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TO IMMEDIATE F.C.O.

TELEGRAM NUMBER 173 OF 8 APRIL 1983

INFO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON, TEL AVIV, DAMASCUS, AMMAN, PARIS
SAVING UKMIS NEW YORK, CAIRO, JEDDA, ROME.

MY TELNO 170 OF 6 APRIL AND PARIS TELNO 274:

LEBANON ISRAEL.

1. THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER TODAY BRIEFED THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES ABOUT HIS RECENT TRIP.
2. ESSENTIALLY HIS ACCOUNT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE LEBANON AND ISRAEL BORE OUT THE INFORMATION IN MY TELEGRAM UNDER REFERENCE. THEY WERE CLOSE TO AN AGREEMENT, BUT THERE WERE STILL DIFFICULT PROBLEMS.
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3. I ASKED HIM ABOUT SYRIAN INTENTIONS. HE REPLIED THAT HE HAD HAD CATEGORICAL ASSURANCES FROM THE SYRIAN PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN MINISTER THAT IF THE ISRAELIS WITHDREW TOTALLY FROM THE LEBANON, THE SYRIANS WOULD DO THE SAME.

4. ON JORDAN AND THE PLO HE SAID THAT HE HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT THE SYRIANS WERE THREATENING KING HUSSEIN WITH TROUBLE IF HE ENTERED INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE ISRAELIS IN SUCH A WAY AS TO LEAVE SYRIA ISOLATED. THE SAME APPLIED A FORTIORI TO ARAFAT.

5. FCO PLEASE PASS TO ALL SAVING ADDRESSEES.

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