON: EXTENSION OF UNIFIL MANDATE
1.   US EMBASSY HAS APPROACHED US ON INSTRUCTIONS FOR UK SUPPORT
FOR A QUOTE SIMPLE, PROCEDURAL RESOLUTION UNQUOTE THAT WOULD RENEW
UNIFIL'S MANDATE FOR 90 DAYS, WITHOUT ATTEMPTING TO DEFINE THE
FUTURE OF UNIFIL. THE AMERICANS ARE ASKING THAT THERE MUST BE NO
EFFORT TO USE SUCH A RESOLUTION TO CONDEMN ISRAEL, OR OTHERWISE
POLITICISE THE RESOLUTION IN A WAY THAT COULD JEOPARDISE ITS
ADOPTION, OR TO PRE-DETERMINE ELEMENTS OF A SETTLEMENT IN LEBANON
NOT ALREADY PROVIDED IN RESOLUTIONS 508 AND 509. THEY SEE THE
ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF A RESOLUTION AS BEING:
        (A) REAFFIRMATION OF RESOLUTIONS 508 AND 509:
        (B) A COMMITMENT TO LEBANON'S SOVEREIGNTY AND
             TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY:
        (C) A REFERENCE TO RESOLUTION 425:
        (D) EXTENSION OF UNIFIL'S MANDATE FOR 90 DAYS.
2.   WHILE THERE ARE ASPECTS OF AMERICAN POLICY ABOUT WHICH WE
HAVE OUR DOUBTS. IT IS CLEARLY SENSIBLE TO PRESERVE THE OPTION OF
A UN-BASED PEACEKEEPING FORCE FOR THE NEW SITUATION IN SOUTH
LEBANON. WE THEREFORE AGREE WITH THE AMERICAN PROPOSAL THAT A
SIMPLE RESOLUTION IS A SENSIBLE WAY TO PROCEED. INDICATIONS ARE
(YOUR TELNO 987) THAT THE USSR MIGHT GO ALONG WITH A SIMPLE
EXTENSION FOR A MONTH OR SO. NO DOUBT THE AMERICANS WOULD ACCEPT
LESS THAN 90 DAYS AS BEING PREFERABLE TO A SOVIET VETO. UNLESS
YOU SEE OBJECTION, WE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD PROCEED
ACCORDINGLY.
3.   FOR PARIS.   PLEASE CHECK WITH THE FRENCH WHETHER THEY HAVE

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RESPONSE IS LIKELY TO BE SIMILAR TO OURS.

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