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EXDIS

E.O. 12065: GDS 6/21/88 (HABIB, PHILIP) TAGS: MOPS, MILI, IS, LE, SY, PLO

SUBJECT: HABIB MISSIUN: HEAVY BUMBARDMENT JUNE 20-21

SECSTATE ALSO FOR ACTION

EXDIS, FROM HABIB (TEXT OF BEIRUT 4313)

1. CONE DENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.

2. IT IS 0900, AND THE SUUTHWEST AREA OF THE CITY HAS EXPERIENCED ISRAELI BOMBARDMENT THROUGHOUT THE LAST 12 HOURS WHICH AT TIMES HAS BECOME EXTREMELY HEAVY. WALID JUMBLATT TELEPHONED AMBASSADUR DILLON THIS MURNING TO COMPLAIN BITTERLY THAT THE ISRAELI ARE NOT OBSERVING THE CEASE-FIRE AND TO ASK THAT WE TRY TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. ACCURDING TO INITIAL REPORT, THE BOMBARDMENT WAS BROUGHT ABOUT BY FIRE FROM PALESTINIAN POSITIONS. FOR WHAT ITS WORTH, THE ISRAELI BUMBARDMENT APPEARS GREATLY DISPROPORTIONATE TO THE CAUSE, I CANNOT BELIEVE IT WILL HELP THE PROSPECTS WE ARE TRYING TO PROMOTE. HAIG BT

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EXDIS

E.O. 12065: RDS, 1-3, 6/21/92 (HABIB, PHILIP)

TAGS: PINS, MOP, SY, LE, IS, PLO, XF

SUBJECT: HABIB MISSIUN: PHALANGE - SYRIAN DISCUSSION

SECSTATE ALSO FOR ACTION

EXDIS FROM HABIB (TEXT OF BEIRUT 4314)

- 1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.
- 2. LAST NIGHT JUNE 20, AT DUR REQUEST, BASHIR GEMAYEL SE;T THE PHALANGE TEAM WHICH HAD MET EARLIER THAT THAT DAY WITH SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM IN DAMACUS TO MEET WITH US AT THE RESIDENCE. THE PHALANGE TEAM WAS COMPOSED OF PAKRADOUNI, SAADES AND ABUKHALIL. THEY WERE IN HIGH SPIRIT, ALMOST EBULLENT-IN MANNER AND CLEARLY MORE T'AN PLEASED WITH THEIR MÉEÎING IN DAMASCUS. THEY SAID THEY BELIEVED SYRIA KNOWS ÎT HAS BEEN BEATEN AND THEREFORE KHADDAM REFLECTED BITTERNESS IN HIS COMMENTS.
- 3. KHADDAM REPORTEDLY TOLD THE PHALANGE TEAM THAT SYRIA VAS LOOKING FOR A WAY OUT OF LEBANON FOR THEIR FORCES BUT VANTEDTORETAIN APOLITICAL ROLE OF INFLUENCE. "THE HISTORIC RELATIONS BETWEEN LEBANON AND SYRIA DID NOT

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DEPEND ON THE PRESENCE OF SOLDIERS ON THE GROUND," HE WAS BITTER TOWARDS THE U.S., AND SAID THAT THE U.S. WAS IN EFFECT THE BEST FRIEND OF SOVIETS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. NEVERTHELESS, HE LEFT THE IMPRESSION THAT THE SYRIANS WERE LOOKING FOR SOME WAY TO WORK OUT SOMETHING WITH THE UN. THE PHALANGE TEAM HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT, WHILE KHADDAM WANTED TO HEAR THE PHALANGE VIEWS OF THE SITUATION AND THE FUTURE, HE LEFT THE IMPRESSION THAT THE SYRIANS DID NOT KNOW EXACTLY WHAT TO DO. THEY DID NOT SEEM TO HAVE A GOOD IDEA OF THE TACTICAL APPROACH, MUCH LESS A STRATEGIC APPROACH.

