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E.O.: 12356: N/A

TAGS: SCOM, PREL, LE, SY, IS, US

SUBJECT: MCFARLANE/FAIRBANKS MISSION: PRESS

BACKGROUNDER ON FAIRBANKS/KHADDAM MEETING.

AUGUST 17

1. A "U.S. OFFICIAL IN BEIRUT" (FYI, ROSS) USED THE FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS. CLEARED BY AMB. FAIRBANKS, TO BACKGROUND AP, JXL, BEIRUT DAILY "AN-NAHAR," AND BEIRUT DAILY "L'ORIENT-LE JOUR" SEPARATELY ON THE VISIT OF AME. FAIRBANKS TO DAMASCUS AUGUST 17:

-- AMBASSADOR FAIRBANKS VISITED DAMASCUS AUGUST 27 FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MR. DAVIS ROBINSON, LEGAL ADVISER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WHO IS THE PRINCIPAL ADVISER OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ON INTERNATIONAL LEGAL ISSUES.

FAIRBANKS AND KHADDAM MET FOR AN HOUR AND ONE-HALF. THEIR DISCUSSIONS FOCUSSED ON THE SYRIAN AND U.S. INTERPRETATIONS OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE LEBANESE-ISRAELI AGREEMENT AND THE LEGAL PRINCIPLES WHICH UNDERLIE THIS - AGREEMENT. OTHER ASPECTS OF THE SITUATION IN THE REGION AND THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS. AS WELL AS THE BEST MEANS OF ASSURING A USEFUL DIALOGUE BETWEEN SYRIA AND THE U.S. WERE ALSO DISCUSSED.

-- FAIRBANKS AND KHADDAM AGREED THAT THEIR LEGAL EXPERTS WOULD ENGAGE IN DETAILED EXAMINATION OF THE LEBANESE-ISRAELI AGREEMENT OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS, AND MR. ROBINSON AND AN ASSISTANT (ALAN KRECZKO) HAVE WEMAINED IN DAMASCUS FOR THIS PURPOSE.

-- FAIRBANKS HAS RETURNED TO BEIRUT TO CONSULT WITH AMBASSADOR MCFARLANE, WHO HIMSELF RETURNED FROM ISRAEL THIS AFTERNOON. AND TO PARTICIPATE IN FURTHER TALKS WITH THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT.

-- DEPENDING ON THEIR RESPECTIVE SCHEDULES DURING THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS. FAIRBANKS AND KHADDAM MAY MEET AGAIN IN DAMASCUS TO REVIEW THE RESULTS OF THE DISCUSSIONS OF THEIR LEGAL EXPERTS ONCE THESE HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

- -- THE U.S. HOPES THAT THE WORK OF THE LEGAL EXPERTS WILL CONTRIBUTE TO A GREATER COMMON UNDERSTANDING OF THE ROLE OF THE LEBANESE-ISRAELI AGREEMENT IN ASSISTING TO OBTAIN THE DEPARTURE OF FOREIGN FORCES FROM LEBANON.
- 2. ASKED BY UPI WHETHER THE MEETINGS OF LEGAL EXPERTS REPRESENTED "A BREAKTHROUGH," THE U.S. OFFICIAL REPLIED THAT THIS DID NOT REPRESENT A BREAKTHROUGH, BUT WAS A SMALL STEP FORWARD.
- OF NEA DAS NASSIF TO THE EFFORTS OF THE MCFARLANE/
 FAIRBANKS MISSION. TO AVOID FURTHER CONFUSION, ANY
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FROM AMB. FAIRBANKS

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR

TAGS: PREL, MOPS, MARR, SY, LE, IS, US

SUFJECT: MCFARLANE/FAIRBANKS MISSION: TAIREANNS/KEADDAM

PRIVATE MEETING. AUGUST 17

REF: DAMASCUS 06326

1. REFTEL IS FINE WITE FOLLOWING MINOR CHANGES:

-- PARA 2: REWRITE AS FOLLOWS: "FOLLOWING THE AUGUST 17 PLENARY MEETING OF USG AND SARG DELEGATIONS, AMBASSADOR FAIRBANKS ASKED FOR A PRIVATE WORD WITH KEADDAM TO DISCUSS (A) OUR ONGOING DIALOGUE AND ITS CONTENT. AND (B) TEF POSSIBILITY OF HAVING LEBANESE FOREIGN MINISTER SALEM JOIN THE SYRIAN AND U.S. DELEGATIONS IN EXAMINING THE AGREEMENT. AMBASSADOR PAGANELLI. ROSS AND ACTING DCM WECE ALSO PRESENT. KHADDAM HAD HIS INTERPRETER AND NOTE TAKER WITE BIM.

