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YOUR TELNO 853: MULTINATIONAL FORCE IN LEBANON

1. U.S. EMBASSY DELIVERED FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SHULTZ TO ME
ON 5 APRIL:

BEGINS. DEAR FRANCIS: AS YOU KNOW, WE BELIEVE THAT THE MNF
PRESENCE IN LEBANON IS CRUCIAL TO THE EFFORT TO BRING ABOUT THE
WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES FROM THAT COUNTRY. WE GREATLY
APPRECIATE HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT'S CONTRIBUTION AND LOOK
FORWARD TO THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF A BRITISH MNF CONTINGENT IN
BEIRUT.

DESPITE THE DIFFICULTIES, I AM OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE SUCCESSFUL
CONCLUSION OF THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS AND AM
CONVINCED THAT THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF THE MNF IS CRITICAL
TO THE ULTIMATE SUCCESS OF OUR COMMON EFFORT TO BRING ABOUT A
PEACEFUL, SECUR AND INDEPENDENT LEBANON.

I KNOW WE CAN COUNT ON YOUR SUPPORT. SINCERELY YOURS,
GEORGE. ENDS.

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MULTINATIONAL FORCE IN LEBANON (MNF)

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