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SITUATION REPORT 23/24 NOVEMBER

LEBANON

1. THE ISRAELIS HAVE BEGUN TO RELEASE ABOUT 1100 OF THE PALESTINIAN AND LEBANESE DETAINEES IN EXCHANGE FOR SIX ISRAELI PRISONERS HELD BY LOYALIST PLO IN TRIPOLI. A FURTHER SIX ISRAELI SOLDIERS REMAIN IN SYRIAN AND REBEL PLO HANDS.
2. THERE HAVE BEEN INDICATIONS THAT PRESIDENT GEMAYEL AND THE MARONITES ARE RETURNING TO THE VIEW THAT THE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN FORCES SHOULD PRECEDE NATIONAL RECONCILIATION. PRESIDENT GEMAYEL'S PLANNED VISIT TO LONDON ON 30 NOVEMBER HAS BEEN CANCELLED BUT HE WILL STILL BE GOING TO ROME AND WASHINGTON.
3. IN TRIPOLI, THE DE FACTO CEASEFIRE IS HOLDING. THE REBEL LEADER HAS EXTENDED THE DEADLINE FOR ARAFAT'S DEPARTURE BY ONE DAY TO 26 NOVEMBER. DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY CONTINUES. THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION (23 NOVEMBER) CALLED ON THE PARTIES TO 'SETTLE THEIR DIFFERENCES EXCLUSIVELY BY PEACEFUL MEANS'. THE RUSSIANS ARE PRESSING DAMASCUS TO HALT THE FIGHTING. THE PLO LOY

LISTS ARE SAID TO HAVE ACCEPTED A SAUDI/SYRIAN PLAN FOR A CEASEFIRE, WITHDRAWAL OF ALL PLO FORCES (LOYALIST AND DISSIDENT) FROM NORTH LEBANON AND TALKS TO RE-ESTABLISH THE UNITY OF PLO. BUT THE REBELS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE DISMISSED THE PROPOSALS.

CYPRUS

4. AT COREPER ON 24 NOVEMBER THE GREEK REPRESENTATIVE CALLED FOR ACTION BY THE EC IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL FIELDS AGAINST TURKEY FOLLOWING THE UDI BY THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS. THIS IS THE FIRST SUCH CALL FOR ACTION AGAINST TURKEY. THE GREEKS SAID THAT THEY HAD IN MIND THAT THE EC SHOULD FREEZE THE CURRENT POSITION IN THE EC/TURKEY ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT (IE THERE SHOULD BE NO FURTHER LIBERALISATION AS PREVIOUSLY PLANNED). NO DECISIONS WERE TAKEN AND THE QUESTION IS LIKELY TO ARISE AGAIN AT THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL ON 29 NOVEMBER.

GRENADA

5. MOTLEY (STATE DEPARTMENT) HAS REITERATED TO MINISTER, WASHINGTON AMERICAN CONCERN ABOUT THE LIKELY POLICING PROBLEMS IN GRENADA FOLLOWING THE WITHDRAWAL OF US COMBAT TROOPS. MOTLEY SAID THE AMERICANS AND THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL SAW A PRESSING NEED FOR A CONTINGENT OF PREFERABLY BRITISH POLICEMEN TO BE SENT TO THE ISLAND. HE ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE SITUATION IN THE PRISON AND HOPED THE UK WOULD BE ABLE URGENTLY TO SEND TRAINED PRISON WARDERS.

SOVIET UNION

6. MOSKOVSKAYA PRAVDA OF 23 NOVEMBER REPORTED A SPEECH BY POLITBURO MEMBER, GRISHIN, IN WHICH HE REFERRED TO A MEETING HE HAD HAD WITH ANDROPOV ON 21 NOVEMBER. BUT THERE HAVE STILL BEEN NO WESTERN SIGHTINGS OF ANDROPOV.

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 10 SITUATION REPORT 23/24 NOVEMBER
 11 Lebanon
 12 1. The Israelis have begun to release about 1100 of the
 13 Palestinian and Lebanese detainees in exchange for six
 14 Israeli prisoners held by loyalist PLO in Tripoli. A further
 15 six Israeli soldiers remain in Syrian and rebel PLO hands.
 16 2. There have been indications that President Gemayel
 17 and the Maronites are returning to the view that the
 18 withdrawal of foreign forces should precede national
 19 reconciliation. President Gemayel's planned visit to
 20 London ^{on} 30 November ~~will provide an opportunity to press~~ ^{has been cancelled.}
 21 ~~on Gemayel the need to push for reconciliation by the~~
 22 ~~early convening of Geneva II.~~ ^{but he will still be going to Rome and Washington.}
 23 3. In Tripoli, the de facto cease-fire is holding. The
 24 rebel leader has extended the deadline for Arafat's
 25 departure by one day to 26 November. Diplomatic activity

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2 continues. The UN Security Council Resolution (23 November)
3 called on the parties to "settle their differences exclusively
4 by peaceful means". The Russians are pressing Damascus
5 to halt ^{the} fighting. The PLO loyalists are said to have
6 accepted a Saudi/Syrian plan for ^a ceasefire, withdrawal of all
7 PLO forces (loyalist and dissident) from North Lebanon and
8 talks to re-establish the unity of PLO. But the rebels
9 are reported to have dismissed the proposals.

10 CYPRUS

11 4. At Coreper on 24 November the Greek representative
12 called for action by the EC in the economic and social fields
13 against Turkey following the UDI by the Turkish Cypriots.
14 This is the first such call for action against Turkey.
15 The Greeks said that they had in mind that the EC should
16 freeze the current position in the EC/Turkey Association
17 Agreement (ie there should be no further liberalisation
18 as previously planned). No decisions were taken and the
19 question is likely to arise again at the Foreign Affairs
20 Council on 29 November.

21 Grenada

22 5. Motley (State Department) has reiterated to Minister,
23 Washington American concern about ^{the likely} policing problems in
24 Grenada following ^{the} withdrawal of US combat troops. Motley
25 said the Americans and the Governor-General saw a pressing
26 need for a contingent of preferably British policemen
27 to be sent to the island. He also expressed concern about
28 the situation in the prison and hoped the UK would be able
29 urgently to send trained prison warders. ~~The dispatch is drafting~~

30 Soviet Union


/// 31 6. Moskovskaya Pravda of 23 November reported a speech
// 32 by Politburo member, Grishin, in which he referred to a
/ 33 meeting he had had with Andropov on 21 November. But there
34 have still been no Western sightings of Andropov.

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