-- PARA 6. LINE 10: SUESTITUTE "STANDS READY" FOR "WILL BE DELIGHTED".

-- PARA 7: REWRITE AS FOLLOWS: "REFERRING TO THE MEETINGS OF SYRIAN AND U.S. EXPERTS THAT HAD JUST GOTTEN UNDERWAY, FAIRBANKS SAID MCFARLANE AND HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO BRING THE LEBANESE FOREIGN MINISTER. AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF ONE OF THE TWO PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT. TO DAMASCUS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TALKS IF KEADDAM PELIEVES THIS WOULD ASSIST IN OBTAINING PROGRESS. READDAM ASKED IN A MATTER-OF-FACT WAY WHETHER SALEM WOULD COME AS A U.S. CITIZEN, INSISTING THAT HE HOLDS A U.S. PASSPORT OF WHICH I CAN PROBABLY GET YOU A PECTOCOPY." FAIRBANKS RESPONDED THAT SALEM WOULD OBVICUSLY COME AS THE LEBANESE FOREIGN MINISTER. ROSS ADDED THAT, TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, SALEM HAD NEVER BECOME AN AMERICAN CITIZEN ALTHOUGH HIS WIFE WAS INDEED AMERICAN. (SALEM CONFIRMED TO FAIRBANKS UPON THE LATTER'S RETURN TO FEIRUT THAT ME IS NOT AND HAS NEVER BEEN AN AMERICAN CITIZEN.)

-- PARA 9: REWRITE AS FOLLOWS: ---Redacted----

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TO JOIN A MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT ASSAD AND WALID JUMELATT).

2. PLEASE RELEASE THE REVISED REPORT WITH THE FOLLOWING **FEADINGS:**

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DEPARTMENT FOR THE SECRETARY WHITE HOUSE FOR JUDGE CLARK, EYES ONLY MARSEILLE FOR AME. KIRKPATRICK, EYES ONLY

FROM AMB. FAIRBANKS

E.O. 12356: DECL: CADR

TAGS: PREL, MOPS, MARR, LE, SY, IS, US

SUBJECT: MCFARLANE/FAIRBANKS MISSION: FAIRBANKS/KHADDAM

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AFTER "DELEGATIONS". IN PARA 2, LINE 2, ADD "(SEPTEL)"

4. MANY THANKS. DILLON

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DEPARTMENT FOR THE SECRETARY AND A/SY/CC WHITE HOUSE FOR JUDGE CLARK. EYES ONLY TEL AVIV ALSO FOR RSO CAIRO ALSO FOR RSO

FROM MCFARLANE

E.O.: 12356: DECL:OADR

TAGS: OVIP (MCFARLANE AND FAIRBANKS), PREI, MOPS, MARR,

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SUBJECT: MCFARLANE/FAIRBANKS MISSION: PROPOSED VISIT TO CAIRO

1. -CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT

- 2. IN LIGHT OF EGYPTIAN INTEREST AND AMB. MCFARLANE'S EVOLVING SCHEDULE, MCFARLANE REQUESTS EMBASSY CAIRO ARRANGE MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT MUBAPAK, FOREIGN MINISTER HASSAN ALI. AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE ABU GHAZALA ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 20. OR SUNDAY MORNING, AUGUST 21.
- MCFARLANE PARTY-PLANS TO ARRIVE CAIRO FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 19. ETA WILL BE PROVIDED SEPTEL. PARTY WILL DEPART CAIRO FOR RETURN TO BEIRUT MORNING OF AUGUST 21 VIA T-39 AIRCRAFT.
 - MCFARLANE PARTY, WITH PASSPORT INFORMATION, INCLUDES:

-ROBERT C. MCFARLANE, ISSUED WASHDC, 8/27/81. D/POB: WASHDC, USA, JUL 12, 1937

-JONDA R. MCFARLANE, _____, ISSUED WASHDC, 7/27/83,

D/POB: MARYLAND USA, DEC 8, 1938

-HOWARD J. TEICHER. ISSUED WASHDC, 7/27/83

D/POB: MASSACHUSETTS USA, 9 MAY 1954 -PHILIP DUR, ISSUED WASHDC 7/27/83

D/POB MARYLAND USA, 22 JUN 1944 -WILMA G. HALL, ISSUED WASHIC 7/27/83. BY A-12

D/POB: NORTH CAROLINA USA, JUL 3, 1940

-JAMES M. CROWE (SY), ISSUED WASHDC 7/26/83 D/POB: TENNESSEE USA, AUG 27, 1949 (WEAPON INFORMATION

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- PLEASE RESERVE ONE DOUBLE AND FOUR SINGLE ROOMS AT NILE HILTON.
- PLANS TO SEE THE SOUND AND LIGHT SHOW AT THE PYRAMIDS SATURDAY NIGHT. ALSO REQUEST THAT DAYTIME PROGRAM INCLUDE ONE TO TWO HOURS FREE TIME.
 - 6. MRS. MCFARLANE PLANS TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 21. REQUEST EMBASSY MAKE FIRST CLASS RESERVATION, ON MOST DIRECT SAME-DAY FLIGHT TO WASHINGTON. MRS. MCFARLANE HAS A RETURN TICKET FROM ROME TO WASHINGTON WHICH MAY BE CREDITED TOWARD CAIRO-WASHINGTON TICKET AND WILL FURNISH COPIES OF TRAVEL ORDERS AND GTR UPON ARRIVAL IN CAIRO.
 - 7. FOR TEL AVIV: AMB. FAIRBANKS PLANS TO RON AUGUST 19 IN TEL AVIV AND RETURN TO BEIRUT SATURDAY AFTERNOON. PLEASE RESERVE TWO ROOMS AT TEL AVIV HILTON FOR FAIRBANKS AND DAVID HAAS. DILLON BT #9100

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- REFTEL IS FINE FOR TRANSMISSION TO SAME ADDRESSEES LISTED IN BEIRUT 9090 WITH FOLLOWING CHANGES:
- -- PARA 5, LINE 5: SUBSTITUTE "TO TWELVE" FOR "OR TEN".

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- -- PARA 5, LINE 6: SUBSTITUTE "ENTRY INTO FORCE" FOR "SIGNATURE".
- -- PARA 6, LINE 3: SUBSTITUTE "SOVEREIGNTY" FOR "INTEGRITY".

PLENARY MEETING AUGUST 17

- -- PARA 12, LINE 3: CHANGE PERIOD TO COMMA AND ADD "WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED AS "INVALID LEGAL CONCLUSIONS.""
- -- PARA 13: ADD SECOND SENTENCE AS FOLLOWS: "THESE ATTACKS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW." DILLON##

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DEPARTMENT FOR THE ACTING SECRETARY WHITE HOUSE FOR JUDGE CLARK

FROM AMB MCFARLANE

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR TAGS: PREL, LE, IS, SY, PLO, US

SUBJECT: MCFARLANE/FAIRBANKS MISSION: MEETING WITH

OSAMA EL-BAZ

1. SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. MCFARLANE AND FAIRBANKS MET FOR 45 MINUTES TODAY AT THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE WITH PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER OSAMA EL-BAZ AND THE EGYPTIAN CHARGE. OSAMA WAS DELAYED FOR THE MEETING BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN WITH PRIME MINISTER WAZZAN, JUST BEFORE THE LEBANESE CABINET MEETING WHICH BEGAN AT 6:00 PM LOCAL TIME.

3. EL-BAZ REPORTED THAT WAZZAN WOULD REMAIN IN THE CABINET AND THAT THERE WOULD BE NO SHAKEUPS OR RESIGNATIONS IN THE "WAKE OF THE ARENS AFFAIR."

4. MCFARLANE REVIEWED THE PROGRESS OF HIS MISSION TO DATE, WITH SPECIAL FOCUS ON THE SYRIANS. EL-BAZ SUGGESTED MAKING THE ARGUMENT TO SYRIA THAT NONE OF THE ARAB STATES — EGYPT, SYRIA OR JORDAN — HAD ACHIEVED UNILATERAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL "WITHOUT CONDITIONS." WHY THEN SHOULD SYRIA REQUIRE THIS STANDARD OF THE WEAKEST OF THE ARAB STATES?

