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Memorandum for the Secretary of Defense

Through: Undersecretary of Defense for Policy

Subject: Habib Mission: Plan for PLO Departure (ACTION)

Attached at Tab A is the text of Ambassador Habib's plan for the departure of the PLO leadership, combatants, and offices from Beirut. This plan will be an annex to an exchange of notes constituting an agreement between ourselves and the GOL. The draft Lebanese note to us, and our draft response, is at Tab B. You saw the note from the Lebanese last week in the form of an aide-memoire.

Interagency changes and approval of the plan has been requested by State by 9 a.m. August 9 so that the plan can be given to the Israeli and Lebanese governments by the end of the working day. Approval of the text of the notes is not sought.

The plan was reviewed yesterday at an interagency working level meeting; in addition to ISA, J-5 and J-3 of the Joint Staff were represented. The plan will be submitted to the PLO after Israeli and Lebanese government approval. Following negotiations and agreement on the plan by these three parties, it will be submitted to the President for his approval, and to obtain authority for Ambassador Habib to sign the exchange of notes. These notes are still being negotiated with the Lebanese.

The plan in its present form is consistent with the framework which Mr. Habib has been attempting to develop. Much of it has already been agreed to by the PLO: evacuation, safeguards, deployment schedules of the MNF, disposal of heavy weapons, and, in very general terms, the modalities of evacuation. The Israelis have only a general idea of the plan, and may balk at some portions of it.

The plan is designed as a somewhat general document which applies to all the MNF, i.e. to ourselves as well as the Italians and French, and gives leeway in some cases for further arrangements or side negotiations (e.g. by the GOL with the Syrians on the ADF). Our activities under the plan will be governed by the text of the notes exchanged with the GOL. (Presumably, the French and Italians will have a similar exchange of notes.) In the present form, the mission of our force is as

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earlier specified to Mr. Habib: "to provide appropriate assistance to the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) as it carries out its responsibilities concerning the withdrawal of Palestinian personnel in Beirut from Lebanese territory under safe and orderly conditions... It is understood that the presence of such U.S. forces will facilitate the restoration of Lebanese government sovereignty and authority over Lebanese territory...".

Nevertheless, in the deployment schedule at D plus 14-30 in paragraph 23 of Tab A you may wish to limit the language pertaining to the MNF's mission (addition underlined) "The MNF assists the LAF and ISF in arrangements, as may be agreed by the governments concerned, to ensure good and lasting security throughout the area of operations". We should not be too restrictive in redrafting this point; we do not wish to preclude any helpful French or Italian activities in assistance of the GOL. (The French seem disposed to an activist role in reestablishing order.) yes

Otherwise, the plan and the proposed exchange of notes track quite well with earlier work. Habib is still hoping for August 12 as D-day (beginning of evacuation), but this seems unlikely. the primary problem remains whether Egypt will accept its share of the PLO. Habib has told the PLO to ask the Egyptians directly to delink the wider peace process from evacuation and to accept some of the PLO. Iraq has reportedly told the PLO it will accept more than the 1500 personnel it is now scheduled to take. Evacuation planing between the Italian, French and US representatives with Mr. Habib has begun, with some progress.

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SUBJ: HABIB MISSION: TEXT OF PACKAGE PLAN

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2. GIVEN BELOW IS THE TEXT OF OUR FINAL PLAN FOR THE DEPARTURE FROM LEBANON OF THE PALESTINIAN LEADERSHIP, OFFICES AND COMBATANTS IN BEIRUT. THE DEPT SHOULD REVIEW THE PLAN BOTH FOR SUBSTANCE AND FOR ISRAELI SENSITIVITIES, BEFORE AUTHORIZING EMBASSY TEL AVIV TO TRANSMIT IT TO THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT. ALL RECIPIENTS SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT THE PLAN AS WRITTEN HAS NOT YET SECURED THE APPROVAL OF ANY PARTY. FOR OUR PART, WE INTEND TO PRESENT THE PLAN TO THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT SOMETIME ON MONDAY, AUGUST 9, AND HOLD OFF PRESENTING IT TO THE PLO UNTIL WE RECEIVE GOI AND GOL REACTIONS. WE WILL MAKE IT CLEAR TO THE LEBANESE THAT THE ISRAELIS HAVE ALREADY VOICED STRONG OBJECTIONS TO WHAT THEY KNOW OF CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE PLAN.

