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TELEGRAM NO 2509 OF 8 SEP

INFO IMMEDIATE PARIS ROME URMIS NEW YORK MODUK BRITFORLES MADRID
(FOR SIR J BULLARD)

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BEIRUT TELS 808 484 - 484 (NOT TO MADRID); LEBANON

1. PELLETREAU BRIEFED US IN GENERAL TERMS THIS MORNING.
HE WAS NOT CALLING A FORMAL MEETING OF MWF CONTRIBUTORS HERE BECAUSE
SWULTZ INTENDED TO BRIEF AND CONSULT HIS MWF COLLEAGUES IN MADRID
TODAY OR TOMORROW.

POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS

2. PELLETREAU SAID THAT THE SAUDIS HAD NOW RESUMED THEIR MEDIATION
EFFORTS. YESTERDAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT HAD BEEN A PURELY TACTICAL MOVE
TO ELICIT SOME MOVEMENT FROM THE SYRIANS. IT HAD WORKED; ASAD HAD
TRIED TO CALL KING FAND IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER.

3. MCFARLANE HAD WORKED OUT A FRAMEWORK FOR AGREEMENT AND WAS NOW
CONSULTING GENAVEL. THERE WERE STILL PROBLEMS OVER THE VENUE FOR A
MEETING OF LEBANESE LEADERS AND WHO SHOULD ATTEND AS WELL AS SOME
DIFFICULTY OVER THE TIMING OF THE VARIOUS MOVES ENVISAGED.
PELLETREAU SUSPECTED THAT THE SYRIANS MIGHT BE CALCULATING THAT
THEIR BRUZE ALLIES COULD IMPROVE THEIR POSITION ON THE GROUND IF
THEY WERE GIVEN A LITTLE MORE TIME.

4. PELLETREAU THOUGHT THAT THEIRI HAD NO CLEAR INSTRUCTIONS FROM
HIS GOVERNMENT. HIS ACTIVITIES IN NEW YORK YESTERDAY (URMIS
TELNO 782) REFLECTED THE MOOD OF DESPERATION IN BEIRUT WHEN HE
HAD LEFT. THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT'S MORALE HAD SINCE IMPROVED.
THEIRI WOULD BE SEEING MRS KIRKPATRICK TODAY. THE AMERICANS HAD
NO VERY CLEAR ADVICE TO OFFER; THE PROPOSAL FOR A UN FORCE
WHISTLED WITH DIFFICULTIES BUT SOME CONSTRUCTIVE ACTION AT THE UN
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MOTIVATED BY THEIR THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL SHOULD VISIT
MILITARY SITUATION

5. THERE HAD BEEN FURTHER DRUZE SHELLING OF DEIR EL QAMAR TODAY.
ICRC REPRESENTATIVES HAD ARRIVED IN THE VILLAGE AND WERE
RECOMMENDING EVACUATION OF THE CHRISTIAN REFUGEES FROM THE
SURROUNDING VILLAGES NOW CONTROLLED BY THE DRUZE. THEY HAVE
ESTABLISHED GOOD CONTACTS WITH LOCAL DRUZE LEADERS AND ARE TRYING
TO ARRANGE A LOCAL CEASEFIRE. THE AMERICANS ARE TAKING SUPPORTING
ACTION WITH JUMBLATT. AN ICRC CONVOY OF 10 TRUCKS OF RELIEF
SUPPLIES, WHICH THE AMERICANS HAD HELP TO LAND NEAR DAMOUR, HAD
REACHED DEIR EL QAMAR. THE AMERICANS THOUGHT IT BEST THAT THE
ICRC SHOULD TAKE THE LEAD IN ORGANIZING ANY EVACUATION. THIS
WOULD DEMONSTRATE THAT THIS WAS A CIVILIAN AND HUMANITARIAN
OPERATION. THE AMERICANS WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE
ICRC. THE US MARINES CONTINGENT IN THE MNF ALREADY HAD DISCRETION
TO HELP ANY CLEARLY HUMANITARIAN OPERATION. DECISIONS ON THIS
WOULD THEREFORE BE TAKEN LOCALLY BY MCFARLANE.

6. THERE HAD BEEN SOME SHELLING OF US MARINE POSITIONS TODAY.
THE MARINES HAD REPLIED WITH SIX ARTILLERY ROUNDS AND A US NAVAL
SHIP HAD FIRED FOUR ROUNDS AT A DRUZE ARTILLERY BATTERY WHICH HAD
APPARENTLY BEEN DESTROYED. THE LAF HAD NOW CLOSED OFF CHOUEIFAT
FROM TWO SIDES.

7. PELLETREAU VOLUNTEERED THAT THE AMERICANS WERE SENDING
THE LAF "MASSIVE" SUPPLIES, INCLUDING AMMUNITION, VIA EGYPT.
ADDITIONAL MEASURES IN SUPPORT OF THE LAF WERE UNDER CONSIDERATION
BUT PELLETREAU WOULD NOT BE DRAWN ON DETAILS, NOR ON WHAT REPLY
THE AMERICANS INTENDED TO MAKE TO DR SALEM'S SOUNDINGS
YESTERDAY.

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