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MEMO FOR BUD MCFARLANE
FROM JOHN POINDEXTER

Due to Prime Minister Thatcher's concern about consultation, Larry Eagleburger and I recommend we send out the cable attached tomorrow (Sunday Washington time) after we have received a reply from General Saulnier.

Request clearance on attached cable.

White House Guidelines, August 28, 1997

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TO WHITE HOUSE

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DEAR RON.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE OF 14 NOVEMBER ABOUT THE LEBANON. WE ARE CONSIDERING IT URGENTLY NOW AND I PLAN TO LET YOU HAVE MY VIEWS BY ABOUT 2.00 P.M. OUR TIME.

YOURS EVER.

MARGARET.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE,

FROM:

PHILIP A. DUR MIL

SUBJECT:

NSPG, Monday, November 14, 1983

We have prepared an abbreviated agenda for this afternoon's meeting of the NSPG. As structured, the agenda should permit discussion of the most critical considerations and the uncertainties which surfaced during Satruday's meeting of the

There are a number of considerations bearing on this operation which should surface during the discussion, especially the risks to the forces undertaking the operation and what we may expect by way of counter-retaliation.

We are attaching several points for your consideration should they not be covered by either Director Casey or DOD.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the agenda for today's meeting and consider the points attached.

Approve /

Disapprove

Attachments

Tab A - Agenda

Tab B - Points for Consideration

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MEMORANDUM FOR ADMIRAL JOHN POINDEXTER
THE WHITE HOUSE

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Subject: Preparations for Lebanon Operation

The following materials have been prepared for use in connection with the planned operation.

Prior to Execution

Messages to MNF contributors. In light of Prime Minister Thatcher's strongly stated view on the need for adequate consultations, we believe that she should be informed on Sunday, November 13 that the President is moving toward a decision to act against those who were responsible for the Beirut truck bombing. A proposed message is at Tab 1. This would be followed up with a message (Tab 2) informing Mrs. Thatcher shortly in advance about the President's decision to approve the operation.

Prime Minister Craxi should receive similar messages (Tab 3 and Tab 4) both because of Italian insistence that-as a major MNF contributor--they deserve meaningful consultation, and because we cannot preclude the possibility that the British and French will indicate, at some point, that they were "consulted."

We recommend that the messages to the British be transmitted through the Cabinet channel. Owing to the special precautions required by non-secure Italian communications, we would ask Ambassador Rabb to communicate directly with Prime Minister Craxi in Rome.

We recommend that a similar two-stage process be used with the French, through means available to you.

Message to the FRG. In light of the imminent Bundestag debate on INF, we recommend a Presidential message to Chancellor Kohl (Tab 5) informing him about the operation shortly before it is scheduled to begin.

Local Coordination. In order to preserve the security of the operation, the proposed messages to the MNF contributors indicate our preference that they not communicate with Beirut.

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We therefore must assume the responsibility for local notification. A message to Ambassador Bartholomew (Tab 6) authorizes him to inform the British, Italian, and French ambassadors in Beirut immediately before the operation begins. It will be essential to provide sufficient advance notice to the commanders of the other MNF contributors—as well as to the IDF—through military channels to permit them to take appropriate precautions. We leave it to you to work with DOD how that would be done.

Following Completion of the Operation

Since operational considerations may affect the precise timing of the operation, the following actions should not be taken until triggered by confirmation that the operation has been successfully completed.

Presidential Statement. We have suggested revisions in the proposed statement (Tab 7) designed to avoid criticism that we have failed to attack Iran and Syria despite the fact that we hold those governments responsible.

Informing Lebanon. The message to Ambassador Bartholomew (Tab 6) authorizes him to inform the GOL immediately after receiving confirmation that the operation has been successfully completed.

Informing Israel. Tab 8. To avoid accusations of coordinated US-Israeli military actions in Lebanon and/or against Syria, we suggest that Israel be informed through political channels only after the operation has been completed. (The IDF should be notified through military channels shortly before the operation begins so that they can take appropriate precautions.)

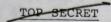
Informing moderate Arab states. Messages to Cairo, Amman, and Jidda are at Tabs 9-11. These messages also advise posts to take appropriate security precautions.

Informing Syria. Tab 12.

Informing the Soviet Union. Tab 13.

Informing all diplomatic posts. Tab 14. This message also contains a warning to increase post security as appropriate.

Informing the UN Secretary General. Tab 15.



Informing South Korea and Japan. In light of the President's just completed trip, we believe that messages from the Secretary to his counterparts would be appropriate. A message to Foreign Minister Abe is at Tab 16. We will be preparing a separate message to Seoul following consultations with the Secretary when he returns to Washington.

Relevant Travel Plans

President Gemayel plans to be in Damascus on Monday,
November 21, returning to Beirut sometime Tuesday. Ambassador
Rumsfeld plans to travel from Beirut to Rome on Monday, and to
review his travel plans at that time. He tentatively plans
to be in Cairo on Tuesday, in Israel on Wednesday, and in Damascus
on Thursday. Depending on decisions in Washington, these plans
may need to be modified.

Other Preparations

We understand that the White House is assuming responsibility for Congressional notifications and for public affairs.

M. Charles Hill Executive Secretary

Charles Hill

Attachments:

First Message to Prime Minister Thatcher Tab 1 Second Message to Prime Minister Thatcher Tab 2 Tab 3 First Message to Prime Minister Craxi Second Message to Prime Minister Craxi Tab 4 Tab 5 Presidential Message to Chancellor Kohl Message to Ambassador Bartholomew Tab 6 Presidential Statement Tab 7 Informing Israel Tab 8 Informing Cairo Tab 9 Tab 10 Informing Amman Tab 11 -Informing Jidda Tab 12 -Informing Syria

Tab 13 - Informing the Soviet Union
Tab 14 - Informing All Diplomatic Posts
Tab 15 - Informing the UN Secretary General
Tab 16 - Message to Foreign Minister Abe

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- 1. PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER THATCHER IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT. (U)
- 2. QUOTE:

DEAR MARGARET:

FURTHER TO MY MESSAGE OF NOVEMBER 6, I AM SENDING THIS SHORT MESSAGE TO ALERT YOU OF OUR INTENTION TO UNDERTAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION AGAINST THE PERPETRATORS OF THE OCTOBER 23 ATTACK ON OUR MNF UNIT IN BEIRUT. I HAVE AGONIZED OVER THIS DECISION, TAKING SPECIAL NOTE OF THE CONCERN EXPRESSED IN YOUR LETTER. I HAVE COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT WE CANNOT FAIL TO ACT AND ATTEMPT TO PREEMPT FUTURE TERRORIST ACTS OF THIS TYPE. AT APPROXIMATELY 0001 HOURS GMT NOVEMBER , WE WILL CONDUCT AN AERIAL STRIKE USING CARRIER-BASED AIRCRAFT AGAINST A HEADQUARTERS/TRAINING CAMP COMPLEX OF THE SPLINTER ISLAMIC AMAL MOVEMENT IN BAALBEK, LEBANON. WE WILL LIMIT OUR ATTACKS TO AN ISOLATED TARGET COMPLEX WHICH IS USED BY THE SO-CALLED "HUSAYNI SUICIDE COMMANDOS," THE GROUP WE KNOW WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON OUR MNF UNITS. EVERY PRECAUTION WILL BE TAKEN TO LIMIT COLLATERAL DAMAGE AND AVOID ARMED CONFRONTATION WITH SYRIAN FORCES. IN SHORT, THIS ACTION IS TAKEN IN SELF-DEFENSE AGAINST

