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1. ~~(SFO)~~ TZIPI LIVNI, MINISTER IN CHARGE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, ACCOMPANIED BY PM MEDIA ADVISER RA'ANAN GISSIN AND PM ADVISER ARNON PERLMAN, CONVEYED PRIME MINISTER SHARON'S STATEMENT THAT 'ISRAEL WOULD EXTEND ANY ASSISTANCE NEEDED IN ADDITION TO THE ASSISTANCE ALREADY PROVIDED' IN THE U.S. FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM, IN A SUNDAY EVENING PRESS CONFERENCE IN JERUSALEM. LIVNI ALSO NOTED THAT WHILE ISRAEL 'IS NOT A PARTNER TO THIS WAR', WE 'SUPPORT THE UNITED STATES IN THIS WAR AGAINST WORLD TERRORISM.'

2. ~~(SFO)~~ FOREIGN MINISTER PERES TOLD CHANNEL 2 TELEVISION THAT ISRAEL 'PRAYS FOR THE SAFETY OF THE U.S. ARMY AND ITS ALLIES.' PERES PRAISED THE PRESIDENT'S 'COURAGEOUS' DECISION, ADDING THAT THE U.S. WILL WIN FOR TWO REASONS -- IT'S TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANTAGE AND, 'FIRST AND FOREMOST, BECAUSE THEY HAVE A MORAL ADVANTAGE.'

3. ~~(S)~~ WE SHARED THE POINTS IN REFTEL WITH MFA DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS YORAM BEN ZE'EV BY PHONE THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 7. BEN-ZE'EV TOOK CAREFUL NOTES DURING THE CONVERSATION, ASKING AT SEVERAL POINTS FOR US TO REPEAT THE SENTENCE IN ORDER TO GET IT PRECISELY. BEN-ZE'EV ASSURED US HE WOULD CONVEY THE POINTS IMMEDIATELY TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER, AND REITERATED ISRAEL'S FULL SUPPORT FOR THE U.S.

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