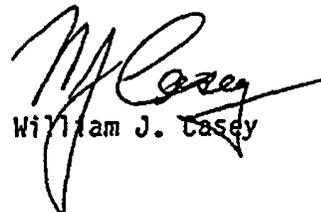


- Ask the Government of Israel to provide whatever support it can offer to separate West Beirut and its southern suburbs from the south.
- Inform those American citizens, including the press, who remain in West Beirut and its southern suburbs that their safety or the safety of their families cannot be guaranteed and we are prepared to help them leave immediately.
- Ask all surrounding countries--Lebanon, Syria, Israel--to cease all commerce with West Beirut and its southern suburbs.
- These steps should be announced along with a declaration that if the American hostages are not immediately released, further actions against West Beirut and its southern suburbs will be considered and taken as necessary.
- Announce that the Vice President is to convene a meeting of senior West European officials during his upcoming trip to seek support from our traditional allies in the isolation of this den of criminals.
- Investigate the possibility of jamming or otherwise incapacitating radios and telecommunication links between West Beirut and its southern suburbs with the world.

5. For maximum and timely impact, the full program should be announced together. Assad and Gemayel may demur or refuse to participate but they will be hard put to resist or refuse cooperating with our efforts to protect our citizens in an area in which Syria does not have sovereignty and over which the Lebanese government has no control.


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