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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: MNF for Lebanon, Secure Phone Conversation,
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Participants: SecDef, SecState, Adm. Watkins, Judge Clark,
Nick Veliotes, LTG Gorman, B. McFarlane, Bing West

1. Italians were landing about 700 troops.
2. EUCOM plan is to land three companies, five tanks and 14 LVTs. Establish seven strong points (one company and six platoon sites) and four OPs, stretching from the coast to the Palace. Two companies will helicopter ashore at the airfield while the heavy equipment and one company come through the port. The U.S. will sweep the airport beach for mines and will assist in reconstruction of the airport.
3. D-Day is tentatively Wednesday.
4. No "token" U.S. forces will land beforehand.
5. U.S. troop totals: 1,200 ashore, with 600 in reserve on board ship.
6. U.S. conditions which must be met before U.S. troops go in:
 - a) full Israeli withdrawal, except for a group at the "illegal port" and 15-30 at the airfield;
 - b) the group at the airfield preferably will have no weapons and, at a maximum, only sidearms (no armor or APCs or anything of that sort); and
 - c) U.S.-Lebanese agreement that non-commercial aircraft landings at Beirut require U.S.-Lebanese consultation and joint approval. (Veliotes said he would immediately call Draper to convey these conditions.)
7. The Israeli Main Supply Route will run outside the MNF line and at the closest point will be about 1,000 meters away from the U.S. positions.
8. SecDef also said any Israeli use of the "illegal port" conceded the transit of convoys. He said the Lebanese should therefore ensure all parties agreed that Lebanese permission was needed before the Israelis--or anyone else--used the port.

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