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UNCLAS SECTION 01 OF 06 TEL AVIV 14409

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TAGS: PEPR, MOPS, IS, LE, XF

SUBJECT: HARIF ON ISRAELI RELATIONS WITH THE U.S.

1. FOLLOWING IS A FBIS TRANSLATION OF BEGIN-CONFIDANT
YOSEF HARIF SEPTEMBER 24 MA'ARIV COLUMN ON RECENT EVENTS
IN LEBANON AND RELATIONS WITH THE U.S.

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2. COMMENCE TEXT ON COMMENTARY BY YOSEF HARIF: "THE
GOVERNMENT WILL INITIATE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AUTH-
ORIZED BODY, HEADED BY A WIDELY ACCEPTABLE PERSONALITY
IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS TO INVESTIGATE THE SABRA AND
SHA TILA AFFAIRS."

ONE OF THE PUBLIC FIGURES WHO, LIKE EVERYONE ELSE,
BECAME WIDELY CONCERNED WITH THE DETERIORATION OF THE
RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL--WHICH
THIS WEEK REACH AN ALL-TIME LOW, WITH EVEN ISRAEL'S
FRIENDS BEGINNING TO JOIN THE CHORUS OF THOSE WHO
PROSECUTE IT--CALLED PRIME MINISTER MENACHEM BEGIN
AND ASKED TO TALK ABOUT THIS GREAT CONCERN HE WAS
FEELING. IN A TONE OF COMPLETE DESPAIR HE ASKED THE
PRIME MINISTER: FOR GOODNESS' SAKE, HOW DOES ONE GET
OUT OF THIS CONFUSION?

WHAT APPARENTLY MOSTLY BOTHERED THAT PERSON WAS THE
FACT THAT FOLLOWING THE HORRID MASSACRE CARRIED OUT BY
THE PHALANGES IN THE REFUGEE CAMPS IN BEIRUT, MEMBERS
OF THE ADMINISTRATION IN WASHINGTON LAST WEEK DID NOT
HESITATE TO PRACTICALLY ACCUSE ISRAEL AND CHARGE IT
WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR IT, WHEREAS NOT ONE SINGLE
COUNSELOR FOR THE DEFENSE COULD BE FOUND. EACH DAY,
THE CONCERNED PERSON POINTED OUT, THE DEPRESSING

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PHENOMENON RECURS WHERE ISRAEL IS BEING PORTRAYED IN VERY DARK COLORS AND VARIOUS PERSONALITIES APPEAR TO BE COMPETING ON WHO WILL VOICE THE HARSHER CRITICISM AGAINST US (IN THE COURSE OF THE CONVERSATION, SO I HAVE LEARNED, BARRY GOLDWATER'S REMARK WAS ALSO BROUGHT UP, THE ONE WHERE HE SAID THAT COMPARED TO BEGIN, "ARAFAT IS A 'BOY SCOUT.'") THAT WAS HORRIBLE, REALLY TERRIBLE, THE MAN SAID. THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT.... HOW DOES ONE ESCAPE THE CONFUSION? ...WITH GOD'S HELP, WE WILL, WE WILL, THE PRIME MINISTER REPLIED. ONE OUGHT TO HAVE FAITH IN OUR JUSTICE. THE TRUTH WILL OUT.... BEGIN READ OUT TO HIM A FEW LINES FROM Kipling's FAMOUS POEM, "IF" WHICH EITHER DELIBERATELY OR BY CHANCE LAID ON THE PRIME MINISTER'S DESK (PROBABLY BECAUSE OF THE ASSOCIATION WITH "CONFUSION.")