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FUTURE STRIKES WHICH HAVE BEEN THREATENED. IT WILL BE AS
SURGICAL AN ACTION AS WE ARE CAPABLE OF, AND IT WILL HOPEFULLY
PREEMPT FUTURE TERRORIST ACTS BY THIS PARTICULAR GROUP AND DETER
OTHERS FROM TAKING THIS KIND OF ACTION IN THE FUTURE. I AM SURE
YOU UNDERSTAND THE ABSOLUTE NEED FOR SECRECY IN EXECUTING THIS
ACTION. (T8)

SINCERELY, RON

UNQUOTE

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FROM:

WHITE HOUSE

TO:

ELYSEE PALACE

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TOP SECRET VIA BLUE CHANNEL

FOR GENERAL SAULNIER FROM ADMIRAL POINDEXTER

SUBJECT:

NEXT MEETING

WE HAVE TENTATIVELY ARRANGED THAT OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT 0200 ZULU ON NOVEMBER ___. I WILL CONFIRM THIS TIME AND DATE WITHIN THE NEXT 24 HOURS. (PS)

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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

In my address to the American people last week concerning events in Lebanon and Grenada, I spoke of my determination to spare no effort to identify those responsible for the October 23 attack on our Marines in Beirut. I promised that if the perpetrators could be identified, their act would not go unpunished.

Our intelligence confirms that the insidious act which took the lives of 235 of our Marines that Sunday morning was sponsored, funded and otherwise supported by sovereign states as a means to achieve poltical objectives. These states sought to force us out of Lebanon by terrorizing our forces and thereby weakening our commitment to bringing peace to Lebanon. After a careful and painstaking search, we determined the identity of the group responsible for this cowardly crime. Although they sought anonymity, we know the culprits were the so-called "Husayni Suicide Commandos", a fanatical group with headquarters in the Bekaa valley of Lebanon. We are also sure that this group is supported and directed by the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Further, we believe that there is good reason to assume certain Syrian officials were aware of this group's plans, and that their movement to Beirut may have been facilitated by individuals employed by the Syrian government.

On the basis of the solid evidence developed, we have taken steps to discourage further attacks by these international criminals. About one hour ago, at _____EST, aircraft from the carrier USS Eisenhower attacked a headquarters and training complex

in the Bekaa Valley used by the group. The strike was successful.
All aircraft have been recovered safely.

I deeply regret that this action was necessary.

We took every conceivable precaution to limit damage to innocent civilians and to avoid armed confrontation with third parties.

We are prepared to let the matter rest here, although I caution those states responsible for supporting this form of terrorism that we have increased our vigilance and heightened our readiness.

The United States will work closely with other governments victimized by unprovoked and state-sponsored terrorism to preclude future crimes such as that perpetrated against our Marines. We call on all nations which subscribe to a moral code governing the conduct of relations between nations to join in a resolute and decided effort to curb this criminal conduct.

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- 2. AT 0001 HOURS GMT NOVEMBER ___, STRIKE AIRCRAFT FROM THE UNITED STATES SIXTH FLEET ATTACKED A HEADQUARTERS/TRAINING CAMP COMPLEX IN THE BEKAA VALLEY OF LEBANON BELONGING TO THE GROUP WE KNOW WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OCTOBER 23 ATTACK ON OUR MNF UNIT. THE AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED NO OPPOSITION AND ALL WERE RECOVERED SAFELY.
- 3. THE PURPOSE OF THIS ATTACK WAS TO RESPOND DECISIVELY AT THE SOURCE OF THE TERRORIST ATTACK ON OUR MARINES. THIS SURGICAL ACTION IS INTENDED TO PREEMPT FURTHER STRIKES BY THIS PARTICULAR GROUP, THE SO-CALLED "HUSAYNI SUICIDE COMMANDOS" OF THE DISSIDENT ISLAMIC AMAL MOVEMENT (NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH THE AMAL ORGANIZATION UNDER THE LEBANESE LEADER NABIH BERRI). IT IS ALSO INTENDED TO DETER SIMILAR ACTIONS BY OTHER TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS.
- 4. POSTS SHOULD SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTRIES AT
 FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN NATURE AND PURPOSE OF OUR ACTION.
 THE SURGICAL NATURE OF THE OPERATION AND THE CARE TAKEN TO
 MINIMIZE COLLATERAL DAMAGE TO INNOCENT CIVILIANS SHOULD BE
 STRESSED. IT SHOULD ALSO BE EMPHASIZED THAT THE USG IS PREPARED
 TO LET THIS MATTER REST HERE. WE SEEK NO FURTHER OBJECTIVES THAN
 THOSE OUTLINED ABOVE. HOWEVER, WE HAVE SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE THAT
 THE GOVERNMENT OF ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN ENCOURAGED AND
 SUPPORTED THE ATTACKON OUR MARINES, AND WE SUSPECT THAT CERTAIN
 SYRIAN OFFICIALS WERE INVOLVED. IN THE EVENT OF ANY FUTURE
 TERRORIST ACTS OF THIS NATURE WHICH WE BELIEVE ARE DIRECTED,
 SUPPORTED, OR FACILITATED BY SOVEREIGN STATES, THE UNITED STATES
 WILL HOLD THESE STATES ACCOUNTABLE.

1. PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT. (U)

QUOTE:

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

I AM SENDING THIS SHORT MESSAGE TO ALERT YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT OF OUR INTENTIONS TO UNDERTAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION AGAINST THE PERPETRATORS OF THE OCTOBER 23 ATTACK ON OUR MNF UNIT IN BEIRUT. AT APPROXIMATELY 0001 HOURS GMT (0201 HOURS LOCAL TIME) TOMORROW, NOVEMBER _____, U.S. CARRIER-BASED AIRCRAFT WILL CONDUCT AN AERIAL STRIKE AGAINST TARGETS IN THE BEKAA VALLEY ASSOCIATED WITH THE SO-CALLED "HUSAYNI SUICIDE COMMANDOS" OF THE ISLAMIC AMAL MOVEMENT, WHICH WE BELIEVE PERPETRATED THE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON OUR MNF UNITS. (TB)

EVERY PRECAUTION WILL BE TAKEN TO LIMIT COLLATERAL DAMAGE
AND AVOID ARMED CONFRONTATIONS WITH SYRIAN FORCES. YOU WILL
UNDERSTAND WHEN I INSIST ON THE NEED FOR SECRECY AND WHEN I POINT
OUT THE ABSOLUTE IMPERATIVE THAT YOUR OWN FORCES NOT SIGNAL A
HEIGHTENED OR EXCEPTIONAL DEGREE OF READINESS BEFORE OUR ATTACK
IS COMPLETED.