- 4. KHADDAM GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE SYRIANS WERE NOT HAPPY WITH THE PLO. HE SAID THAT SYRIA DID NOT WAN! TO BE AN AGENT FOR THE DEMISE OF THE PLO, BUT, IF THE SYRIANS WERE IN THE SAME BOAT AS THE LEBANESE, THEY WOULD ALSO FAVOR REMOVING THE PALESTINIAN INFRASTRUCTURE.
- 5. THE PHALANGE TEAM MADE IT CLEAR THAT THEY WANT THREE THINGS: "WITHDRAWAL OF THE PALESTINIANS, THE SYRIANS, AND THE ISRAELIS. THE PHALANGE TEAM ASKED THAT THE SYRIANS SUPPORT A PRACTICAL PROPUSAL;
- (1) SYRIAN SUPPORT FOR THE NATIONAL SALVATION COMMITTEE;
- (2) THE CONVERSION OF NSC TO A NEW, STRONG GOVERMENT; AND
- (3) A STRONG PRESIDENT AFTER HIS ELECTION.
- 6. KHADDAM CONSULTED WITH ASSAD, AND THEN PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING FORMULATION TO THE PHALANGE TEAM:
- -- (A) SYRIA AGREED TO THE FORMATION OF A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL SALVATION WHICH SHOULD HAVE FOR ITS PRIMARY TASK THE TOTALITY OF PROBLEMS THAT CONFRONT LEBANON, ON WHICH IT SHOULD TAKE DECISION. LET THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT SAY WHAT IT WANTS AND SYRIA WILL CONSIDER IT.
- -- (B) REGARDING THE SYRIAN PRESENCE IN LEBANON, SYRIA IS READY TO DISCUSS EITHER WITH "THE GOVERNMENT" OR WITH GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL SALVATION, BUT SYRIA RECOMMENDS THAT THERE BE NO DECISION RELATIVE TO SYRIA UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF ISRAEL.
- -- (C) SYRIA CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY TO CONTINUE THE

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BILATERAL DIALOGUE BETWEEN SYRIA AND THE PHALANGE.

7. COMMENT: MORE AND MORE WE ARE RECEIVING THE IMPRESSION THAT THE SYRIANS ARE SEEKING SOME WAY TO

EXTRICATE THEMSELVES FROM THEIR PRESENT UNTENABLE MILITARY CONFRONTATION WITH ISRAEL IN LEBANON. THE MEANS THEY SEEK TO USE ARE A COMBINATION OF U.S. MEDIATION, ASSERTION OF LEBANESE AUTHORITY AND POLICY AS A COVER, AND SOME DISTANCING FROM ISRAELI DEMANDS ON THEM. HAIG BT #1150 NNNN

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MOST ISRAELI PAPERS TODAY (JUNE 21) ARE GIVING PROMINENT COVERAGE TO WHAT HAPPENS NEXT IN WEST BEIRUT AND THE DIFFERING OPINION AMONG ISRAELI LEADERS ABOUT WHAT THE NEXT STEPS DUGHT TO BE. DEFENSE MINISTER SHARON REMARKED YESTERDAY THAT ISRAEL COULD NOT CONSIDER ALL OF ITS WAR OBJECTIVES TO HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED SO LONG AS THERE WAS A PALESTINIAN INFRASTRUCTURE IN BEIRUT. THESE REMARKS ARE BEING WIDELY INTERPRETED AS AN INDICATION THAT SHARDN FAVORS A MILITARY ACTION INTO WEST BEIRUT TO DESTROY THE PLO INFRASTRUCTURE ONCE AND FOR ALL, AND THAT HE WILL NOT SETTLE FOR ANYTHING LESS THAN THAT GOAL. PRESS REPORTS ADD THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE CABINET IS NOT WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH SHARUN, NOTING THE CABINET'S ANNOUNCEMENT YESTERDAY THAT THE CEASEFIRE STILL STANDS. NEVERTHELESS, IT HAS

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BEEN SUGGESTED THAT JERUSALEM IS BECOMING LESS CERTAIN THAT THE DIPLOMATIC PATH WILL PROVE SUCCESSFUL IN REMOVING THE PALESTINIANS' MILITARY CAPABILITY, AND THAT RENEWED FIGHTING MAY BE NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL.