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LISTEN TO THIS, MY FRIEND, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID. LET US GO OUT IN THE OPEN AND, WITH GOD'S HELP, WE WILL SEE BETTER DAYS IF.... IF YOU CAN KEEP YOUR HEAD WHEN ALL ABOUT YOU ARE LOSING THEIRS AND BLAMING IT ON YOU, IF YOU CAN TRUST YOURSELF WHEN ALL MEN DOUBT YOU, BUT MAKE ALLOWANCE FOR THEIR DOUBTING TOO; IF YOU CAN WAIT AND NOT BE TIRED BY WAITING, OR BEING LIED ABOUT, DON'T DEAL IN LIES, OR BEING HATED, DON'T GIVE WAY TO HATING, AND YET DON'T LOOK TOO GOOD, NOR TALK TOO WISE; IF YOU CAN BEAR TO HEAR THE TRUTH YOU'VE SPOKEN TWISTED BY KNAVES TO MAKE A TRAP FOR FOOLS, OR WATCH THE THINGS YOU GAVE YOUR LIFE TO, BROKEN, AND STOOP AND BUILD THEM UP WITH WORN-OUT TOOLS.

WE CANNOT TELL WHETHER THE MAN WAS CALMED UPON HEARING THIS "RECIPE," WHOSE PRACTICAL AND NOT NECESSARILY POETIC VALUE SHOULD NOT BE MADE LITTLE OF, BUT THE CLEARER THINGS BECOME, THE GREATER THE REALIZATION THAT THE REAL PROBLEMS WITH THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION DO NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO AT ALL WITH THE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION OVER THE DEGREE OF RESPONSIBILITY ISRAEL SHOULDERS AS THE ONE WHOSE FORCES CONTROLLED WEST BEIRUT IN THE TIMES OF THE MASSACRE. THE TRAGEDY, THE HORRENDUS SCENES THAT CAN BE SEEN DAILY ON TELEVISION CANNOT BUT SHOCK ANY HUMAN BEING WITH A FLICKER OF HUMAN NATURE IN HIS HEART. YET IT WOULD NOT SEEM TO BE AN EXAGGERATION TO SAY THAT VARIOUS U.S. ADMINISTRATION FIGURES ARE EXPLOITING THIS TRAGEDY IN ORDER TO PUSH ISRAEL INTO ISOLATION FROM WHICH THEY WISH TO REAP POLITICAL GAINS. HOW ELSE COULD ONE EXPLAIN THE FACT THAT EVEN

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THE HOSTILE SECURITY COUNCIL DID NOT PLACE THE RESPONS-
IBILITY ON ISRAEL, WHEREAS AUTHORITATIVE ADMINISTRATION
SPOKESMEN HAVE POINTED AN ACCUSING FINGER AT ISRAEL?

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THE PRIME MINISTER MAY HAVE COMMITTED AN ERROR IN NOT
ANNOUNCING IN PUBLIC, IMMEDIATELY AFTER LEARNING ABOUT
THE DISASTER, THAT THE CABINET WILL PROBE AND EXAMINE
WHAT HAPPENED AT ONCE ALONG WITH AN EXPRESSION OF GRIEF
ON THE TERRIBLE CATASTROPHE. HAD HE DONE SO, SO MANY
BELIEVE, MUCH OF THE BITTERNESS AND SUSPICION DIRECTED
AT THE GOVERNMENT BOTH FROM WITHIN AND WITHOUT WOULD
HAVE BEEN PREVENTED. YET A MISTAKE CAN STILL NOT
SUFFICIENTLY ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS ON THE U.S.-
ISRAELI RELATIONS IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS WHOSE FOCUS
SEEMS TO ZERO IN ON LEBANON, SO TO SPEAK.

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IF WE READ THAT THERE IS A GROWING NUMBER OF ADMINISTRA-
TION FIGURES CALLING FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF DEFENSE
MINISTER ARIEL SHARON OR THE OVERTHROW OF THE ENTIRE
BEGIN GOVERNMENT, THIS HAS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO DO WITH
LEBANON. SUCH PRESS AND MEDIA REPORTS IN THE UNITED
STATES, FED AND NOURISHED BY "HINTS" PROVIDED BY OFFICIAL
BRIEFINGS HAVE INCREASED EVER SINCE THE ISRAELI GOVERN-
MENT CAME OUT AGAINST PRESIDENT REAGAN'S PLAN. EVER
SINCE THEN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE UNITED
STATES BEGAN ASSUMING AN AIR OF A CONFLICT IN FORM AND
CONTENT, SO THAT EVERYTHING ELSE THAT EVOLVED SUBSE-
QUENTLY, INCLUDING THE ARGUMENT OVER THE WITHDRAWAL OF
THE ISRAELI FORCES FROM WEST BEIRUT WAS AFFECTED BY THE
ATMOSPHERE OF BAD RELATIONS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND
JERUSALEM. THE HEAVY ATMOSPHERE THAT LOOMED FOLLOWING
THE PHALANGE MASSACRE CANNOT BE ALTERED. NOW, AFTER
THE OPPOSITION'S DEMAND THAT A JUDICIAL COMMISSION OF
INQUIRY BE ESTABLISHED TO PROBE THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF

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THE DISASTER IN THE BEIRUT REFUGEE CAMPS WAS TURNED DOWN, THE GOVERNMENT WILL INITIATE THE SETTING UP OF AN AUTHORIZED BODY, HEADED BY A PERSONALITY THAT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL, TO INVESTIGATE THIS TRAGIC AFFAIR ("IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS," BEGIN PROMISED, "I SHALL CONSULT WITH ALL THE ELEMENTS IN REGARD TO THE MOST PROPER AND EFFECTIVE WAY TO REVIEW THE FACTS, AND I AM SURE WE WILL REACH A GOOD RESOLVE.") THIS, BY NATURE, SHOULD SOMEWHAT EASE THE ARGUMENT INSIDE THE COALITION AND OUTSIDE IT, BUT ONLY IN REGARD TO THE INVESTIGATION OF THE MASSACRE IN BEIRUT. IT WILL NOT QUELL THE BITTER ARGUMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES NOT ONLY ABOUT THE "REAGAN PLAN" BUT ALSO ABOUT THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ISRAEL --WHICH ISRAEL IS EXPECTING TO COME FOLLOWING THE REMOVAL OF THE FOREIGN FORCES FROM LEBANON.

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THE IMPRESSION IS THAT THE UNITED STATES IS "ENJOYING" THE COLD CONFRONTATION, IF ONE MAY CALL IT THUS, AFTER THE TERM "COLD WAR," BETWEEN ITSELF AND ISRAEL. THRIVING ON SOMETHING THAT SEEMS TO SERVE ITS PURPOSE IN ITS COURTING OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES AND IN ITS ATTEMPT TO WARD OFF ATTACKS ON IT PRIMARILY FROM THE EXTREMIST COUNTRIES IN THE ARAB WORLD ON AN ALLEGED SCHEME IT IS PLOTTING WITH ISRAEL TO ANNIHILATE THE PLO IN LEBANON. THREE TIMES RECENTLY AMBASSADOR MOSHE ARENS RAISED THE QUESTION TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE WHY WASHINGTON WAS ONLY SEEKING WAYS TO HIGHLIGHT THE CONFLICT WITH ISRAEL, WHILE AFTER ALL--SO ARENS ARGUED--WE, THAT IS THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL ARE ON THE SAME PATH AND THE OBJECTIVES IN LEBANON THE TWO COUNTRIES SHARED DID NOT CHANGE. WHY SHOULD THE ADMINISTRATION NOT COME OUT WITH SOMETHING FAVORABLE AS WELL? YET SHULTZ, IN HIS OWN EVASIVE WAY, BYPASSED THE ISSUE, ARGUING THAT ISRAEL'S ACTIONS ARE THE CAUSE OF THIS. IN ADVANCE THE UNITED STATES DID NOT WANT ISRAEL TO ENTER LEBANON. POST FACTUM, IF YOU HAVE ALREADY ENTERED LEBANON, AT LEAST DO NOT ENTER BEIRUT. THEN YOU DID AND CLAIMED THAT YOU ENTERED IT IN ORDER TO PREVENT VIOLENCE AND CHAOS, BUT NOW--LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED IN THE REFUGEE CAMPS. THIS DESCRIPTION CANNOT ENVELOP THE WHOLE TRUTH. THE FACT REMAINS THAT EVEN AFTER THE ENTRY INTO LEBANON EVEN THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF SIDED WITH ISRAEL IN FORMULATING THE COMMON GOAL: TO BRING ABOUT THE OUSTER OF THE TERRORISTS AND, AT THE SECOND STAGE, TO LEAD TO THE REMOVAL OF THE FOREIGN FORCES AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STRONG AND STABLE GOVERNMENT IN LEBANON, PERHAPS