5. EL-BAZ FURTHER SPECULATED THAT EGYPT AND THE US WORKING TOGETHER SHOULD TRY THE PLO OUT FIRST OPTION. THAT IS, THAT TOTAL PLO REMOVAL FROM SYRIA WOULD ALLOW ISRAEL TO RATIFY THE AGREEMENT (WAIVING THE SYRIAN WITHDRAWAL IN THE SIDE LETTER), UNDERTAKE

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THEIR TOTAL WITHDRAWAL IN 8 TO 12-WEEK TIME PERIOD, AND THEREBY LEAVE SYRIA WITH NO JUSTIFICATION FOR REMAINING ON LEBANESE TERRITORY. MCFARLANE RESPONDED THAT WE ARE ALSO INTRIGUED BY SUCH A PLO MOVE AS A WAY TO BREAK THE IMPASSE, BUT THAT OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SAUDIS HAD ELICITED NO INTEREST FROM THEM, AND THAT OUR INFLUENCE ON THE PLO WAS NOT OF THE FIRST MAGNITUDE. OSAMA INDICATED IN A SOMEWHAT DELPHIC MANNER THAT HE WOULD CONTINUE TO PURSUE THE MATTER. IN CLOSING, EL-BAZ SAID THAT HE HAD SPOKEN PERSONALLY TO WALID JUMBLATT (APPARENTLY AFTER HUSSEIN AND FAHD'S CONVERSATIONS) AND AGREED THAT "AN OPENING IS POSSIBLE" IN RECONCILING JUMBLATT WITH THE GOL.

6. EL-BAZ ENCOURAGED MCFARLANE TO VISIT CAIRO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. MCFARLANE RESPONDED THAT HE PLANS TO BE IN CAIRO FROM TOMORROW NIGHT THROUGH SUNDAY. EL-BAZ PROMISED THAT MUBARAK WOULD MEET WITH MCFARLANE EITHER OR IN CAIRO OR IN ALEXANDRIA. DILLON BT

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DEPARTMENT FOR THE SECRETARY WEITE HOUSE FOR JUDGE CLARK, EYES ONLY USUN FOR AME. KIRKPATRICK, EYES ONLY

FROM MCFARLANE

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TAGS: PREL, MOPS, MARR, LE, IS, SY, PLO, US
SUBJECT: MCFARLANE/FAIRBANKS MISSION: MEETING WITE
- MNF AMBASSADORS, AUGUST 17

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2. SUMMARY: AMBASSADORS MCFARLANE AND DILLON MET WITH MNF AMBASSADORS OTTIERI OF ITALY, HUSSON (CHARGE) OF FRANCE AND PALMER (CHARGE) OF THE UK TO REVIEW HIS RECENT VISITS TO CAPITALS. THE MEETING ALSO DEALT WITH THE IMPENDING ISRAELI REDEPLOYMENT AND THE PREPARATIONS INCIDENT THERETO. END SUMMARY.

3. MCFARLANE BEGAN BY RECOUNTING RECENT VISITS TO ISRAEL, SYRIA, SAUDI ARABIA AND JORDAN AND PROVIDING. A SUMMARY ASSESSMENT OF THE FACTORS BEARING ON IMPENDING REDEPLOYMENT OF ISRAELI FORCES. SUMMARIZING, MCFARLANE NOTED THAT FE LELIEVED THAT WHILE THE GEMAIEL GOVERNMENT ENJOYED SOLID SUPPORT FROM SAUDI ARABIA AND JORDAN, THERE ALSO EXISTS A CLEAR CONSENSUS ABOUT THE NEED FOR NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND PROMPT ACCORDS BETWEEN THE GOL AND THE CONFESSIONS. MCFARLANE STRESSED THAT THE EVENTS AT AFEE AND THE SUBSEQUENT KIDNAPPING OF MINISTERS EAD SHALEN GEMAYEL INTO THE REALIZATION THAT HE MUST COME TO AN ACCOMMODATION WITH THE DRUZE LEADERSHIP, SPECIFICALLY WALID JUMBLATT. MCFARLANE STRESSED

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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR TAGS: PREL, IS, LE, SY, US, ICRC SUBJECT: STRIAN PRESIDENT'S AGREEMENT TO ICRC IDENTIFICA-TION OF ISRAELI WAR DEAD

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2. ON AUGUST 18. 1983. FORMER US PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER TELEPHONED AMERICAN RED CROSS PRESIDENT RICHARD SCHUBERT TO INFORM HIM THAT, IN RESPONSE TO CARTER'S AUGUST 17. 1983 TELEPHONE CONVERSATION PRESSURING HIM FOR ACTION, SYRIAN PRESIDENT AL-ASSAD AGREED TO ALLOW THE ICRC IDENTIFY AND VERIFY" THE FOUR DECEASED ISRAELI POWS WHOSE ALLEGED NAMES, GIVEN BY THE STRIANS TO THE ISRAELIS, PROVED TO BE THE NAMES OF PERSONS WHO ARE ANNIALIVE AND ACCOUNTED FOR.

