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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST BRIEF [REDACTED] FOR 13 JANUARY 1990. b3

FROM: [REDACTED]

COMMENTS

- 1. LEBANON: SIGN OF FACTIONALISM WITHIN HIZBALLAH [REDACTED] b3
- 2. IN BRIEF

- 1. LEBANON: SIGN OF FACTIONALISM WITHIN HIZBALLAH [REDACTED] b3

A NEW RADIOSTATION HAS GONE ON THE AIR IN LEBANON BROADCASTING THE SERMONS AND VIEWS OF HIZBALLAH'S SPIRITUAL GUIDE AYATOLLAH FADLALLAH; THE APPEARANCE OF 'THE RADIO OF LIGHT' SUGGESTS FACTIONALISM WITHIN THE RADICAL SHIA ORGANIZATION IS INCREASING. THE STATION--LIKE HIZBALLAH'S NEWSPAPER--REFERS TO FADLALLAH AS AN AYATOLLAH. IRANIAN AND IRANIAN-SPONSORED MEDIA HAVE YET TO DO SO. b3

b3 [REDACTED] THE PROMINENCE GIVEN FADLALLAH SUGGESTS HIS FOLLOWERS

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ARE GAINING INFLUENCE IN HIZBALLAH AT THE EXPENSE OF PRO-IRANIANS. THE ELECTION OF A NEW HIZBALLAH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL LAST NOVEMBER AND GROWING RESENTMENT OF IRAN'S EFFORTS TO END CLASHES BETWEEN HIZBALLAH AND THE RIVAL SHIA AMAL IN SOUTHERN LEBANON ARE SIGNS THAT FADLALLAH BACKERS ARE ASSERTING THEIR INDEPENDENCE. FACTIONS IN BEIRUT TYPICALLY OBTAIN MEDIA OUTLETS TO SIGNAL THEIR GROWING INDEPENDENT MILITARY AND POLITICAL STATUS. [REDACTED]

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X--SOVIET PRESS COMMENTARY, IN ENGLISH, SAID BAKER PLAN FAILING BECAUSE BASED ON SHAMIR'S ELECTION PLAN, IGNORES PALESTINIAN RIGHTS, EXCLUDES COMPREHENSIVE ARAB-ISRAELI SETTLEMENT . . . REITERATED INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ONLY ALTERNATIVE. [REDACTED]

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AFRICA

X--MANY CASUALTIES, ATROCITIES REPORTED IN LIBERIA AS FIGHTING WINDS DOWN AFTER LAST MONTH'S COUP ATTEMPT . . . MILITARY INDISCIPLINE, TRIBAL ANIMOSITIES BEYOND GOVERNMENT CONTROL . . . MORE THAN 20,000 REFUGEES STILL IN GUINEA, IVORY COAST. [REDACTED]

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