YOU, IN PARTICULAR, WILL APPRECIATE THE SENSITIVITY OF OUR OPERATION AND THE NEED FOR GREAT CARE IN PROTECTING THIS INFORMATION. (U)

SINCERELY,

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RONALD REAGAN

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- 1. PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER CRAXI
 IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT.
- 2. QUOTE:

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

YOUR GOVERNMENT OF OUR PLANS TO UNDERTAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION

AGAINST THE PERPETRATORS OF THE OCTOBER 23 ATTACK ON OUR MARINES

IN BEIRUT. AT 0001 GMT NOVEMBER ____, U.S. CARRIER-BASED AIRCRAFT

WILL CONDUCT AN AERIAL STRIKE AGAINST A TARGET COMPLEX IN THE

BEKAA VALLEY BELONGING TO THE GROUP WE BELIEVE TO HAVE BEEN

RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTACK ON OUR UNITS. THIS ACTION WAS TAKEN

IN SELF-DEFENSE AGAINST FUTURE TERRORIST ATTACKS BY THIS

NOTORIOUS GROUP OF TERRORISTS.

EVERY PRECAUTION WILL BE TAKEN TO LIMIT COLLATERAL DAMAGE
AND TO AVOID AN ARMED CONFRONTATION WITH SYRIAN FORCES. IT WILL
BE A SURGICAL ACTION TO PREEMPT FUTURE ATTACKS AND TO DETER
SIMILAR GROUPS FROM ENGAGING IN THIS TYPE OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY.
I REGRET THIS VERY SHORT NOTICE, BUT I AM SURE YOU WILL
UNDERSTAND THE ABSOLUTE NEED FOR SECRECY IN EXECUTING THIS
OPERATION. (TS)
SINCERELY,

RONALD REAGAN

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PASS TO AMBASSADOR HARTMANN

- 1. AT APPROXIMATELY 0001 HOURS ZULU NOVEMBER ____, U.S.

 CARRIER-BASED AIRCRAFT WILL CONDUCT AN AIRSTRIKE AGAINST A TARGET

 COMPLEX BELONGING TO THE SO-CALLED "HYSAYNI SUICIDE COMMANDOS" OF

 THE ISLAMIC AMAL MOVEMENT IN THE BEKAA VALLEY OF LEBANON. EVERY

 PRECAUTION HAS BEEN TAKEN TO LIMIT COLLATERAL DAMAGE AND TO AVOID

 AN ARMED CONFRONTATION WITH SYRIAN FORCES. (TS)
- 2. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER 0100 GMT, YOU SHOULD SEEK AN APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO AND MAKE THE FOLLOWING DEMARCHE:
- THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS UNDERTAKEN THESE ACTIONS
 AGAINST THE GROUP WHICH WE FIRMLY BELIEVE TO HAVE BEEN
 DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OCTOBER 23 ATTACK ON OUR MNF
 UNIT IN BEIRUT.
- -- WE HAVE TAKEN GREAT CARE TO AVOID ARMED CONFRONTATIONS WITH SYRIAN MILITARY UNITS, AND THE STRIKE WAS UNDERTAKEN WITH A VIEW TO MINIMIZING COLLATERAL DAMAGE. (U)
- -- WE ARE PREPARED TO LET THIS MATTER REST HERE. HOWEVER, WE WILL RESPOND PROMPTLY TO ANY ESCALATORY ACTS AGAINST OUR FORCES IN LEBANON.

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- -- WHILE WE HAVE CONSCIOUSLY REFRAINED FROM ATTACKS AGAINST ANY ELEMENTS NOT DIRECTLY IMPLICATED IN THE OCTOBER 23 ATTACKS IN BEIRUT, WE WILL HOLD THE SARG RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY FUTURE ATTACKS ORIGINATING FROM SYRIAN-OCCUPIED TERRITORY. (U)
- -- THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS DETERMINED TO PURSUE A

 PEACEFUL RESOLUTION TO THE LEBANESE PROBLEM, AND WE HAVE

 PLACED GREAT HOPE IN THE NATIONAL RECONCILIATION PROCESS

 BEGUN IN GENEVA LAST WEEK. (U)
- -- AT THE SAME TIME, UNPROVOKED ATTACKS AGAINST U.S. FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS WILL MEET WITH PROMPT AND DECISIVE RESPONSES.
- -- WE ENJOIN THE USSR TO EXERT EVERY EFFORT TO CONTROL THE
 VIOLENCE IN LEBANON AND CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
 SEARCH FOR A LASTING AND PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE LEBANESE
 CRISIS, FOUNDED UPON THE PRINCIPLES OF SOVEREIGNTY,
 TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, AND THE PROMPT WITHDRAWAL OF ALL
 FOREIGN FORCES. (U)

PASS TO AMBASSADOR PAGANELLI

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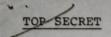
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 UNIT IN BEIRUT. (U)
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- -- WE ARE PREPARED TO LET THIS MATTER REST HERE. HOWEVER, WE WILL RESPOND PROMPTLY TO ANY ESCALATORY ACTS AGAINST OUR FORCES IN LEBANON. -(U)



- -- WHILE WE HAVE CONSCIOUSLY REFRAINED FROM ATTACKS AGAINST ANY ELEMENTS NOT DIRECTLY IMPLICATED IN THE OCTOBER 23 ATTACKS IN BEIRUT, WE WILL HOLD THE SARG RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY FUTURE ATTACKS ORIGINATING FROM SYRIAN-OCCUPIED TERRITORY.
- -- THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS DETERMINED TO PURSUE A

 PEACEFUL RESOLUTION TO THE LEBANESE PROBLEM, AND WE HAVE

 PLACED GREAT HOPE IN THE NATIONAL RECONCILIATION PROCESS

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 VIOLENCE IN LEBANON AND CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
 SEARCH FOR A LASTING AND PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE LEBANESE
 CRISIS, FOUNDED UPON THE PRINCIPLES OF SOVEREIGNTY,
 TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, AND THE PROMPT WITHDRAWAL OF ALL
 FOREIGN FORCES. (U)