3. COMMENT. WHILE THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE ISRAELI CABINET CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT THE HABIB EFFORT MUST BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO BEAR FRUIT, IT IS EQUALLY APPARENT THAT DEFENSE MINISTER SHARDN HAS NOT GIVEN UP ON THE IDEA OF A MILITARY OPERATION INTO WEST BEIRUT IF THAT IS THE ONLY WAY THE PLO INFRASTRUCTURE CAN BE DESTROYED. IF TIME CONTINUES TO PASS WITH NU APPARENT PROGRESS WHICH THE MODERATES IN THE CABINET CAN USE TO KEEP SHARON AT BAY, THE PRESSURE WILL CONTINUE TO BUILD UN THE CABINET TO AUTHORIZE SHARUN TO SEEK A MILITARY SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. IT IS IMPORTANT TO BEAR IN MIND THAT, VIEWED FROM ISRAEL, THE CURRENT SITUATION, IN WHICH THE PALESTINIAN LEADERSHIP AND REMAINING URGANIZED FIGHTERS ARE TRAPPED IN WEST BEIRUT, IS ONE WHICH MAY NEVER COME AGAIN. THE GOVERNMENT KNOWS IT COULD BE CRITICIZED SEVERELY IF THE PLO IS ABLE TO SOMEHOW GET OUT OF THE TRAP, AND BEGIN TO RETURN TO THE STATUS QUO ANTE. SIMILARLY, THEY KNOW THAT THE IDF CANNOT STAY IN LEBANON FOREVER. THUS, THE TIME AVAILABLE FOR THE DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION TO TAKE HOLD IS NOT UNLIMITED; AND FROM THE ISRAELI PERSPECTIVE, TIME IS ONLY STRENGTHENING THE PLU SIDE. END COMMENT.

4. BEIRUT AND DAMASCUS MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. BROWN BT #9349

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E.O. 12065: RDS-1, 3 6/22/02 (BROWN, WILLIAM) DR-M

TAGS: PEPR, MILI, MOPS, IS, LE, SY, US

SUBJECT: HABIB MISSION: ANOTHER ISRAELI CEASEFIRE

REF: TEL AVIV 9388

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

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2. AT 1700 LOCAL BAR-ON PHONED ME TO SAY THAT IN RESPONSE TO MY APPROACH (REFTEL) AS WELL AS A FLASH JUST RECEIVED FROM WASHINGTON, ISRAEL WILL CEASE FIRING EVERYWHERE ON THE LEBANESE FRONT (I.E., IN BEIRUT AND ELSEWHERE IN LEBANON VIS-A-VIS THE SYRIANS) AT 1800 LOCAL. THE ISRAELIS WILL WITHHOLD FIRE UNTIL ATTACKED BY THE OTHER SIDE(S). "HOPEFULLY WE WILL NOT BE ATTACKED AGAIN."
3. MINIMIZE BEIRUT AND DAMASCUS CONSIDERED. BROWN BT

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E.O. 12065: RDS-1, 3 6/22/02 (BRUWN, WILLIAM A.) DR-M TAGS: PEPR, MILI, MOPS, IS, LE, SY, US SUBJECT: HABIB MISSION: ISRAELI REACTION TO BUFFER ZONE REF: A. TEL AVIV 9420, B. BROWN-VELIOTES SECURE TELECON, JUNE 22

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

AFTER TALKING TO NICK VELIDIES, I IMMEDIATELY PHONED BAR-ON TO FILL HIM IN FURTHER ON THE PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY THIS MORNING AND SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATIONS. I EXPLAINED THAT PHIL HABIB HAD CONVEYED UNANIMOUS REQUEST OF THE NATIONAL SALVATION COMMITTEE FOR (1) AN EFFECTIVE CEASFIRE IN PLACE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND (2) ISRAELI AGREEMENT TO WITHDRAW TO A FIVE KILOMETER BUFFER ZONE AROUND BEIRUT WHICH COULD BE FILLED BY LAF? US, OR UN FORCES. HABIB HAD ENDURSED THE NSC PROPOSALS, AS HAD ALSO SECRETARY HAIG. IF ACCEPTED, THE NSC WOULD MAKE FINAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE PLU. 3. I TOLD BAR-ON THAT THIS PROPUSAL HAD BEEN PUT TO THE PRIME MINISTER DURING THE BREAKFAST MEETING AND AFTER AND THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAD AGREED TO FAVORABLY RECOMMEND THEM TO JERUSALEM. BEGIN HAD INDICATED THAT THE CABINET WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ACT ON THIS ISSUE BUT THAT SHAMIR, SHARON AND

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EHRLICH COULDMAKE THE NECESSARY DECISIONS. IN CONCLUDING, I STRESSED THAT THE AMERICAN SIDE ASSUMED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAD MADE A FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION TO JERUSALEM.

