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GENERAL, LEBANESE ARMED FORCES AND TWO SENIOR STAFF MEMBERS, ACCOMPANYING HE HERE AMBASSADOR DILLON, RADM JONES AND COLONEL GREEN.

AFTER INITIAL PLEASANTRIES AND EXPRESSIONS OF DEEP APPRECIATION FOR ALL PRESIDENT REAGAN AND YOU HAD DONE TO HELP HIS COUNTRY, HE MOVED QUICKLY TO REQUEST EXPEDITED DELIVERIES OF EQUIPMENT, SOME OF WHICH IS ALREADY ON ORDER. DURING THE COURSE OF THE MEETING HE WENT BACK TO AND STRESSED THIS POINT A NUMBER OF TIMES EXPLAINING THAT THE EQUIPMENT WAS IMPORTANT FOR TWO REASONS:

1. THE MORALE OF THE ARMY (A MEASURE OF STATUS).
2. ENABLE THE ARMY TO CARRY OUT ITS MISSION.

AS YOU KNOW, THE LEBANESE HAVE REQUESTED A VARIETY OF ITEMS BUT EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR M113A2 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS (THEIR FIRST PRIORITY), M198/155 MM HOWITZERS AND ONE BATTALION'S WORTH OF M48A5 TANKS (APPROXIMATELY 35 TANKS). THE LATTER HAVE NOT YET BEEN FORMALLY REQUESTED. HE ALLOWED AS HOW IT WOULD SURELY BE ONLY A MINOR PROBLEM TO DIVERT THESE ITEMS FROM U.S. INVENTORIES!

THE PRESIDENT THEN LAUNCHED INTO AN EXPLANATION OF THE NEED FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES, IN PARTICULAR HIS DESIRE TO GET ALL ISRAELI FORCES OUT SO THAT THE LEBANESE ARMY COULD ACCOMPLISH ITS PEACE-KEEPING MISSION. HE IS VERY MUCH CONCERNED ABOUT ISRAELI FORCES IN THE B'ABDA AREA AND IN ALEI WHICH IS LOCATED BETWEEN BEJRUT AND DAMASCUS. THEIR PRESENCE IN THESE AREAS IS PARTICULARLY UPSETTING AND IS "DISTURBING THE NATIONAL SECURITY SITUATION."

GENAYEL'S NEXT MAJOR POINT WAS THAT OUR SURVEY TEAM (PROJECT NEW LIFE) HEADED BY BRIGADIER GENERAL BARTLETT HAD CAUGHT THEM SOMEWHAT BY SURPRISE. IN REALITY I THINK THEY EXPECTED THAT THE TEAM WOULD ACCEPT WITHOUT QUESTION THEIR SHIPPING LIST AND THAT WE WOULD START SHIPPING EQUIPMENT IMMEDIATELY. HOWEVER, BARTLETT IS REQUIRING (RIGHTFULLY SO) THE LEBANESE TO THINK THROUGH THEIR NEEDS BEFORE WE MAKE MORE DECISIONS AND COMMITMENTS. INCIDENTALLY, I MET WITH BARTLETT BEFORE LEAVING LEBANON. HE WILL PROVIDE YOU BY MESSAGE IN A COUPLE DAYS SOME OF HIS INITIAL IMPRESSIONS AS TO HOW WE SHOULD PROCEED.

TO CLARIFY THIS DISCONNECT BETWEEN OUR TEAM AND THE LEBANESE, I DEFINED FOR THE PRESIDENT THE FRAME OF REFERENCE UNDER WHICH THE TEAM WAS WORKING, NOTING THAT IT WAS MOST IMPORTANT THAT SOME FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES SUCH AS ORGANIZATION AND MISSION OF THE ARMY BE DECIDED BEFORE WE COULD ADVISE ON SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT (I DID NOT RAISE THE ISSUE OF SECTARIAN MIX WITHIN THE ARMY WHICH IS SURELY

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ANOTHER FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM WITH WHICH THE LEBANESE WILL HAVE TO DEAL).

THE PRESIDENT REACTED SOMEWHAT SHARPLY CLAIMING THAT THE MISSION WAS BOTH TOO FOLD AND CLEAR. THE FIRST -- AFTER WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN ARMIES FROM LEBANON -- WAS TO BUILD A FORCE THAT WOULD REPLACE THE MANY ARMED GROUPS THAT HAD TERRORIZED THE COUNTRY. MY IMPRESSION WAS THAT HE WAS THINKING PRIMARILY OF USING THE ARMY FOR POPULATION-CONTROL TYPE ACTIVITIES IN THE URBAN AREAS. AS THE ARMY INCREASED IN SIZE THIS MISSION WOULD EXPAND TO INCLUDE SIMILAR PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. THE SECOND WOULD BE TO ORGANIZE AND TRAIN FORCES SUFFICIENTLY STRONG TO PROTECT LEBANON FROM BOTH TERRORISTS AND MILITARY INVASION BY UNFRIENDLY NEIGHBORS. BOTH WERE URGENT REQUIREMENTS.