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3. BEGIN TEXT: AUGUST 9, 1982 PLAN FOR THE DEPARTURE FROM LEBANON OF THE PALESTINIAN LEADERSHIP, OFFICES, AND COMBATANTS IN BEIRUT.

1. BASIC CONCEPTS: THE PALESTINIAN LEADERSHIP, OFFICES, AND COMBATANTS IN BEIRUT WILL LEAVE LEBANON PEACEFULLY FOR PREARRANGED DESTINATIONS IN OTHER COUNTRIES, IN ACCORD WITH SPECIFIC DEPARTURE SCHEDULES AND ARRANGEMENTS.

2. CEASEFIRE: A CEASEFIRE IN PLACE WILL BE SCRUPULOUSLY OBSERVED BY ALL.

3. UN OBSERVERS: IN ACCORD WITH UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 516, UN OBSERVER GROUP LEBANON (UGL) WILL BE ESTABLISHED AND DEPLOYED IN THE BEIRUT AREA NO LATER THAN D-DAY.

4. SAFEGUARDS: MILITARY FORCES PRESENT IN LEBANON--WHETHER LEBANESE, ISRAELI, SYRIAN, PALESTINIAN, OR ANY OTHER--WILL IN NO WAY INTERFERE WITH THE SAFE, SECURE, AND TIMELY DEPARTURE OF THE PALESTINIAN FORCES AND PERSONNEL. LAW-ABIDING PALESTINIAN NONCOMBATANTS LEFT BEHIND IN BEIRUT, INCLUDING THE FAMILIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DEPARTED, WILL BE ALLOWED TO LIVE IN PEACE AND SAFETY. THE GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON (GOL) AND THE UNITED STATES (US) WILL PROVIDE APPROPRIATE GUARANTEES OF SAFETY IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

--THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT WILL PROVIDE ITS GUARANTEES ON THE BASIS OF HAVING SECURED ASSURANCES FROM ARMED GROUPS WITH WHICH IT HAS BEEN IN TOUCH.

--THE UNITED STATES WILL PROVIDE ITS GUARANTEES ON THE BASIS OF ASSURANCES RECEIVED FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL (GOI) AND FROM THE LEADERSHIP OF CERTAIN LEBANESE GROUPS WITH WHICH IT HAS BEEN IN TOUCH.

5. D-DAYS: D-DAY IS DEFINED AS/

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--IN THE MORNING: ELEMENTS OF THE FRENCH FORCES IN THE MULTI-NATIONAL FORCE (MNF) DEPLOY IN THE BEIRUT AREA IN ACCORD WITH ARRANGEMENTS WORKED OUT IN ADVANCE AMONG ALL CONCERNED.

--HEREAFTER AND INTO THE AFTERNOON: THE ASSEMBLY OF THE INITIAL GROUPS OF PALESTINIAN COMBATANTS IN PREPARATION FOR DEPARTURE FROM BEIRUT DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

--THE DEPARTURE FROM BEIRUT--PROBABLY BY SEA TRANSPORT--OF THE INITIAL GROUPS OF PALESTINIAN COMBATANTS (PROBABLY GROUPS DESTINED FOR JORDAN AND IRAQ, WHO PROBABLY WOULD GO TO AMMAN, JORDAN).

--DEPARTURE OF WOUNDED AND ILL PALESTINIAN PERSONNEL MAY ALSO TAKE PLACE ON D-DAY, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC).