4. BAR-ON REPLIED THAT, AS HE HAD INDICATED EARLIER, THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT HAD ALREADY AGREED TO THE CEASEFIRE IN PLACE TO BEGIN AT 1800 HOURS. HOWEVER, HE INDICATED QUITE FIRMLY AND REPEATEDLY THAT THE BUFFER ZONE CONCEPT WOULD NOT WORK AND THIS HAD BEEN CONVEYED TO BEGIN IN WASHINGTON IN RESPONSE TO HIS CALL TO SHAMIR. I INDICATED TO BAR-ON THAT IT WAS PHIL'S STRONG BELIEF THAT THIS COULD BE THE LAST CHANCE TO WORK OUT SOMETHING WITH THE LEBANESE LEADERSHIP. BAR-ON SAID THAT IN ANY EVENT NOTHING FURTHER COULD BE DONE UNTIL TOMORROW WHEN THE PRIME MINISTER RETURNS (AT 0945 LOCAL) BUT ONCE AGAIN STRSSED THAT THE BUFFER ZONE WOULD SIMPLY NOT WORK. I PRESSED BAR-ON AS TO BEGIN'S REACTION ON BEING INFORMED OF JERUSALEM'S REACTION TO THE BUFFER ZONE AND WHETHER THE DECISION ON THE BUFFER ZONE REPRESENTED A UNANIMOUS VIEWPUINT HERE. BAR-UN ASKED THAT HE NOT BE PRESSED AND SAID IT WAS DIFFICULI TO CARRY OUT BUSINESS VIA NON-SECURE TRANS-ATLANTIC CALLS. IN ANY EVENT, BAR-ON CONCLUDED, HABIB HAS GOT HIS 1800 HOURS CEASEFIRE IN PLACE WHICH SHOULD GIVE HIM SOMETHING SIGNIFICANT TO WORK WITH. BAR-ON CALLED BACK A FEW MINUTES LATER TO REAFFIRM THE ISRAELI POSITION ON THE BUFFER ZUNE, INDICATING THAT JERUSALEM HAD HEARD THAT IT WOULD NOT ONLY APPLY TO BEIRUT. I SAID THE IMMEDIATE EMPHASIS WAS ON THE BEIRUT DIMENSION. BAR-ON INDICATED IN ANY EVENT THAT FIVE KILOMETERS AROUND BEIRUT REPRESENTED A LOT OF REAL ESTATE. HE EMPHASIZED AGAIN THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CEASEFIRE AS A BARGAINING CHIP.

FROM A SUBSEQUENT TELECON WITH HILL I UNDERSTAND THAT SAM LEWIS WILL ATTEMPT TO TURN BEGIN AROUND ON THE BUFFER ZONE CONCEPT. IF WE ARE UNABLE TO CONVINCE THE PRIME MINISTER IN WASHINGTON OF THE FEASIBILITY AND NECESSITY FOR THIS APPROACH, I FEAR THERE WILL BE VIRTUALLY NO UPPORTUNITY TO UBÎAIN A REVISED ISRAELI GOVERNMENT DECISION ON THIS POINT UPON BEGIN'S RETURN. THE ISRAELI INSTINCT WILL BE TO RESIST ANY LESSENING OF THEIR ABILITY TO APPLY PRESSURE ON THE SITUATION, PARTICULARLY IN BEIRUT.

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MORELVER, IF WE ARE TO WRAP-UP A FINAL DEAL WITH THE ISRAELIS, I STRUNGLY BELIEVE IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR PHIL HARIB TO CLME TO JERUSALEM TO PRESENT. HIS CASE DIRECTLY TO BEGIN AND HIS CULLFAGUES. THERE IS A POINT BEYOND WHICH PHONE CALLS AND FLASH MESSAGES OF #9433 NNIN

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REFS: A) DAMASCUS 4422; B) DAMASCUS 4430; C) TEL AVIV 9388; D) TEL AVIV 9371; E) TEL AVIV 9420