3. CARTER ASKED THE AMERICAN RED CROSS TO USE ITS GOOD OFFICES TO BRING THIS AGREEMENT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE MR. SCHUBERT TELEPHONED THE INFORMATION TO ICRC-PRESIDENT BAY AT GENEVA. WHO SAID HE WILL INFORM THE ICRC AT DAMASCUS. MR. HAY APOLOGIZED THAT HE HAS BEEN

ON HOLIDAY AND WAS NOT ABREAST OF LATEST DEVELOPMENTS ON THIS MATTER.

WHEN HE INFORMED US OF THIS EXCHANGE WE TOLD THE MINIARE ICAN RED CROSS REPRESENTATIVE IN CONFIDENCE THAT ALREADY GOING FORWARD.

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THAT THE USG IS ACTIVELY ENCOURAGING AND HAS OFFERED TO ASSIST A DIALOGUE PETWEEN GEMAYEL AND JUMELATT. WHILE WE ARE HOPEFUL FOR PROGRESS ON THE DRUZE FRONT, WE ARE NOT SO OPTIMISTIC ABOUT GEMAYEL'S PROGRESS ON AN ACCOMMODATION WITH THE PHALANGE AND SPECIFICALLY HIS FATHER. MCFARLANE WENT ON TO SAY THAT WHILE HE WAS CONFIDENT OF GEMAYEL'S COMMITMENT TO TEIS, IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT HE HAD NOT FIGURED OUT HOW TO DO IT.

- 4. TURNING TO THE REDEPLOYMENT PROBLEM, MCFARLANE SOUGHT TO CONVEY A SENSE OF URGENCY POINTING OUT WITHAT THE ISRAELI CHIEF OF STAFF EAD SAID TEAT IDE PREPARATIONS SOUTE OF THE AWWALI WERE NEARING COMPLETION AND THE ISRAELIS COULD REDEPLOY IN A MATTER OF DAYS. HE REPORTED THAT WE WERE NOT CONFIDENT THAT THE ISRAELI AND LEBANESE MILITARY AUTHORITIES WOULD BEGIN COORDINATING IN EARNEST AND THAT WE WOULD ATTEMPT TO ENSURE THIS COORDINATION PRODUCED RESULTS. THE MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM REMAINED THE NEED FOR A POLITICAL AGREEMENT PRIOR TO, THE IDF-LAF RELIEF. AND THE NEED FOR COORDINATION WITE THE GOI TO THIS END. THIS WAS PROBLEMATED UNLESS MOSLEM FEARS OF PARTITION COULD BE ALLAYED. SO THAT THE GOL WAS NOT SEEN AS NEGOTIATING PARTITION. MCFARLANE EXPLAINED THAT A MEANS TO PORTRAY WITHDRAWAL AS A PROCESS WAS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. BUT THAT WE WERE WALKING A NARROW LINE IN THAT WE DID NOT WANT ISRAEL COMPLETELY OUT OF LEFANON UNTIL SYRIA HAS WITHDRAWN.
- 5. TURNING TO THE READINESS OF THE LAF TO DEPLOY INTO THE AREAS VACATED BY THE IDF, MCFARLANE NOTED THAT ON THE BASIS OF VERY PRELIMINARY INFORMATION AND THE SUBJECTIVE JUDGMENTS OF A VARIETY OF SOURCES (US, LEBANESE AND ISRAELI) HE HAD PERSONALLY REACHED SOME TENTATIVE CONCLUSIONS ABOUT THE INCIDENT AT ABEH:
- -- THE GOI COULD HAVE FORECAST (AND MAY HAVE HAD SOME PRELIMINARY INFORMATION BEFORE) THE ATTACA.
- -- WHATEVER THE GOI MIGHT HAVE DONE TO

PREVENT IT, IT SEEMED CLEAR THAT THE LAF BATTALION HAD NOT PERFORMED VERY WELL. SOME UNITS HAD ACQUITTED THEMSELVES WELL BUT FOUR OF THE SIX POSITIONS HAD PEEN LOST.