6. MNF: THE MULTI-NATIONAL FORCE: A TEMPORARY MULTI-NATIONAL FORCE (MNF) WILL HAVE BEEN FORMED--AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOL--TO ASSIST THE LEBANESE ARMED FORCES (LAF) IN CARRYING OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES IN THIS OPERATION. THE LAF WILL ASSURE THE DEPARTURE FROM LEBANON OF THE PALESTINIAN LEADERSHIP, OFFICERS, AND COMBATANTS, FROM WHATEVER ORGANIZATION IN BEIRUT, IN A MANNER WHICH WILL:

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(A) ASSURE THE SAFETY OF SUCH DEPARTING PALESTINEAN
(181 PLO) PERSONNEL
(B) ASSURE THE SAFETY OF OTHER PERSONS IN THE AREA AND
(C) FURTHER THE SOVEREIGNTY AND AUTHORITY OF THE GOL
OVER LEBANESE TERRITORY.

7. PREDETERMINED SCHEDULE OF DEPARTURES AND OTHER
ARRANGEMENTS: PRIOR TO THE DETERMINATION OF D-DAY AND
THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE DEPARTURE OPERATIONS, A SCHEDULE
OF DEPARTURE ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE AGREED. IT SHOULD BE
AS DETAILED AS POSSIBLE:
--EACH GROUP WILL BE LISTED ACCORDING TO NAME,
AGE IF POSSIBLE, PASSPORT OR OTHER SUITABLE
IDENTIFICATION AND UNIT IDENTIFICATION, ALONG WITH THE
ULTIMATE DESTINATION.
--THE DATE (O PLUS...) OF DEPARTURE FOR EACH GROUP
WILL BE SPECIFIED, ALONG WITH THE MEANS OF TRANSPORT
TO THE ULTIMATE DESTINATION.
--PLACES OF ASSEMBLY FOR THE DEPARTING

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PERSONNEL WILL BE IDENTIFIED BY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
GOL AND THE PALESTINIANS.
THE PLO WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH GOVERNMENTS
RECEIVING PERSONNEL TO COORDINATE ARRIVAL AND OTHER
ARRANGEMENTS THERE. IF ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED THE
PALESTINIANS SHOULD NOTIFY THE GOVERNMENT OF
LEBANON.

8. MNF MANDATES IN THE EVENT THAT THE
DEPARTURE FROM LEBANON OF THE PALESTINIAN PERSONNEL
REFERRED TO ABOVE DOES NOT TAKE PLACE IN ACCORD WITH
THE PREDETERMINED SCHEDULE, THE MANDATE OF THE MNF WILL
TERMINATE IMMEDIATELY.

9. DURATION OF MNF: IT WILL BE MUTUALLY AGREED
BETWEEN THE GOL AND THE GOVERNMENTS CONTRIBUTING FORCES
TO THE MNF THAT THE FORCE OF THE MNF WILL DEPART
LEBANON NOT LATER THAN 30 DAYS AFTER ARRIVAL, OR SOONER
AT THE REQUEST OF THE PRESIDENT OF LEBANON OR AT THE
DIRECTION OF THE INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENT CONCERNED, OR
IN ACCORD WITH THE TERMINATION OF THE MANDATE OF
THE MNF PROVIDED FOR ABOVE. ANY EXTENSION OF THE
MNF BEYOND THE 30-DAY PERIOD CAN OCCUR ONLY THROUGH
MUTUAL AGREEMENT OF THE GOL WITH A GOVERNMENT OR
GOVERNMENTS CONTRIBUTING FORCES TO THE MNF.

10. THE PALESTINIAN LEADERSHIP WILL
BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OF
THE ASSEMBLY AND THE FINAL DEPARTURE OF PALESTINIAN
PERSONNEL, FROM BEGINNING TO END, AT WHICH TIME THE
LEADERS ALSO WILL ALL BE GONE. DEPARTURE ARRANGEMENTS
WILL BE COORDINATED SO THAT DEPARTURES FROM BEIRUT
TAKE PLACE AT A STEADY PACE, DAY-BY-DAY.