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SYRIAN DEMARCHE ABOUT REPURTED IDF VIOLATION OF THE CEASEFIRE WAS RAISED BY SECRETARY DIRECTLY WITH GUI PM BEGIN AND DMI SAGI THIS MORNING. BEGIN AND SAGI STATED THAT THIS EXCHANGE WAS THE FIRST SYRIAN VIOLATION OF THE CEASEFIRE SINCE ITS INCEPTION ON FRIDAY, JUNE 12. SYRIA HAD ACTED WITH COMMENDABLE RESTRAINT UP TO NOW. AIRSTRIKES WERE CALLED IN TODAY BECAUSE A 130MM SYRIAN GUN ON THE SANNIN RIDGE HAD BEGUN SHELLING IDF POSITIONS. EFFECTIVE ACTION WAS TAKEN TO SILENCE THE SYRIAN GUN. THE IDF, BEGIN STATED, HAD NO DESIRE TO FIGHT THE SYRIANS AND WOULD RETURN FIRE ONLY IF FIRED UPON. THE IMPLICATION WAS THAT THE IDF WOULD HALT ANY FIRING AND MOVEMENT IF IT WERE NOT FIRED UPON. BEGIN AND SAGI TOOK THE VIEW THAT THE INCID-ENT WAS AN ABERRATION, NUTA DELIBERATESARG DECISIONTO BREAK THE CEASEFIRE, AND ISRAEL WOULD THEREFURE VIEW THE INCIDENT AS A MISTAKE MADE IN THE FIELD.

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- 3. EMBASSY TEL AVIV HAS JUST INFURMED US (REF E) THAT GOT WILL DECLARE A UNILATERAL CEASEFIRE ON ALL FRONTS AT 1800 LOCAL TODAY.
- 4. PLEASE PASS ABOVE TO DEPUTY FUREIGN MINISTER QADDOUR.
- 5. FOLLOWING SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH BEGIN AT BREAKFAST, THE FOLLOWING EXCHANGE BETWEEN BEGIN AND MEMBERS OF THE PRESS ON THE QUESTION OF THE CEASE-FIRE TOOK PLACE.

BEGIN TEXT: QUESTION: TO DEAL WITH A VERY IMMEDIATE ISSUE, WHAT HAS BEEN DONE TO AVOID THE POSSIBILITY OF WEST BEIRUT BEING TURNED INTO A BATTLEGROUND.

BEGIN: BEIRUT IS NOT A BATTLEGROUND, BUT FIRE IS BEING EXCHANGED, YESTERDAY AND TODAY AS WELL, BETWEEN THE PLO AND OUR ARMY. WE SAID IF THE PLO CEASES FIRING AT US, WE CANNOT FIRE AT THEM. THAT IS THE ONLY SOLUTION; LET THEM STOP FIRING AT US AND WE SHALL STOP FIRING AT THEM. IT DID NOT CEASE UNTIL THIS VERY MORNING AS I LEARNED FROM. . . . BEFORE, I REPEAT, THE ONLY CONDITION -- THERE SHOULD BE COMPLETE CEASEFIRE.

THE SYRIAN DON'T FIRE. THERE WAS IN THE MORNING AN ACCI-DENT, BUT I THINK IT WAS A SINGLE ACCIDENT. SYRIAN AR-TILLERY FIRED AT US, AND WE USED OUR AIR FORCE TO SIILL THE ARTILLERY FIRE. AGAIN I SAY, THE QUESTION IS OF MUTUAL FIRING BETWEEN ISRAEL FORCES IN WESTERN BEIRUT AND (INAUDIBLE) FORCES. IT CAN BE STOPPED PROVIDED THE PLO JUST CEASES FIRING AT OUT TROOPS; THAT IS ALL.

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E.O. 12065: RDS-1,3 6/22/02 (PAGANELLI, ROBERT P.) UR-M TAGS: PEPR, MILI, MOPS, IS, LE, SY, US SUBJECT: FURTHER SYRIAN INQUIRY ON ISRAELI STRIKES AGAINST SYRIAN POSITIONS IN LEBANON REFS: (A) DAMASCUS 4422, (B) TEL AVIV 9420

1. - ENTIRE TEXT.