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AS FAR AS THE UNITED STATES WAS CONCERNED SOME OF THE
MOVES WERE CONDUCTED IN A MANNER THAT WAS NOT SATISFACT-
ORY IN ITS EYES, BUT CAN IT BE THAT THROUGHOUT THE LAST
FEW WEEKS THERE WAS NOT EVEN ONE POINT THAT COULD BE
CREDITED TO ISRAEL'S FAVOR? TWICE IN TWO WEEKS PRESIDENT
REAGAN ADDRESSED THE NATION--SOMETHING WHICH IS UNPREC-
EDENTED UNDER SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES--TO DISCUSS AND
REDISCUSS OUR AFFAIRS. ALL OF IT, SO IT SEEMS, WAS
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THAT IS WHY IT IS EMPLOYING "CLEAN" TACTICS: IT IS TRYING
TO AROUSE AN ARGUMENT INSIDE ISRAEL, BETWEEN THE LIKUD
AND THE ALIGNMENT. LABOR PARTY CHAIRMAN SHIMON PERES,
WHO WAS SEEN BY PRESIDENT REAGAN AT THE WHITE HOUSE
AND WHO DISCUSSED WITH HIM THE "JORDANIAN OPTION" IS,
NATURALLY, BEING USED BY THE UNITED STATES TO CONVINCE
THE LOCAL JEWISH COMMUNITY THAT THE REAGAN PLAN IS PRO-
ISRAELI. IN ESSENCE, THIS IS WHY IT IS SO INTERESTED TO
KNOW WHETHER THE NRP IS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING EFFECTING
A CRISIS IN THE COALITION. HOWEVER, APPARENTLY IT SEEMS
TO CERTAIN U.S. ELEMENTS THAT IT WOULD MEET WITH GREAT
DIFFICULTY REACHING THE GOAL IN ONE GO. THAT IS WHY
MORE AND MORE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THE NEED
TO REPLACE DEFENSE MINISTER ARIEL SHARON. A SENIOR
OFFICIAL IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE SAID THAT IN
A MEETING HE HELD LAST WEEK WITH ONE OF THE LEADERS OF
THE JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES HE HEARD
FROM HIM THAT CERTAIN SENATORS HAD TOLD THAT MAN THAT
THEY ARE TAKING ACTIONS TO BRING SHARON DOWN. (THE NAME
OF THAT PERSON, THE ONE WHO TESTIFIED AS MUCH, IS WITH-
HELD BY THE EDITORIAL STAFF.)

APPARENTLY IN THIS, TOO, THAT IS IN THE "LIMITED" GOAL
OF TRYING TO BRING ABOUT THE REMOVAL OF THE DEFENSE
MINISTER, THE UNITED STATES WILL ALSO FAIL. WHEN ONE
NEW YORK PAPER PUBLISHED LAST WEEK THAT REAGAN HIMSELF
IS HOPING THAT SHARON WOULD BE OUT OF THE GOVERNMENT,
PRIME MINISTER MENAHEM BEGIN REACTED: "GOOD MORNING,
SOMEONE THERE (IN THE UNITED STATES) IS LANDLORD OVER
WHAT IS HAPPENING IN A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT IN ISRAEL.
IS THIS ONLY THE LIKUD'S PROBLEM? SHOULD PERES NOT

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THINK ABOUT IT, TOO? WOULD HE WANT SUCH A PRECEDENT, WHERE THE UNITED STATES DETERMINES WHO SITS IN THE ISRAELI CABINET?"

