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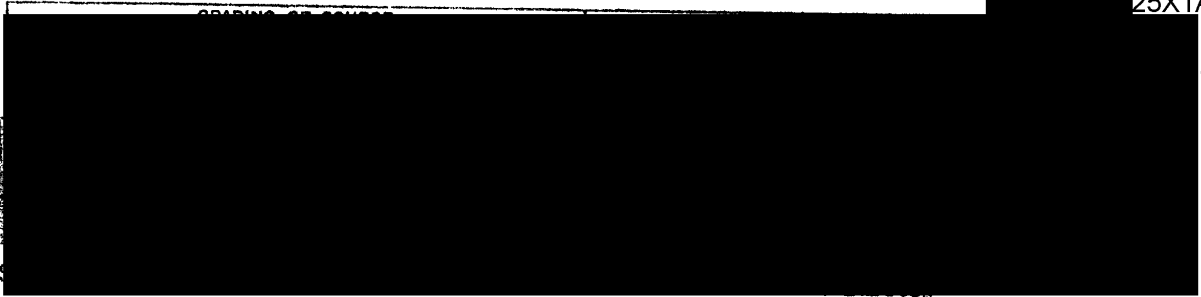
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1. The Syrian Government has issued orders that all arms which are not licensed by the government must be surrendered under penalty of punishment. [REDACTED] the reason for this order is that the Syrian Government is concerned about the possibility of armed opposition because of governmental internal policies and lack of success in the Palestinian war. 25X1X6
2. Although many Syrian leaders and tribesmen have ignored this order, a number of people have sold their arms to various arms smugglers, such as Muhammad Shawi, Khalid Shallaq, and Muhammad Shaykh, who are from Damascus; and to Sa'd-al-Din Ramadan Shatilla, Yusuf 'Antar and Abu Afif Ba'darani of Beirut. These men smuggle the arms into Lebanon and sell them only to Moslems and Druzes. [REDACTED] these arms will not be sold to Christians, regardless of the price offered. 25X1X6
3. A number of these arms shipments arrived in Beirut during the last two weeks of October and were put into safe places in the Basta quarter of Beirut, under the supervision of Shatilla and 'Antar. [REDACTED] the Lebanese Sureté cannot take action against these two men, as they are henchmen (abadayat) of the Lebanese Prime Minister, Riyad Sulh. 25X1X6

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