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SHULTZ'S VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST

1. PRESIDENT REAGAN TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE TODAY THAT AFTER THE BEIRUT EMBASSY BOMBING HE WAS MORE RESOLVED THAN EVER TO HELP ACHIEVE THE URGENT AND TOTAL WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES FROM LEBANON. HE ADDED (AS WE FOREWARNED THE DEPARTMENT) THAT SHULTZ WOULD BE LEAVING ON 24 APRIL TO VISIT THE AREA. HIS PRIMARY PURPOSE WOULD BE TO BRING THE NEGOTIATIONS ON LEBANON TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION.

2. IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS PRESIDENT REAGAN SAID THAT THE PLO SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO TORPEDO PEACE EFFORTS. NEGOTIATIONS DID NOT HAVE TO HINGE ON THE PLO'S PRESENCE.

3. CLUVERIUS (STATE DEPARTMENT) HAS TOLD US THAT SHULTZ WILL BE GOING FIRST TO CAIRO TO ATTEND A MEETING OF US AMBASSADORS AND FOR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE EGYPTIANS. HE WILL THEN GO ON TO ISRAEL AND LEBANON. POSSIBLE VISITS TO SYRIA, JORDAN AND SAUDI ARABIA WILL BE CONSIDERED IN THE LIGHT OF PROGRESS, BUT CLUVERIUS EXPECTED SHULTZ TO HAVE TO UNDERTAKE A SHUTTLE BETWEEN BEIRUT AND JERUSALEM. THE OUTSTANDING ISSUES WERE NOW CLEARLY DEFINED AND COULD BE RESOLVED ONLY BY POLITICAL DECISIONS AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS IN THE TWO CAPITALS: THE ISRAELIS WOULD HAVE TO GIVE MORE GROUND.

4. CLUVERIUS WILL BE ATTENDING THE HEADS OF MISSION MEETING IN CAIRO AND RETURNING VIA LONDON TOWARDS THE END OF THE WEEK. HE HAS OFFERED TO BRIEF SIR J. LEAHY OR EGERTON THEN. THE US EMBASSY WILL BE IN TOUCH WHEN HIS PLANS ARE CLEARER.

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