THIS CONCEALED, OR SEMI-OVERT STRUGGLE ALSO CASTS A DARK SHADOW ON THE PROSPECTS OF IMPROVING THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO ADMINISTRATIONS. "ALSO" BUT THIS IS NOT THE MAIN THING. THE MAIN THING, OF COURSE, IS WHAT WASHINGTON AND JERUSALEM WILL DISCUSS AFTER THE LEBANESE PROBLEM IS RESOLVED. WITHOUT GETTING INTO THE MASS OF PROBLEMS THAT WILL NO DOUBT CROP UP AS THE PRACTICAL DELIBERATIONS ON THE REMOVAL OF THE "FOREIGN FORCES" FROM LEBANON OPEN. AS LONG AS THE TWO PARTIES ENTRENCH BEHIND THEIR DECLARED POSITIONS, THAT IS WITH ISRAEL REJECTING THE REAGAN PLAN IN TOTO, REFUSING TO REGARD IT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES AS A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS AND WITH THE UNITED STATES, AS SHULTZ AND HIS COLLEAGUES DECLARED NUMEROUS TIMES, HAVING NO INTENTION OF BACKING OUT OF THIS PLAN, ONE CANNOT SEE HOW IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO BRING ABOUT A CALM IN THE EXISTING WASHINGTON-JERUSALEM CONFRONTATION. ONE THING IS CLEAR, AND THAT IS THAT IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE ATMOSPHERE THE UNITED STATES WILL HAVE TO MAKE A GESTURE TOWARD ISRAEL AFTER THE LONG PERIOD IN WHICH IT PLAGUED ISRAEL WITH WHIP STROKES NEARLY DAY IN AND DAY OUT. IT LOOKS AS THOUGH A U.S. GESTURE IS CONCEIVABLE, BUT ONLY AFTER WASHINGTON IS CONVINCED THAT ITS LATEST MOVES CANNOT UNDERMINE THE GOVERNMENT AND BRING ABOUT AN ALTERNATE REPLACEMENT.

NOW, WITH AN ATMOSPHERE OF NEAR CRISIS IN THE AIR IN ISRAEL, SO TO SPEAK, THE UNITED STATES WILL LIKELY CONTINUE TO WATCH OVER EVENTS WITHOUT DOING ANYTHING THAT COULD HELP THE BEGIN GOVERNMENT EMERGE FROM ITS DISTRESS.

IS THE GOVERNMENT REALLY IN DISTRESS IN THAT RESPECT?

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THE IMPRESSION IS THAT THIS IS "IMAGINARY DISTRESS," AS NONE OF THE COALITION COMPONENTS WANTS TO HOLD NEW ELECTIONS AND THE NRP, WHICH WAS THE LEADER IN CREATING THE TENSION OVER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY, LEAST OF ALL. IT IS NOT CONCEALING THIS AT ALL. CHANGES IN THE POLITICAL CONSTELLATION ARE NOT IMMINENT, UNLESS THE UNEXPECTED (SUCH AS SHOCKWAVES FOLLOWING DISCOVERIES AROUND THE MASSACRE IN BEIRUT) HAPPENS. THE RESIGNATION OF

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MINISTER YITZHAK BERMAN IS STILL NOT A CAUSE FOR
SHOCK, EVEN THOUGH HIS FELLOW DISSENTER, MK ZEIGERMAN,
INTIMATED THAT HE AND BERMAN ARE YET CAPABLE OF
ESTABLISHING A SEPARATE FACTION AND OF WITHDRAWING

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FOR NEA ASSISTANT SECRETARY VELTUTES

E.O. 12356: DECL: 9/24/02

TAGS: OVIP (GEMAYEL, AMIN) LE, US

SUBJECT: OCTOBER VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF PRESIDENT AMIN GEMAYEL

1. ~~(ENTIRE TEXT)~~

2. PRESIDENT AMIN GEMAYEL RAISED WITH ME IN FRONT OF ACTING
FONMIN FOUAD BUTRUS TODAY, SEPT. 24, POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT
TO THE UNITED STATES. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE
SPEECH AT UNGA, AS HIS BROTHER HAD PLANNED, AND THEN MAKE
INFORMAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON. SPEECH WAS NOW PLANNED FOR
OCTOBER 7, BUT THAT DATE COULD PROBABLY BE SHIFTED, IF NECESSARY.
HE PREFERRED A VISIT BEFORE OCT 15 BUT, IF THAT WERE ABSOLUTELY
IMPOSSIBLE, HE ALSO MIGHT BE ABLE TO WORK OUT SOMETHING FOR
LATER IN OCTOBER. HE NEEDED ABOVE ALL AN ASSURANCE THAT HE
COULD MEET WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN.