11. LAF CONTRIBUTIONS: THE LAF WILL CONTRIBUTE
BETWEEN 7 AND 8 BATTALIONS TO THE OPERATION,
CONSISTING OF BETWEEN 2500-3500 MEN. IN ADDITION,
THE INTERNAL SECURITY FORCE (ISF) WILL CONTRIBUTE MEN
AND ASSISTANCE AS NEEDED.

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12. ICRC: THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC) WILL ASSIST THE SOL AND LAF IN VARIOUS WAYS, INCLUDING IN THE ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE EVACUATION OF WOUNDED AND ILL PALESTINIAN PERSONNEL TO APPROPRIATE DESTINATIONS, AND IN CHARTERING COMMERCIAL VESSELS FOR USE IN DEPARTURE BY SEA TO OTHER COUNTRIES.

13. DEPARTURE BY AIR: WHILE PRESENT PLANS CALL FOR DEPARTURE BY SEA AND LAND, DEPARTURES BY AIR ARE NOT FORECLOSED.

14. LIAISON AND COORDINATIONS:
--THE LAF WILL BE THE PRIMARY POINT OF CONTACT FOR LIAISON WITH THE PALESTINIANS AS WELL AS WITH OTHER ARMED NON-ISRAELI GROUPS.

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--THE LAF AND MNF WILL FORM A LIAISON AND COORDINATION COMMITTEE, COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MNF PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS AND THE LAF. THIS COMMITTEE WILL CARRY OUT CLOSE AND EFFECTIVE LIAISON WITH THE ISRAELI DEFENSE FORCES (IDF), THE PLO, AND OTHER ARMED GROUPS IN THE BEIRUT AREA. FOR CONVENIENCE, THE LIAISON AND COORDINATION COMMITTEE WILL HAVE TWO ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS:
(A) POLITICAL LIAISON; AND
(B) MILITARY AND TECHNICAL LIAISON AND COORDINATION.
--THE LIAISON AND COORDINATION COMMITTEE WILL ACT COLLECTIVELY; HOWEVER, IT MAY DESIGNATE ONE OR MORE OF ITS MEMBERS FOR PRIMARY LIAISON CONTACT WHO WOULD OF COURSE ACT ON BEHALF OF ALL.
--LIAISON ARRANGEMENTS AND CONSULTATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO MINIMIZE MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND TO FORESTALL DIFFICULTIES. APPROPRIATE MEANS OF COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMITTEE AND OTHER GROUPS WILL BE DEVELOPED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

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15. DURATION OF DEPARTURE: THE DEPARTURE PERIOD SHOULD BE AS SHORT AS POSSIBLE AND, IN ANY EVENT, NO LONGER THAN TWO WEEKS.

16. TRANSIT THROUGH LEBANON: AS PART OF ANY DEPARTURE ARRANGEMENT, ALL MOVEMENTS OF CONVOYS CARRYING PALESTINIAN PERSONNEL MUST BE CONDUCTED IN DAYLIGHT HOURS. WHEN MOVING OVERLAND FROM BEIRUT TO SYRIA, THE CONVOYS SHOULD CROSS THE BORDER INTO SYRIA WITH NO STOPS IN ROUTE. IN THOSE INSTANCES WHEN CONVOYS OF DEPARTING PALESTINIANS PASS THROUGH IDF POSITIONS, WHETHER IN THE BEIRUT AREA OR ELSEWHERE IN LEBANON, THE IDF WILL VACATE THE ROUTE FOR THE TEMPORARY PERIOD IN WHICH THE CONVOY IS RUNNING. SIMILAR STEPS WILL BE TAKEN BY OTHER ARMED GROUPS LOCATED IN THE AREA OF THE ROUTE THE CONVOYS WILL TAKE.

17. ARMS CARRIED BY PALESTINIAN PERSONNEL: ON THEIR DEPARTURE, PALESTINIAN PERSONNEL WILL BE ALLOWED TO CARRY WITH THEM ONE INDIVIDUAL SIDE WEAPON AND AMMUNITION.

