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1. IN VIEW OF WELCOME DEVELOPMENTS REF (C) LIKELIHOOD OF IMMINENT GOL=FEDAYEEN CONFRONTATION HAS APPARENTLY DIMINISHED. FROM OUR DISTANT VANTAGE POINT WE TENTATIVELY SUGGEST A NUMBER OF STEPS THAT COULD BE TAKEN AT THIS TIME BY US AND GOL THAT MIGHT HELP SECURE GAINS GOL SEEMS LIKELY TO MAKE.

A. MILITARY. MILITARY RESUPPLY OF LEBANESE ARMY SHOULD BE EXPEDITED PREFERABLY VIA EUROPEAN RE=SHIPMENT POINTS OR SOURCES OF SUPPLY AND VIA NON=US CARRIERS. INCREASED NUMBERS OF LEBANESE OFFICERS COULD BE GIVEN

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B. DIPLOMATIC. LEBANESE SHOULD SEEK TO COORDINATE CLOSELY WITH FRENCH, WHO APPROXIMATELY YEAR AGO EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT AND CONCERN FOR LEBANON'S CONTINUED STABILITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. FRENCH COULD AT LEAST BE ASKED BY GOL IF -- AS FRIEND OF ARABS -- THEY WOULD USE THEIR GOOD OFFICES WITH LIBYANS AND ALGERIANS, IN SAME FASHION AS WE HAVE ASKED RUSSYANS TO DO WITH SYRIA. FRENCH MIGHT BE MORE RELUCTANT TO POSE AS FRIENDS OF LEBANON WHEN ISSUE INVOLVED NOT LEBANON-ISRAELI DISPUTE BUT LEBANON-VERSUS-FEDAYEEN, BUT THEY SHOULD BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY NONETHELESS OF USING THEIR GOOD ARAB IMAGE ON BEHALF OF SUCH A CAUSE.

C. POLITICAL. ONCE AGREEMENTS DISCUSSED REF (C) TAKE FINAL FORM, GOL SHOULD SPARE NO PAINS IN MAKING AGREEMENTS PUBLIC AND MATTER OF OFFICIAL RECORD. GOL COULD THEN BEFORE ARAB PUBLIC JUSTIFIABLY HOLD FEDAYEEN TO MORE CORRECT BEHAVIOR THAN PREVAILLED UNDER FORMER CAIRO AGREEMENT. IT MIGHT ALSO BE WORTHWHILE FOR GOL TO DESPATCH EMISSARIES TO CERTAIN ARAB COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO CONVEY INFO RE NEW AGREEMENT TO GOVERNMENTS AND (AS APPROPRIATE) EXPRESS GRATITUDE FOR THEIR STATESMANLIKE POSTURE DURING CRISIS. SUCH A PUBLIC APPROACH MIGHT BE A USEFUL TACK TO TAKE WITH KING FAISAL.

2. GIVEN LEBANON'S PECULIAR CIRCUMSTANCES, WE STRONGLY SUPPORT AS A GOL TACTIC AGAINST FEDAYEEN THE SQUEEZE PLAY OVER THE POWER PLAY (AMMAN 26701) THACHER

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