PASS TO AMBASSADOR BARTHOLOMEW

- 1. AT 0001 ZULU NOVEMBER ___, AIRCRAFT FROM THE USS EISENHOWER WILL CONDUCT AN AIRSTRIKE AGAINST A HEADQUARTERS/TRAINING COMPLEX OF THE "HUSAYNI SUICIDE COMMANDOS" IN BAALBEK. PLANNING HAS BEEN COMPLETED WITH A VIEW TO MINIMIZING COLLATERAL DAMAGE TO INNOCENT CIVILIANS AND AVOIDING ARMED CONFRONTATION WITH SYRIAN FORCES.
- APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT GEMAYEL TO INFORM HIM OF OUR ACTION
 AND STRESS THAT THIS WAS A PROPORTIONATE RESPONSE TO THE CRIMINAL
 AND WANTON VIOLENCE AGAINST OUR MARINES. YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR
 THAT IN HIS STATEMENT ANNOUNCING THE ACTION, THE PRESIDENT
 INTENDS TO IDENTIFY THE CULPRITS BY NAME AND TO POINT TO WHAT WE
 KNOW OF IRANIAN AND SYRIAN COMPLICITY IN THE ATTACK. YOU SHOULD
 STRESS THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO LET THIS MATTER REST HERE.
 HOWEVER, IF THIS TYPE OF ATTACK IS REPEATED, WE HAVE WARNED IRAN
 AND SYRIA THAT THEY WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE.
- 3. YOU SHOULD USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW OUR DEMAND THAT THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT SEVER ITS OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN.

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AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THEREAFTER, YOU SHOULD ALSO SPEAK WITH NABIH BERRI TO INFORM HIM OF THE ATTACK AND THE GROUP WHICH WAS TARGETTED, STRESSING THAT WE HAVE NO QUARREL WITH THE MAINSTREAM AMAL MOVEMENT HE LEADS. YOU MIGHT TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK BERRI FOR THE INFORMATION HE PASSED TO FAIRBANKS ON THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTACK, NOTING THE FACT THAT IT CORROBORATED OUR OWN EXTENSIVE INTELLIGENCE. BERRI SHOULD BE PRESSED TO INCREASE HIS VIGILANCE IN SOUTH BEIRUT TO FORESTALL ANY COUNTER-RETALIATIONS BY THE FANATICAL ELEMENTS OF THE ISLAMIC AMAL MOVEMENTS WHICH INTER ALIA SEEK TO HAVE HIM REPLACED AS SPOKESMAN FOR THE SHIA COMMUNITY.

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

In my address to the American people last week concerning events in Lebanon and Grenada, I spoke of my determination to spare no effort to identify those responsible for the October 23 atrocity against our Marines in Beirut. I promised that if the perpetrators could be identified, their act would not go unpunished.

After a careful and painstaking search, we determined the identity of the group responsible for the insidious act which took the lives of our Marines that Sunday morning. Although they sought anonymity, we now are confident that the culprits were the so-called "Husayni Suicide Commandos," a fanatical group with headquarters in the Bekaa Valley of Lebanon. There is good reason to believe that Iranian officials were aware of this group's plans, and that their movement to Beirut may have been facilitated by individuals with ties to Syria.

On the basis of the solid evidence developed, we have taken steps to discourage further attacks by these international criminals. About one hour ago, at _____EST, United States aircraft attacked a headquarters and training complex in the Bekaa Valley used by the group. The strike was successful.

All aircraft have been recovered safely.

This action was in response to the outrage that was committed against our people who came to Beirut in peace, to help advance the cause of peace in that troubled land. It

was, as well, a decisive action taken to deter a repetition of such terrorist acts. I can assure you that the operation was carefully designed to avoid damage to innocent civilians or armed confrontation with third parties. We are prepared to let the matter rest here, although I caution those responsible for supporting this form of terrorism that we will continue to respond decisively to similar acts in the future.

[The United States will work closely with other governments victimized by terrorism to preclude future crimes such as that perpetrated against our Marines. We call on all nations which subscribe to a moral code governing the conduct of relations between nations to join in a resolute and decided effort to curb this criminal conduct.]*

^{*}We recommend deletion of this final paragraph.

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PASS TO AMBASSADOR BARTHOLOMEW

- 1. IF WEATHER AND OTHER FACTORS PERMIT, AT 0001 ZULU NOVEMBER , US AIRCRAFT WILL CONDUCT A STRIKE AGAINST A HEADQUARTERS/TRAINING COMPLEX OF THE "HUSAYNI SUICIDE COMMANDOS" IN BAALBEK. PLANNING HAS BEEN COMPLETED WITH A VIEW TO AVOIDING COLLATERAL DAMAGE TO INNOCENT CIVILIANS OR ARMED CONFRONTATION WITH SYRIAN FORCES.
- UPON RECEIVING AUTHORIZATION, YOU SHOULD INFORM YOUR COLLEAGUES FROM THE MNF CONTRIBUTORS ABOUT THE OPERATION IN ORDER TO PERMIT THEM TO TAKE APPROPRIATE PRECAUTIONS. YOU SHOULD NOT, REPEAT NOT, TAKE ANY ACTIONS ON THE BASIS OF THE INFORMATION IN PARA 1 UNTIL SO ADVISED.
- 3. AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER RECEIVING CONFIRMATION THAT THE OPERATION HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED, YOU SHOULD SEEK AN APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT GEMAYEL TO INFORM HIM OF OUR ACTION AND STRESS THAT THIS WAS A RESPONSE TO THE CRIMINAL AND

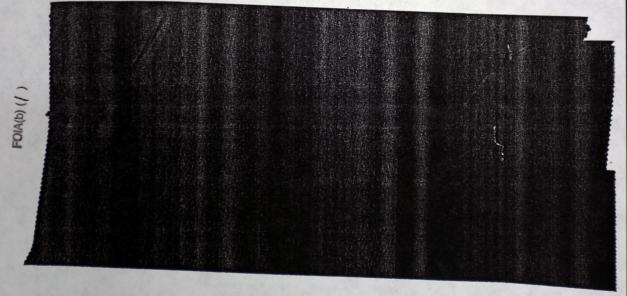
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BY SM NARA DATE 11/20/08

WANTON VIOLENCE AGAINST OUR MARINES. YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR
THAT IN HIS STATEMENT ANNOUNCING THE ACTION, THE PRESIDENT
INTENDS TO IDENTIFY THE CULPRITS BY NAME, AND TO POINT TO
IRANIAN AND SYRIAN COMPLICITY IN THE ATTACK. YOU SHOULD STRESS
THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO LET THIS MATTER REST HERE. HOWEVER, IF
THIS TYPE OF ATTACK IS REPEATED, WE HAVE WARNED SYRIA THAT WE
WILL RESPOND TO ANY FURTHER ACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST OUR
PERSONNEL IN LEBANON.

4. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THEREAFTER, YOU SHOULD ALSO SPEAK WITH



5. YOU SHOULD TAKE APPROPRIATE SECURITY PRECAUTIONS IN LIGHT OF THIS AIRSTRIKE.

SENSITIVE



PASS TO AMBASSADOR LEWIS

- 1. IF WEATHER AND OTHER FACTORS PERMIT, AT APPROXIMATELY 0001
 HOURS ZULU NOVEMBER ____, US AIRCRAFT WILL CONDUCT A STRIKE
 AGAINST A TARGET COMPLEX IN THE BEKAA VALLEY OF LEBANON
 BELONGING TO THE SO-CALLED "HUSAYNI SUICIDE COMMANDOS" OF THE
 ISLAMIC AMAL MOVEMENT. EVERY PRECAUTION HAS BEEN TAKEN TO
 AVOID COLLATERAL DAMAGE OR AN ARMED CONFRONTATION WITH SYRIAN
 FORCES.
- 2. UPON RECEIVING CONFIRMATION THAT THE OPERATION HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED, YOU SHOULD CONVEY FOLLOWING POINTS TO PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR IMMEDIATELY.
- -- AT APPROXIMATELY 0001 HOURS ZULU NOVEMBER ___ US AIRCRAFT CONDUCTED AN AIRSTRIKE AGAINST A TARGET COMPLEX BELONGING TO THE SO-CALLED "HUSAYNI SUICIDE COMMANDOS" OF THE ISLAMIC AMAL MOVEMENT IN THE BEKAA VALLEY OF LEBANON. WE NOW KNOW THIS GROUP WAS THE PERPETRATOR OF THE OCTOBER 23 ATTACK ON OUR MNF UNIT IN BEIRUT.

TOP SECRET

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NLS F98-018/1 #144

BY CHJ NARA, DATE 10/07/01



- -- WE HAVE TAKEN EVERY PRECAUTION TO AVOID COLLATERAL DAMAGE OR AN ARMED CONFRONTATION WITH SYRIAN FORCES.
- -- YOU, IN PARTICULAR, WILL APPRECIATE THE SENSITIVITY OF OUR OPERATION AND OUR NEED TO HAVE CLOSELY RESTRICTED PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF IT.

TOP SECRET

PASS TO CHARGE PRECHT

- 1. IF WEATHER AND OTHER FACTORS PERMIT, AT 0001 ZULU NOVEMBER , US AIRCRAFT WILL CONDUCT A STRIKE AGAINST A HEADQUARTERS/TRAINING COMPLEX OF THE "HUSAYNI SUICIDE COMMANDOS" IN BAALBEK. PLANNING HAS BEEN COMPLETED WITH A VIEW TO AVEDDING COLLATERAL DAMAGE TO INNOCENT CIVILIANS OR ARMED CONFRONTATION WITH SYRIAN FORCES.
- 2. AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER RECEIVING CONFIRMATION THAT THE OPERATION HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED, YOU SHOULD ADVISE PRESIDENT MUBARAK OF OUR ACTION AND STRESS THAT THIS WAS A RESPONSE TO THE CRIMINAL AND WANTON VIOLENCE AGAINST OUR MARINES, INTENDED TO DETER FURTHER ATTACKS. YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT IN HIS STATEMENT ANNOUNCING THE ACTION, THE PRESIDENT PLANS TO IDENTIFY THE CULPRITS BY NAME AND TO POINT TO IRANIAN AND SYRIAN COMPLICITY IN THE ATTACK. YOU SHOULD STRESS THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO LET THIS MATTER REST HERE. HOWEVER, IF THIS TYPE OF ATTACK IS REPEATED, WE HAVE WARNED SYRIA THAT WE WILL RESPOND TO ANY FURTHER ACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST OUR PERSONNEL IN LEBANON.
- 3. YOU SHOULD TAKE APPROPRIATE SECURITY PRECAUTIONS IN LIGHT OF THIS AIRSTRIKE.

TOP SECRET NLS F98-018, #145

BY CH NARA, DATE 10/27/01



PASS TO AMBASSADOR VIETS

- 1. IF WEATHER AND OTHER FACTORS PERMIT, AT 0001 ZULU

 NOVEMBER ___, US AIRCRAFT WILL CONDUCT A STRIKE AGAINST A

 HEADQUARTERS/TRAINING COMPLEX OF THE "HUSAYNI SUICIDE

 COMMANDOS" IN BAALBEK. PLANNING HAS BEEN COMPLETED WITH A VIEW

 TO AVOIDING COLLATERAL DAMAGE TO INNOCENT CIVILIANS OR ARMED

 CONFRONTATION WITH SYRIAN FORCES.
- 2. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER RECEIVING CONFIRMATION THAT THE OPERATION HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED, YOU SHOULD ADVISE KING HUSSEIN OF OUR ACTION AND STRESS THAT THIS WAS A RESPONSE TO THE CRIMINAL AND WANTON VIOLENCE AGAINST OUR MARINES, INTENDED TO DETER FURTHER ATTACKS. YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT IN HIS STATEMENT ANNOUNCING THE ACTION, THE PRESIDENT PLANS TO IDENTIFY THE CULPRITS BY NAME AND TO POINT TO IRANIAN AND SYRIAN COMPLICITY IN THE ATTACK. YOU SHOULD STRESS THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO LET THIS MATTER REST HERE. HOWEVER, IF THIS TYPE OF ATTACK IS REPEATED, WE HAVE WARNED SYRIA THAT WE WILL RESPOND TO ANY FURTHER ACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST OUR PERSONNEL IN LEBANON.
- 3. YOU SHOULD TAKE APPROPRIATE SECURITY PRECAUTIONS IN LIGHT OF THIS AIRSTRIKE.

TOP SECRET

NLS F98-018/, #146

OV CH NARA, DATE 10/27/01



PASS TO CHARGE SUDDARTH

- 1. IF WEATHER AND OTHER FACTORS PERMIT, AT 0001 ZULU

 NOVEMBER ___, US AIRCRAFT WILL CONDUCT A STRIKE AGAINST A

 HEADQUARTERS/TRAINING COMPLEX OF THE "HUSAYNI SUICIDE

 COMMANDOS" IN BAALBEK. PLANNING HAS BEEN COMPLETED WITH A VIEW

 TO AVOIDING COLLATERAL DAMAGE TO INNOCENT CIVILIANS OR ARMED

 CONFRONTATION WITH SYRIAN FORCES.
- 2. AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER RECEIVING CONFIRMATION THAT
 THE OPERATION HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED, YOU SHOULD
 ADVISE FOREIGN MINISTER SAUD AND THE KING'S PRIVATE SECRETARY
 OF OUR ACTION AND STRESS THAT THIS WAS A RESPONSE TO THE
 CRIMINAL AND WANTON VIOLENCE AGAINST OUR MARINES, INTENDED TO
 DETER FURTHER ATTACKS. YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT IN HIS
 STATEMENT ANNOUNCING THE ACTION, THE PRESIDENT PLANS TO
 IDENTIFY THE CULPRITS BY NAME AND TO POINT TO IRANIAN AND
 SYRIAN COMPLICITY IN THE ATTACK. YOU SHOULD STRESS THAT WE ARE
 PREPARED TO LET THIS MATTER REST HERE. HOWEVER, IF THIS TYPE
 OF ATTACK IS REPEATED, WE HAVE WARNED SYRIA THAT WE WILL
 RESPOND TO ANY FURTHER ACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST OUR PERSONNEL
 IN LEBANON.
- 3. YOU SHOULD TAKE APPROPRIATE SECURITY PRECAUTIONS IN LIGHT OF THIS AIRSTRIKE.

