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1. A STATE DEPARTMENT DELEGATION LED BY EAGLEBURGER AND VELIOTES WILL BE GOING TO BEIRUT TOMORROW TO ESCORT HOME THE BODIES OF THE VICTIMS OF THE ATTACK ON THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. EAGLEBURGER IS EXPECTED TO PAY A COURTESY CALL ON PRESIDENT GEMAYEL BUT NOT TO HAVE SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS.

2. HABIB MEANWHILE, HAS BEEN PURSUING HIS NEGOTIATIONS AND WILL HAVE FURTHER TALKS WITH THE LEBANESE TOMORROW. THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAY THAT SOME MODEST PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE BUT THERE IS STILL NO AGREEMENT ON THE NATURE OF THE ISRAELI ROLE IN SOUTHERN LEBANON, THE FUTURE OF MAJOR HADDAD, THE ISRAELI DEMAND FOR EXPLICIT MUTUAL RECOGNITION AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR FREE ACCESS FOR ISRAELI

GOODS TO THE LEBANESE MARKET. THE NSC WILL BE CONSIDERING THE NEXT
STEPS AT A MEETING TOWARDS THE END OF THIS WEEK. A VISIT BY SHULTZ
TO THE MIDDLE EAST NEXT WEEK IS ONE OF THE OPTIONS UNDER
CONSIDERATION.

3. WITH ONE OR TWO EXCEPTIONS, CONGRESS HAS SUPPORTED THE
ADMINISTRATION'S DETERMINATION NOT TO QUOTE CUT AND RUN UNQUOTE
IN THE WAKE OF THE EMBASSY BOMBING. THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE, HOWEVER, YESTERDAY ATTACHED A RIDER TO THE DLRS 251
MILLION SUPPLEMENTARY FOR AID TO LEBANON REQUIRING EXPLICIT
CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF ANY FURTHER DEPLOYMENT OF US FORCES TO
LEBANON IN THE WAKE OF ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL OR TO TAKE PART IN A
NEW PEACE-KEEPING FORCE.

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