3. I TOLD GEMAYEL THAT WE HAD BEEN DISCUSSING POSSIBILITY OF
A LUNCHEON AT THE WHITE HOUSE FOR HIS BROTHER, IF THAT VISIT
HAD COME OFF. I WOULD RECOMMEND SAME TREATMENT FOR
HIM. I CAUTIONED THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN'S SCHEDULE WAS
VERY FULL AND THAT HE SHOULD NOT COUNT ON ANYTHING UNTIL
WE GOT CONFIRMATION OF A PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: RECOMMEND PRESIDENT GIVE LUNCHEON
FOR PRESIDENT GEMAYEL DURING WEEK 11-15 OCTOBER. OTHER
APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS, INCLUDING MEETING WITH SECRETARY,
SHOULD BE SOUGHT ONCE WE HAVE WHITE HOUSE CONFIRMATION.

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HAPPENED IN WEST BEIRUT. EVEN IF IT HAD NOT
HAPPENED (THAT WAS IN THE COURSE OF THE DEBATE ON THE
SLAUGHTER), THE U.S. PRESSURE WOULD HAVE
INCREASED. IF THE UNITED STATES HAD WANTED NOT
TO SPOTLIGHT ITS CONFLICT WITH ISRAEL, IT COULD HAVE
MADE DO WITH ISRAEL'S RESPONSE TO THE ADMINISTRATION'S
DEMAND THAT WEST BEIRUT BE EVACUATED. AFTER ALL,
WHAT DID ISRAEL SAY? THAT IT DOES NOT WANT TO
REMAIN THERE. ONLY LET THE LEBANESE ARMY COME
AND GET THE KEY POSITIONS HELD BY THE IDF BEFORE--
AND THE ISRAELI TROOPS ARE PULLING OUT (AND
THIS HAS BEEN SHOWN IN REALITY)! BUT AGAIN, IT
APPEARED THAT THE "CONFLICT" CURRENTLY SERVES
U.S. INTERESTS. BUT EVEN THE UNITED STATES CANNOT
FAIL TO UNDERSTAND FULL WELL THAT THIS TACTIC
COULD NOT BE EMPLOYED FOR LONG. AFTER ALL, ISRAEL
HAS SOMETHING TO SAY AND WITHOUT IT NO ARRANGEMENT
WILL PREVAIL.

IT IS TO BE REGRETTED THAT THE GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS
OF THE WAR IN LEBANON ARE BEING OVERCAST BY
DEVELOPMENTS NO ONE HAD PREDICTED. NO DOUBT THE
ISRAELI GOVERNMENT, TOO, IS NOT ABSOLUTELY CLEAN
OF MISTAKES, PARTICULARLY IN THE LATTER STAGES OF
THE CAMPAIGN, AND THE GOVERNMENT MUST ADMIT ITS
ERRORS BECAUSE ONLY RECOGNITION OF THESE ERRORS CAN
MAKE REAL THE CHANCE THAT WHAT WENT WRONG WOULD
REALLY BE CORRECTED.

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THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE THESE DAYS, DURING THE DAYS
OF SOUL-SEARCHING AND TAKING ACCOUNT. THE ATONE-

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MENT SHOULD BE CONDUCTED WITH ONE'S SELF, NOT
BECAUSE THE "GOYIM" ARE HARASSING US. ONE
OUGHT TO REMEMBER THAT NONE OF THE EUROPEAN
COUNTRIES, WHICH HAVE BEEN DEMONSTRATING SUCH
SENSITIVITY TO EVERYTHING THAT HAS TO DO WITH THE
PALESTINIANS RIGHT NOW, HAVE COMPLIED WITH THE U.S.
PLEAS THAT THEY PERMIT ITS AIRCRAFT TO LAND IN
ONE OF THEIR CAPITALS DURING THE YOM KIPPUR WAR,
ONLY BECAUSE THESE AIRCRAFT WERE BEARING AIRLIFT-
AID TO ISRAEL. END TEXT.

3. MINIMIZE BEIRUT CONSIDERED.

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