TOP SECRET

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BY CHS NARA, DATE 10/27/01

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PASS TO AMBASSADOR PAGANELLI

TOP SECRET SENSITIVE

- 1. IF WEATHER AND OTHER FACTORS PERMIT, AT 0001 HOURS ZULU NOVEMBER , U.S. AIRCRAFT WILL CONDUCT A STRIKE AGAINST A TARGET COMPLEX BELONGING TO THE SO-CALLED "HUSAYNI SUICIDE COMMANDOS" OF THE ISLAMIC AMAL MOVEMENT IN THE BEKAA VALLEY OF LEBANON. EVERY PRECAUTION HAS BEEN TAKEN TO AVOID COLLATERAL DAMAGE OR AN ARMED CONFRONTATION WITH SYRIAN FORCES.
- 2. AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER RECEIVING CONFIRMATION THAT THE OPERATION HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED, YOU SHOULD SEEK AN APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM AND MAKE THE FOLLOWING DEMARCHE:
- THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS UNDERTAKEN THESE ACTIONS AGAINST THE GROUP WHICH WE NOW KNOW WAS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OCTOBER 23 ATTACK ON OUR MNF UNIT IN BEIRUT.

SECRET



- -- WE HAVE TAKEN GREAT CARE TO AVOID ARMED CONFRONTATIONS WITH SYRIAN MILITARY UNITS, AND THE STRIKE WAS UNDERTAKEN WITH A VIEW TO AVOIDING COLLATERAL DAMAGE.
- -- WE BELIEVE THERE WAS SYRIAN COMPLICITY, AT LEAST IN TERMS
 OF AWARENESS OF THE OCTOBER 23 ATTACK, BUT WE ARE PREPARED
 TO LET THIS MATTER REST HERE. WE WILL RESPOND
 APPROPRIATELY TO ANY FURTHER ACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST OUR
 PERSONNEL IN LEBANON.
- 3. YOU SHOULD TAKE APPROPRIATE SECURITY PRECAUTIONS IN LIGHT OF THIS AIRSTRIKE.

TOP SECRET

PASS TO AMBASSADOR HARTMAN

- 1. IF WEATHER AND OTHER FACTORS PERMIT, AT APPROXIMATELY

 0001 HOURS ZULU NOVEMBER___, U.S. AIRCRAFT WILL CONDUCT A STRIKE

 AGAINST A TARGET COMPLEX BELONGING TO THE SO-CALLED "HYSAYNI

 SUICIDE COMMANDOS" OF THE ISLAMIC AMAL MOVEMENT IN THE BEKAA VALLEY

 OF LEBANON. EVERY PRECAUTION HAS BEEN TAKEN TO AVOID COLLATERAL

 DAMAGE OR AN ARMED CONFRONTATION WITH SYRIAN FORCES.
- 2. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER RECEIVING CONFIRMATION THAT
 THE OPERATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED SUCCESSFULLY, YOU SHOULD SEEK AN
 APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO AND MAKE THE FOLLOWING
 DEMARCHE: (W)
- -- THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS UNDERTAKEN THESE ACTIONS
 IN LEBANON AGAINST THE GROUP WHICH WE ARE CONFIDENT WERE DIRECTLY
 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OCTOBER 23 ATTACK ON OUR MNF UNIT IN BEIRUT.
- -- WE HAVE TAKEN GREAT CARE TO AVOID ARMED CONFRONTATIONS
 WITH SYRIAN MILITARY UNITS, AND THE STRIKE WAS UNDERTAKEN WITH A
 VIEW TO AVOIDING COLLATERAL DAMAGE.
- -- WE AFE PREPARED TO LET THIS MATTER REST HERE. HOWEVER,
 WE WILL RESPOND APPROPRIATELY TO RENEWED VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM
 AGAINST OUR PEOPLE IN LEBANON.
- -- WHILE WE HAVE CONSCIOUSLY REFRAINED FROM ATTACKS AGAINST
 ANY ELEMENTS NOT DIRECTLY AND IMMEDIATELY IMPLICATED IN THE
 OCTOBER 23 ATTACKS IN BEIRUT, WE CANNOT ENSURE THERE WILL BE SIMILAR
 RESTRAINT IN THE EVENT OF FUTURE ATTACKS AGAINST OUR PEOPLE IN
 LEBANON.

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BY CAJ NARA, DATE 10 /27/6/

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS DETERMINED TO PURSUE A

PEACEFUL RESOLUTION TO THE LEBANESE PROBLEM, AND WE HAVE PLACED

GREAT HOPE IN THE NATIONAL RECONCILIATION PROCESS BEGUN IN GENEVA

LAST WEEK. (A)

ITON AND ALL MERE RECOVERED SAFELY.

SOURCE OF THE TERRORIST ATTACK ON OUR MARINEE. THIS SURGICAL ACTION IS INTENDED TO PREEMPT FURTHER STRIKES BY THIS PARTICULAR GROUP THE SOURCE PRUSAYNI SUICIDE COMMANDOS" OF THE DISCIDENT ISLAMIC AMAL MOVEMENT (NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH THE AMAL ORGANIZATION UNDER THE LEBANESE LEADER NABIH BERRI). IT IS ALSO INTENDED TO DETER SIMILAR ACTIONS BY OTHER TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS.

PIRST OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN NATURE AND PURPOSE OF OUR ACTION.

THE NATURE OF THE OPERATION, AND THE CARE TAKEN TO AVOID

COLLATERAL DAMAGE TO INNOCENT CIVILIANS OR MILITARY CONFRONTATION

WITH SYRTAN MILITARY UNITS SHOULD BE STRESSED. IT SHOULD ALSO BE

EMPHASIZED THAT THE USG IS PREPARED TO LET THIS MATTER REST HERE.

HONEVER, WE HAVE TUESTANTIAL EXIDENCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ISLAMIC
REPUBLIC OR TRAN ENCOURAGED AND SUPPORTED THE ATTACK ON OUR MARINES,

AND WE SUBPECT THAT CERTAIN PROPLE WITH THES TO SYRIA WERE INVOLVED.

