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DIST: 23 OCTOBER 1983

COUNTRY: LEBANON

SUBJ: SITUATION REPORT AS OF 0730 HOURS LOCAL

DOI: 23 OCTOBER 1983

SOURCE: THIS IS A SITUATION REPORT PREPARED AT 0820 HOURS
LOCAL TIME ON 23 OCTOBER 1983.

TEXT: 1. AT APPROXIMATELY 0630 HOURS LOCAL ON 23 OCTOBER 1983
TWO TRUCK BOMBS WERE USED TO HIT UNITED STATES (U.S.) AND FRENCH
MULTINATIONAL (PEACEKEEPING) FORCES (MNF) BUILDINGS IN BEIRUT.

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THE BATTALION LANDING TEAM HEADQUARTERS (BLT) OF THE U.S. MARINE
AMPHIBIOUS UNIT, LOCATED BETWEEN THE MAU HEADQUARTERS AND BEIRUT
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (BIA) WAS HIT WHEN AN EXPLOSIVES (NFI)
LADEN TRACTOR TRUCK VEERED OFF THE AIRPORT ROAD INTO THE THREE
STORY BUILDING WHICH COLLAPSED. AT THIS TIME CASUALTIES ARE
REPORTED TO BE 20-40 MARINES DEAD WITH A LARGE NUMBER OF WOUNDED
BEING TRANSPORTED TO LOCAL HOSPITALS AND US SHIPS OFFSHORE.
(MAU, BBC)

2. A BUILDING IN DOWNTOWN WEST BEIRUT WHICH HOUSED A COMPANY
OF FRENCH MNF TROOPS ALSO COLLAPSED WHEN HIT BY A SECOND BOMB
VEHICLE. THERE ARE NINE FRENCH SOLDIERS DEAD AND OVER 100 WERE
OCCUPYING THE BUILDING AT THE TIME OF THE EXPLOSION. (BBC)

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