- 2. SYRIAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER QADDOUR SUMMONED ME URGENTLY TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AT 2130 LOCAL TO ASK WHETHER I HAD RECEIVED A REPLY FROM WASHINGTON TO THE DEMARCHE HE HAD MADE EARLIER TODAY ON ISRAELI MILITARY ACTION AGAINST SYRIAN POSITIONS IN BHAMDON AND ELSEWHERE (DAMASCUS 4422). QADDOUR WAS OBVIOUSLY CONCERNED THAT WE HAD NOT GOTTEN BACK TO HIM EARLIER AND STATED THAT OUR SLOWNESS IN RESPONDING HAD IMPLICATIONS IN AND OF ITSELF.
- I RESPONDED TO GADDOUR THAT IMMEDIATELY UPON RETURNING TO THE EMBASSY FROM OUR MEETING THIS MORNING, I HAD INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT, BEIRUT AND TEL AVIV OF HIS DEMARCHE WHICH SET OFF URGENT CONSULTATIONS IN TEL AVIV AND ELSEWHERE. STRESSING THAT I HAD NOT YET RECEIVED WORD FROM WASHINGTON OF ACTIONS TAKEN, I SAID THAT OUR EMBASSY IN TEL AVIV HAD CONTACTED THE GOI WHICH HAD IN TURN INFORMED US A CEASEFIRE THROUGHOU! LEBANON WOULD GO INTO EFFECT AS OF 1800 LOCAL AND THAT ISRAELI FORCES WOULD NOT OPEN FIRE UNLESS ATTACKED

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(TEL AVIV 9420). WE ARE STILL, HOWEVER, AWAITING WURD FROM WASHINGTON ON THIS. I ASKED RADDOUR IF HE COULD IN FACT CONFIRM THAT FIRING HAD STUPPED. QADDUUR RESPONDED THAT ACCORDING TO THE MINISTRY UF DEFENSE FIRING HAD STOPPED BUT THE SYRIANS WERE UNSURE WHETHER IT HAD CEASED BECAUSE OF DARKNESS OR BECAUSE OF OUR EFFORTS. IN ANY CASE SYRIAN FORCES WERE NO LUNGER FIRING AGAINST ISRAELI FORCES. BY WAY OF FURTHER CLARIFICATION, QADDOUR SAID THAT HE HAD CHECKED WITH CHIEF OF STAFF SHIHABI FULLOWING OUR MEETING THIS MURNING TO ASK WHETHER THE ADE HAD INITIATED FIRE AGAINST THE ISRAELIS OR WHETHER THERE WERE PALESTINIAN ELEMENTS NEAR ADF POSITIONS WHO HAD FIRED ON THE ISRAELIS. SHIHABI HAD INFORMED GADDOUR AT 1930 LOCAL THAT IT WAS ABSOLUTELY NOT PERMITTED FOR MILITIAS LOCATED NEAR SYRIAN TROOPS TO OPEN FIRE AND THAT SECONDLY STRICT URDERS HAD BEEN CONVEYED TO SYRIAN MILITARY COMMANDERS TO ADHERE TO THE CEASEFIRE. QADDOUR REPEATED AGAIN HIS QUESTION WHETHER THE ISRAELIS HAD STOPPED FIRING BECAUSE OF DARKNESS OR BECAUSE OF OTHER REASONS. 5. I REPEATED WHAT WE HAD RECEIVED FROM EMBASSY TEL AVIV AND SAID THAT THIS HAD ALSO BEEN ANNOUNCED UN RADIO ISRAEL AT 2000. THE PUBLIC ISRAELI DECLARATION WAS A CLEAR INDICATION THAT ISRAEL HAD CALLED A CEASEFIRE BUT IT WAS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT, I STRESSED, THAT SYRIAN AND PALESTINIAN FORCES ADHERE TOTALLY TO THE CEASEFIRE. 6. STATE 172739 JUST RECEIVED AND WE WILL CONVEY IT TO MFA IMMEDIATELY. SARG HAS ISSUED MILITARY COMMUNIQUE, FIRST SINCE THE CEASEFIRE ON JUNE 11, REPORTING TODAY'S FIGHTING, STATING THAT ISRAEL HAD VIOLATED THE CEASEFIRE AND THAT SYRIAN FURCES HAD RESPONDED IN ORDER TO DEFEND THEMSELVES. PAGANELLI BT #4452 NNNN