FOR ALL DIPLOMATIC POSTS

- 1 TOP SECRET ENTIRE TEXT.
- 2. AT ______ HOURS GMT NOVEMBER ____, U.S. AIRCRAFT ATTACKED
 A HEADQUARTERS/TRAINING CAMP. COMFLEX IN THE BEKAA VALLEY OF LEBANON
 BELONGING TO THE CROUP WE NOW KNOW WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OCTOBER 23
 ATTACK ON OUR MNF UNIT: IN BEIRUF. THE AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED NO
 OPPOSITON AND ALL WERE RECOVERED SAFELY.
- 3. THE PURPOSE OF THIS ATTACK WAS TO RESPOND DECISIVELY AT THE SOURCE OF THE TERRORIST ATTACK ON OUR MARINES. THIS SURGICAL ACTION Leganger between the terrorist is intended to preempt further strikes by this particular group. The so-called "Husayni suicide commandos" of the dissident islamic amal movement (not to be confused with the amal organization under the lebanese leader nabih Berri). It is also intended to deter similar actions by other terrorist organizations.
- FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN NATURE AND PURPOSE OF OUR ACTION.

 THE NATURE OF THE OPERATION, AND THE CARE TAKEN TO AVOID

 COLLATERAL DAMAGE TO INNOCENT CIVILIANS OR MILITARY CONFRONTATION

 WITH SYRIAN MILITARY UNITS SHOULD BE STRESSED. IT SHOULD ALSO BE

 EMPHASIZED THAT THE USG IS PREPARED TO LET THIS MATTER REST HERE.

 HOWEVER, WE HAVE SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF TRAN ENCOURAGED AND SUPPORTED THE ATTACK ON OUR MARINES,

 AND WE SUSPECT THAT CERTAIN PEOPLE WITH TIES TO SYRIA WERE INVOLVED.

 IN THE EVENT OF ANY FUTURE TERRORIST ACTS OF THIS NATURE THE U.S. WILL RESPOND APPROPRIATELY.
 - 5. POSTS SHOULD TAKE INCREASED SECURITY MEASURES AS APPROPRIATE.

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FOR ALL DIPLOMATIC POSTS

- 1 TOP SECRET ENTIRE TEXT.
- 2. AT ______HOURS GMT NOVEMBER ____, U.S. AIRCRAFT ATTACKED

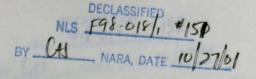
 A HEADQUARTERS/TRAINING CAMP COMPLEX IN THE BEKAA VALLEY OF LEBANON

 BELONGING TO THE GROUP WE NOW KNOW WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OCTOBER 23

 ATTACK ON OUR MNF UNIT IN BEIRUT. THE AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED NO

 OPPOSITON AND ALL WERE RECOVERED SAFELY.
- 3. THE PURPOSE OF THIS ATTACK WAS TO RESPOND DECISIVELY AT THE SOURCE OF THE TERRORIST ATTACK ON OUR MARINES. THIS SURGICAL ACTION IS INTENDED TO PREEMPT FURTHER STRIKES BY THIS PARTICULAR GROUP, THE SO-CALLED "HUSAYNI SUICIDE COMMANDOS" OF THE DISSIDENT ISLAMIC AMAL MOVEMENT (NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH THE AMAL ORGANIZATION UNDER THE LEBANESE LEADER NABIH BERRI). IT IS ALSO INTENDED TO DETER SIMILAR ACTIONS BY OTHER TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS.
- 4. POSTS SHOULD SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTRIES AT
 FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN NATURE AND PURPOSE OF OUR ACTION.
 THE NATURE OF THE OPERATION, AND THE CARE TAKEN TO AVOID

 COLLATERAL DAMAGE 10 INNOCENT CIVILIANS OR MILITARY CONFRONTATION
 WITH SYRIAN MILITARY UNITS SHOULD BE STRESSED. IT SHOULD ALSO BE
 EMPHASIZED THAT THE USG IS PREPARED TO LET THIS MATTER REST HERE.
 HOWEVER, WE HAVE SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ISLAMIC
 REPUBLIC OR IRAN ENCOURAGED AND SUPPORTED THE ATTACK ON OUR MARINES,
 AND WE SUSPECT THAT CERTAIN PEOPLE WITH TIES TO SYRIA WERE INVOLVED.
 IN THE EVENT OF ANY FUTURE TERRORIST ACTS OF THIS NATURE THE U.S. WILL
 RESPOND APPROPRIATELY.
- 5. POSTS SHOULD TAKE INCREASED SECURITY MEASURES AS APPROPRIATE.



TOP SECRET

Message for the UN Secretary General

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FOR THE AMBASSADOR EYES ONLY

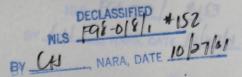
- 1. TOP SECRET ENTIRE TEXT.
- 2. AT APPROXIMATELY HOURS GMT NOVEMBER, U.S.

 AIRCRAFT ATTACKED A HEADQUARTERS/TRAINING CAMP COMPLEX IN THE BEKAA

 VALLEY OF LEBANON BELONGING TO THE GROUP WE KNOW WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR

 THE OCTOBER 23 ATTACK ON OUR MNF UNIT. THE AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED NO

 OPPOSITION AND ALL WERE RECOVERED SAFELY.
- 3. YOU SHOULD INFORM THE SECRETARY GENERAL ABOUT THIS
 OPERATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE DRAWING ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS:
- THE ATTACK AGAINST THE HEADQUARTERS/TRAINING CAMP IN THE BEKAA VALLEY OF THE SQ CALLED "HUSAYNI SUICIDE COMMANDOS" OF THE DISSIDENT ISLAMIC AMAL MOVEMENT (NOT TO BE CONFUSED WI'H, THE AMAL ORGANIZATION UNDER THE LEBANESE LEADER NABIH BERRI), IS IN RESPONSE TO THE ATTACK ON OUR MARINES IN BEIRUT. IT IS INTENDED TO DETER SUCH ACTIONS BY SIMILAR TERRORIST GROUPS IN THE FUTURE.
- -- THIS ACTION WAS TAKEN ONLY AFTER A PAINSTAKING EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT WE HAD CORRECTLY PINPOINTED THOSE IN LEBANON WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TRUCK BOMBING IN BEIRUT. GREAT CARE WAS TAKEN TO AVOID RISK TO INNOCENT CIVILIANS. WE ALSO MADE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO AVOID ARMED CONFRONTATION WITH SYRIAN MILITARY UNITS.





Message for the UN Secretary General

NIACT IMMEDIATE USUN

FOR THE AMBASSADOR EYES ONLY

- 1. TOP SECRET ENTIRE TEXT.
- 2. AT APPROXIMATELY _____ HOURS GMT NOVEMBER _____, U.S.