AFTER SOME BRIEF DISCUSSION OF WHAT KIND OF FORCES MIGHT ACCOMPLISH THESE MISSIONS, I RAISED THE PROBLEM OF FMS LEVELS AND THE DIFFICULTY THAT WE HAVE HAD WITH CONGRESS IN THIS AREA. GEMAYEL ARGUED THAT HE WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS TO "ANOTHER COUNTRY." PERHAPS SOME OF THIS COULD BE BETTER SPENT TO REUNITE HIS DEVASTATED LAND.

GEMAYEL'S FINAL MAJOR POINT, WHICH HE STRESSED IN VERY STRONG TERMS, WAS THAT LEBANON WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART OF OUR SECURITY SYSTEM IN THE AREA. HE SAID FOR YEARS DURING DIFFICULT TIMES LEBANON HAD STOOD BY THE U.S. EVEN WHEN OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE AREA HAD NOT. HE ADDED THAT THE LEBANESE PEOPLE ARE DEDICATED TO FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY AND THAT LEBANON COULD AND WOULD PROVIDE HELP TO US AS AN ALLY. HE SAID OVER AND OVER "USE US, WE ARE IN A STRATEGIC POSITION, WE ARE A NATURAL ALLY AND WE DON'T COST MUCH." I STATED THAT WE WOULD ATTEMPT, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF OUR CONGRESS TO DEVELOP A SPECIAL PROGRAM OF HELP (AFTER OUR SURVEY IS COMPLETE). I ALSO ASKED IF THE LEBANESE ARMY

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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PRESIDENT GENAYEL  
COULD ABSORB ANY CAPTURED EQUIPMENT AND REDISTRIBUTE IT TO  
ITS UNITS. GENERAL KHOURY BRUSHED THIS EQUIPMENT OFF AS  
INSIGNIFICANT AND ALSO ALLUDED TO PROBLEMS OF STANDARDIZATION.  
AFTER SEEING THE VARIETY AND CONDITION OF SOME OF THE EQUIP-  
MENT, I TEND TO AGREE. IT MIGHT BE FINE FOR SMALL GUERRILLA-  
TYPE FORCES BUT NOT VERY SUITABLE FOR ORGANIZED UNITS OF  
BATTALION/BRIGADE SIZE.

HE THEN TOUCHED BRIEFLY ON THE SIZE OF THE ARMY AS IT  
RELATED TO THE EQUIPMENT THEY HAD REQUESTED AND THE MISSIONS

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THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD OUTLINED. ALTHOUGH SOME UNITS ARE CURRENTLY AT ONLY 30 PERCENT FILL IN PEOPLE AND EQUIPMENT, THE LEBANESE IN THE NEAR TERM WANT TO RAISE AN ARMY OF 43,000 (7 BRIGADES) -- EVENTUALLY INCREASING TO 60,000 PLUS (11 BRIGADES).

WHEN PRESSED WHERE HE WOULD GET THE PEOPLE FOR 11 BRIGADES, GENAYEL STATED THAT GENERAL KHOURY AND HIS STAFF WERE STUDYING THIS BUT THAT THEY WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO RESORT TO CONSCRIPTION. THIS WOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED GRADUALLY AFTER GETTING "THE SYSTEM" ORGANIZED. I INFERRED THAT THIS WAS A PRETTY LARGE ARMY FOR LEBANON, THE PRESIDENT STATED THAT THEY WOULD ALSO USE THE ARMY FOR "CIVIC ACTION" TYPE PROJECTS SUCH AS BUILDING SCHOOLS, ROADS, ETC.

COMMENT: GENAYEL'S PLANS AND EXPECTATIONS CLEARLY EXCEED HIS -- AND OUR -- GRASP. IT IS OBVIOUS HE IS REACTING VISCERALLY, QUITE A NORMAL THING FOR ONE WHO HAS HAD SUCH HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY THRUST ON HIM SO SUDDENLY. HE IN EFFECT WANTS TO MORTGAGE HIMSELF AND HIS COUNTRY TO US. IN RETURN HE EXPECTS IMMEDIATE ACTION, PRINCIPALLY IN THE FORM OF EQUIPMENT TO ENHANCE THE PRESTIGE AND MORALE OF THE LAF. HE MAY BE RECEPTIVE TO OUR ADVISE ON SUCH ISSUES AS FORCE LEVELS, MISSION, ORGANIZATION AND TRAINING, BUT ONLY IF HE PERCEIVES US TO BE FORTHCOMING ON HIS CONCERNS. ARGUMENTS ABOUT OUR INTERNAL CONSTRAINTS WILL FALL ON DEAF EARS TO ONE WHO HAS SUCH VIVID IMAGES OF WHAT OUR MASSIVE EQUIPMENT DELIVERIES TO ISRAEL REPRESENT IN TERMS OF POWER AND AUTHORITY. IF WE CAN DO SO MUCH FOR ISRAEL, SURELY WE CAN HANDLE THE MORE MODEST TASK OF HELPING HIM FULFILL HIS MANDATE TO HEAL THE WOUNDS OF HIS SMALL COUNTRY. HE HAS A POINT.

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