18. HEAVY AND SPARE WEAPONRY, AND MUNITIONS: THE PALESTINIAN FORCES WILL TURN OVER TO THE LAF AS GIFTS THE HEAVY, CREW-SERVED, AND SPARE WEAPONRY, ALONG WITH ALL MUNITIONS LEFT BEHIND IN BEIRUT. THE LAF MAY SEEK THE ASSISTANCE OF ELEMENTS OF THE MNP IN SECURING AND DISPOSING OF THIS MILITARY EQUIPMENT. THE PALESTINIANS WILL ASSIST THE LAF BY PROVIDING DETAILED INFORMATION AS TO THE LOCATION OF THIS MILITARY EQUIPMENT.

19. MINES AND BOOBY TRAPS: THE PALESTINIAN FORCES WILL PROVIDE TO THE LAF AND THE MNP (THROUGH THE LAF) DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE LOCATION OF MINES AND BOOBY TRAPS.

20. MOVEMENT OF PALESTINIAN LEADERSHIP: ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE SO THAT DEPARTING PALESTINIAN PERSONNEL WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE MILITARY AND POLITICAL LEADERSHIP THROUGHOUT ALL STAGES OF

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21. TURNOVER OF PRISONERS AND REMAINS: THE PALESTINIANS WILL TURNOVER TO THE IDF AND LAF PRISONERS OF ANY NATIONALITY WHOM THEY HAVE HELD IN CUSTODY, AS WELL AS THE REMAINS OR DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THE LOCATION OF THE REMAINS OF PRISONERS WHO HAVE DIED, UNDER ARRANGEMENTS AND CONDITIONS TO BE WORKED OUT WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE ICRC.

22. SYRIAN MILITARY FORCES: UNDER ARRANGEMENTS TO BE CONCLUDED BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF SYRIA AND LEBANON, ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL OF THE ARAB DETERRENT FORCE (ADF) WILL DEPART BEIRUT. THESE FORCES WILL BE ALLOWED TO TAKE THEIR EQUIPMENT WITH THEM, EXCEPT FOR THAT UNDER MUTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS--WHICH IS TURNED OVER TO THE LAF.

23. D-DAY:

--354 FRENCH TROOPS OF THE MNF LAND AT JUNIYAH AT ABOUT 0500 AND DEPLOY IN THEIR VEHICLES INITIALLY TO THE MUSEUM CROSSING AREA AND THE FOREST OF PINES, OCCUPYING MILITARY POSITIONS HELD BY PALESTINIAN FORCES IN THIS AREA. THE PALESTINIAN FORCES ENSURE THAT NATIONAL MOVEMENT (NM) FORCES WHICH HAD OCCUPIED THESE POSITIONS JOINTLY WITH THE PALESTINIANS ALSO WITHDRAW AT THE SAME TIME.

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--THESE FRENCH FORCES OF THE HNF DEPLOY JOINTLY
WITH THE LAF, AND WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY LAF ESCORT FROM
THEIR LANDING UNTIL THE PLACE OF DEPLOYMENT.

--AS THE DAY PROCEEDS, THE FRENCH FORCES TAKE UP
SUCH OTHER POSITIONS AS NECESSARY TO ASSIST IN THE DEPARTURE OF
PLO FORCES.

--MEANWHILE, THE INITIAL GROUP OF PALESTINIAN PERSONNEL
ASSEMBLES IN PREPARATION FOR DEPARTURE LATER IN THE
DAY BY SEA.

--ONE INITIAL GROUP COULD INCLUDE THE WOUNDED AND
ILL, WHO WOULD BE TRANSPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREED
ARRANGEMENTS TO THEIR ULTIMATE DESTINATION IN ANOTHER
COUNTRY.

--THE OTHER INITIAL GROUPS OF PALESTINIAN PERSONNEL
DESTINED FOR JORDAN AND IRAQ WOULD MOVE FROM THEIR

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ASSEMBLY POINT TO WAITING COMMERCIAL VESSELS FOR
ON-BOARD TRANSPORT BY SEA. THE PORT OF BEIRUT IS THE
PREFERRED TRANSIT POINT, BUT OTHER ARRANGEMENTS WILL
BE INVESTIGATED.