 AIRCRAFT ATTACKED A HEADQUARTERS/TRAINING CAMP COMPLEX IN THE BEKAA

 VALLEY OF LEBANON BELONGING TO THE GROUP WE KNOW WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR

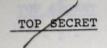
 THE OCTOBER 23 ATTACK ON OUR MNF UNIT. THE AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED NO

 OPPOSITION AND ALL WERE RECOVERED SAFELY.
- 3. YOU SHOULD INFORM THE SECRETARY GENERAL ABOUT THIS
 OPERATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE DRAWING ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS:
- -- THE ATTACK AGAINST THE HEADQUARTERS/TRAINING CAMP IN THE BEKAA VALLEY OF THE SO-CALLED "HUSAYNI SUICIDE COMMANDOS" OF THE DISSIDENT ISLAMIC AMAL MOVEMENT (NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH THE AMAL ORGANIZATION UNDER THE LEBANESE LEADER NABIH BERJI), IS IN RESPONSE TO THE ATTACK ON OUR MARINES IN BEIRUT. IT IS INTENDED TO DETER SUCH ACTIONS BY SIMILAR TERRORIST GROUPS IN THE FUTURE.
- -- THIS ACTION WAS TAKEN ONLY AFTER A PAINSTAKING EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT WE HAD CORRECTLY PINPOINTED THOSE IN LEBANON WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TRUCK BOMBING IN BEIRUT. GREAT CARE WAS TAKEN TO AVOID RISK TO INNOCENT CIVILIANS. WE ALSO MADE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO AVOID ARMED CONFRONTATION WITH SYRIAN MILITARY UNITS.

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BY (4) NARA, DATE 10/27/01 TOP SECRET

- -- ALTHOUGH WE BELIEVE THAT THERE WAS KNOWING SYRIAN
 AND IRANIAN INVOLVEMENT WITH THE TERRORISTS WHO WERE IMMEDIATELY
 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BOMBING, WE HAVE CONSCIOUSLY REFRAINED FROM
 ATTACKS AGAINST ANY ELEMENTS OTHER THAN THOSE DIRECTLY AND
 IMMEDIATELY INVOLVED.
- -- WE ARE PREPARED TO LET THIS MATTER REST HERE. BUT WE WILL CONTINUE TO RESPOND APPROPRIATELY TO ANY ATTACKS AGAINST US PERSONNEL IN LEBANON.
- -- THE UNITED STATES REMAINS COMMITTED TO REDUCING THE LEVEL OF VIOLENCE IN LEBANON AND TO THE SEARCH FOR A LASTING AND PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE LEBANESE CRISIS, FOUNDED UPON THE PRINCIPLES OF SOVEREIGNTY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, AND THE PROMPT WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES. WE CALL ON ALL THE PARTIES INVOLVED TO JOIN WITH US IN THIS EFFORT.



MESSAGE TO JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER

TO: TOKYO NIACT IMMEDIATE

FOR THE AMBASSADOR EYES ONLY

- 1. TOP SECRET ENTIRE TEXT.
- 2. AT APPROXIMATELY _____ HOURS GMT NOVEMBER_____, U.S.

 AIRCRAFT ATTACKED A HEADQUARTERS/TRAINING CAMP COMPLEX IN THE BEKAA

 VALLEY OF LEBANON BELONGING TO THE GROUP WE NOW KNOW WAS RESPONSIBLE

 FOR THE OCTOBER 23 ATTACK ON OUR MNF UNIT. THE AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED

 NO OPPOSITION AND ALL WERE RECOVERED SAFELY.
- 3. THE MESSAGE BEGINNING IN PARA 4 FROM THE SECRETARY FOR
 THE FOREIGN MINISTER SHOULD BE DELIVERED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
 COMPLIMENTARY OPENINGS/CLOSINGS SHOULD BE ADDED BY EMBASSY. THERE
 WILL BE NO SIGNED ORIGINAL.
 - 4. BEGIN TEXT:

I WANTED TO INFORM YOU PERSONALLY ABOUT THE ACTIONS ORDERED BY
THE PRESIDENT IN RESPONSE TO THE TERRORIST ATTACK IN BEIRUT IN
WHICH MORE THAN 230 AMERICAN SERVICEMEN -- WHOSE SOLE MISSION WAS TO
HELP RESTORE PEACE -- WERE MURDERED.

OUR ATTACK AGAINST THE CAMP AND HEADQUARTERS IN LEBANON OF
THOSE WHO WERE DIRECTLY AND IMMEDIATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
TERRORIST ATTACK AGAINST OUR PEOPLE IS DESIGNED TO DETER SUCH ACTS
BY SIMILAR GROUPS IN THE FUTURE. OUR ACTION WAS CAREFULLY CIRCUMSCRIBED,
AND WAS TAKEN ONLY AFTER A PAINSTAKING EFFORT HAD ASSURED US THAT
WE HAD CORRECTLY IDENTIFIED THOSE WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE, AND HAD
DESIGNED AN APPROPRIATE RESPONSE WHICH WOULD MINIMIZE THE RISK OF
INNOCENT CIVILIANS AND AVOID ACTIONS WHICH COULD LEAD TO ESCALATION.

NLS F98-018/, #154

BY (4) NARA, DATE 1067/61



NOTHING THAT HAS HAPPENED HAS DIMINISHED OUR EFFORTS TO

HELP ACHIEVE PEACE IN A SECURE LEBANON FREE OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES,

OR TO BRING LASTING STABILITY TO THAT TROUBLED, BUT STRATEGICALLY

IMPORTANT, REGION. I KNOW YOU SHARE MY CONVICTION, HOWEVER, THAT

THE KIND OF DECISIVE ACTION ORDERED BY THE PRESIDENT OFFERS THE

BEST HOPE OF CURBING INTERNATIONAL VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM. END TEXT.

5. ADDITIONAL MATERIAL BEING PROVIDED SEPTEL FOR USE BY EMBASSY IN BRIEFING GOJ.

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SPECIAL SITUATION GROUP MEETING

Saturday, November 12, 1983 -- 9:00 a.m. White House Situation Room

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John Poindexter

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Director Casey

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21. message	to Ambassador Bartholomew, 2p PALT: 10 27 61 F98-018 #143 PAR	nd N/20/0	PI/FI #566:
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-25. message	to Ambassador Paganelli, 2p / #148	nd	P1/F1
26. message	to Ambassador Hartman, 2p _ # 149	nd	P1/F1-
27: message	to all diplomatic posts (annotated), 1p	—nd	P1/F1
28. message	to all diplomatic posts, 1p	nd-	P1/Fi
29. message	to UN Secretary General (annotated), 1p	nd-	P1/Ff1
3 0. message	to UN Secretary General, 2p	nd -	P1/F1
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- P-2 Relating to appointment to Federal office [(a)(2) of the PRA].
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