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LEBANON

→ Druze leaders.

1. WALID JUMBLATT AND MARWAN HAMADE TOOK TEA AT THEIR REQUEST ON 7 DECEMBER WITH EC HEADS OF MISSION.
2. THEY EXPLAINED AT SOME LENGTH THE PRESENT PLIGHT OF THE DRUZE COMMUNITY IN LEBANON AS THEY SAW IT, AND HANDED OVER LETTERS ADDRESSED TO A WIDE RANGE OF EUROPEAN POLITICAL LEADERS, INCLUDING THE PRIME MINISTER AND MR KINNOCK (TEXT IN MIFT, ORIGINALS IN NEXT BAG).
3. THE LETTERS, SIGNED BY JUMBLATT AND ABU SHAKRA, CONTAIN AN APPEAL FOR INTERVENTION. IT IS NOT CLEAR EXACTLY WHAT THEY HAVE IN MIND, THOUGH THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION OVER THE TEACUPS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A EUROPEAN FACT FINDING MISSION SEMICOLON NOR WHY THEY HAVE CHOSEN THIS PARTICULAR TIME TO APPROACH US, UNLESS THEY EXPECT SOME KIND OF QUID PRO QUO (LAST THREE WORDS UNDERLINED) FLF LIFTING THE BLOCKADE ON DEIR EL QAMAR.
4. EC HEADS OF MISSION HAVE ALSO BEEN SENT BY HAMADE THROUGH THE GREEK AMBASSADOR COPIES OF A "PROJET DE RESOLUTION POUR LA SITUATION MILITAIRE DANS LES REGIONS CHOUF-ALEY ET DAYIEU DE BEYROUTH". THIS PURPORTS TO BE A DOCUMENT PRODUCED BY THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT IN THE COURSE OF THE POST - GENEVA 1 DELIBERATIONS AND AGREED (WITH SOME DETAILED AMENDMENTS) BY ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED. JUMBLATT NEVERTHELESS APPEARS TO REGARD IT AS A DEAD LETTER. I HAVE GIVEN A COPY TO PALMER.

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