-- THE WORRISOME CONCLUSION WAS THAT INCIDENTS SUCE AS THESE WOULD LIKELY RECUR AND THE LAF WOULD HAVE TO DEAL WITH THEM.

6. WHILE A POLITICAL AGREEMENT WAS A SINE QUA NON, THE LEBANESE ARMY WOULD NONETHELESS CONFRONT MILITIAS AGAIN AND HE SOLICITED THE VIEWS OF THE MNF AMBASSADORS ON WEETHER AND WHERE THE MNF MIGHT HELP. FOR HIS PART MCFARLANE NOTED THAT HE COULD THINK OF THREE DISCRETE MISSIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL FORCES IN ASSISTING WITH THE LAF DEPLOYMENT. THE FIRST IS TO OBSERVE THE TRUCE BETWEEN MILITIAS AND TO WITNESS THE STATUS QUO; THE SECOND IS TO BOLSTER AND COMPENSATE FOR CERTAIN WEAKNESSES AND SHORTCOMINGS IN THE LAF LEADERSHIP (SUCH AS THE SENIOR NCO AND BATTALION COMMANDER LEVEL) BY PROVIDING ON THE SCENE TRAINING ASSISTANCE. FINALLY THERE WAS THE PROBLEM OF DETERRING SYRIAN (SYRIAN-CONTROLLED PSP) INTERVENTION AND DISEUPTION OF THE LAF DEPLOYMENT.

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IN RESPONSE TO OTTIERI'S REQUEST FOR AN ASSESSMENT OF THE LIKELIHOOD OF A POLITICAL SOLUTION FOR THE SHOUF, MCFARLANE NOTED THAT BECAUSE WALID JUMBLATT "CONTROLS THE GUNS" THE GOLWILL HAVE TO COME TO TERMS WITH HIM. TO THAT END, MCFARLANE EXPLAINED, GEMAYEL WOULD TRY TO MEET WITH JUMBLATT.

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9. THE DISCUSSION THEN RETURNED TO THE ARENS TRIP AND GOI MOTIVATION FOR WHAT WE AND THE GOL SAW AS A MOST UNHELPFUL GESTURE. MCFARLANE EMPHASIZED THAT HE HEAD NOT BEEN CONSULTED AND THAT HE BELIEVED THIS WAS A FORM OF PRESSURE ON GEMAYEL TO COME TO THE WITH THE COMMUNITIES IN THE SHOUF. MCFARLANE NOTED THAT TO THE EXTENT AMIN GEMAYEL WAS WEAKENED BY THIS EVENT, THE ISRAELIS WERE JEOPARDIZING PROSPECTS FOR ONE OF THE ONLY REAL GAINS OF THE PEACE FOR GALILEE OPERATION AND THE MAY 17 AGREEMENT.

10. MCFARLANE CLOSED THE MEETING BY OUTLINING HIS IMMEDIATE PLANS AND PRIORITIES. IN LEBANON, EE SAID, THE TASE WAS TO PRESS THE GOL TO ACCOMMODATIONS WITH THE DRUZE AND PEALANGE AND TO COORDINATE THE REDEPLOYMENT, IN DETAIL, WITH THE ISRAELIS. IN ISRAEL HE WOULD CONTINUE TO SENSITIZE THE GOI AND MAKE THEM UNDERSTAND THE GRIM PROSPECTS FOR THE GEMAYEL GOVERNMENT AND THE RISKS ISRAEL RUNS IF THIS GOVERNMENT FALLS.

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11. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH NOT CONCLUSIVE, IMPRESSIONS OF THIS EXPLATORY DISCUSSION WITH REPRESENTATIVES IN BEIRUT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE CABLED TO THE MNF CAPITALS. I THINK IT IS CLEAR THAT WE SHARE COMMON'APPRECIATION OF THE RISKS IF (A) THE GOL DOES NOT MAKE AN ACCOMMODATION IN THE SHOUF AS WELL AS, OR (B) IF THE SYRIANS OR THEIR SURROGATES INTERVENE FORCIFLY TO DISRUPT WHATEVER AGGREEMENT IS REACHED. END COMMENT. DILLON BT

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