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--ALL GROUPS DESTINED FOR JORDAN OR IRAQ WILL HAVE
BOARDED SHIP AND WILL HAVE SAILED FROM BEIRUT.

D PLUS 4 TO D PLUS 6:

--GROUPS DESTINED FOR EGYPT ASSEMBLE, ARE MOVED TO
THE LOADING POINT, AND SAIL FOR EGYPT.

D PLUS 5-6:

--THE REMAINING FRENCH FORCES (540 MEN), ALONG WITH
THE U.S. AND ITALIAN ELEMENTS OF THE UNF, ARRIVE IN
BEIRUT AND DEPLOY TO LOCATIONS AS DETERMINED THROUGH
MUTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LIAISON AND COORDINATION
COMMITTEE WITH ALL THOSE CONCERNED.

D PLUS 6-14:

--ASSEMBLY AND DEPARTURE OF THE REMAINING PALESTINIAN
PERSONNEL--BY SEA OR LAND--TO SYRIA.

D PLUS 12-13-14:

--REDEPLOYMENT OUT OF BEIRUT OF ALL FORCES ATTACHED
TO THE ADF. DEPARTURE IN THIS INSTANCE PRESUMABLY WOULD
BE BY THE BEIRUT-DAMASCUS HIGHWAY.

D PLUS 2-14:

--TURNOVER TO THE LAF OF HEAVY, CREW-SERVED, SPARE
WEAPONRY, ALONG WITH AMMUNITION.

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--THE MNF ASSISTS THE LAF AND ISF IN ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE GOOD AND LASTING SECURITY THROUGHOUT THE AREA OF OPERATION.

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--DEPARTURE OF ALL ELEMENTS OF MNF, EXCEPT BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT BY THE GOL AND CONTRIBUTING GOVERNMENTS.

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24. CHECKLIST OF SAFEGUARDS AGAINST THE RISK OF PLO NON-COOPERATION IN ITS WITHDRAWAL (WHICH COULD BE PROVIDED BY AMBASSADOR LEVITS AT HIS DISCRETION TO THE ISRAELIS THROUGH TALKING POINTS, OR IN ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE WAY):

--A) ALL RECENT WORD COMING FROM THE PLO-THROUGH INTERMEDIARIES DEMONSTRATES CLEARLY THAT THE PLO WANTS D-DAY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THEY HAVE BEEN GETTING IN TOUCH WITH OTHER ARAB GOVERNMENTS. THEY HAVE TOLD US THROUGH OUR LEBANESE INTERMEDIARIES THAT THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO GO AS EARLY AS AUGUST 12.

--B) WE WILL NOT SET D-DAY UNTIL WE ARE SATISFIED THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS ARE GOOD, AND THAT THERE ARE COUNTRIES READY TO RECEIVE THE PLO PERSONNEL.

--C) IF EVERYTHING FALLS INTO PLACE, WITHOUT DELAY WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO SET D-DAY FOR AUGUST 14.

--D) THE U S ELEMENT OF THE MNF WILL NOT TOLERATE BEING IN A SITUATION IN WHICH THE PLO REFUSES TO CARRY OUT PREDETERMINED DEPARTURE ARRANGEMENTS. IF THERE IS ANY SIGNIFICANT DELAY, OR OTHER EVIDENCE OF PLO NON-COOPERATION, THE U S ELEMENT OF THE MNF WILL NOT ARRIVE OR WOULD PULL OUT IF DETRIMENT IF IT HAS ARRIVED.

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--E) WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE ITALIAN ELEMENT OF THE MNF WOULD BEHAVE IN EXACTLY THE SAME WAY AS THE U S. THE FRENCH HAVE INFORMED US THAT THEY TOO WOULD PULL OUT IN SUCH A SITUATION AND THEIR INITIAL D-DAY FORCE IS

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