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NOTE TO: Director of Central Intelligence
 FROM : Charles E. Waterman, NIO/NESA
 SUBJECT: Talking Points on Lebanon Situation

New Factors

- Israeli forces completed the isolation of West Beirut last night, setting up road blocks on the Beirut-Damascus highway, and cutting off the PLO and Syrian troops remaining in the city.
 - Elements of the Israeli force have reached the area of the Lebanese presidential palace.
 - Israeli forces were reportedly in control of the Beirut airport.
- The Israeli-Syrian ceasefire is holding, but there was heavy fighting yesterday between the Israelis and Palestinians.
- Possibly as many as 2,000 Iranian troops have arrived in Syria and some 300 of these may be in Beirut. Turkey has secretly approved the daily transit of two Iranian aircraft.
- New reporting supports our estimates that Syria has lost nearly a hundred fighter aircraft and that the Syrian 1st Armored Division was severely crippled in last week's fighting.
- Three additional Soviet IL-76 military transports flew over Turkey to Syria over the weekend, making seven such flights since Thursday. We have no information on cargo.

Basic Trends

- X { We hold no hard information thus far on the overtly-reported "Government of National Unity." If it is what it seems, it is a positive step in the reassertion of control by the "Central" government of southwest Lebanon. It renders the all-important reformation of the Lebanese army, including some militia elements, more feasible. The inclusion of Phalange leader Jumayyil, Druze leader Junblat, and Shia leader Berri - portends well for this trend. But it is too early to know whether this will hold

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- Further Israeli tactical victories in the south Beirut area reinforce the feasibility of forcing armed Palestinian (and any remaining Syrian) forces from the Beirut area. Any Maronite militia or Lebanese army move into west Beirut would do likewise.
- In short, all trends noted in our discussions of yesterday remain intact.

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Attachment:
Israel-Lebanon Task Force
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MEMORANDUM FOR: DCI, [redacted]

1. I will update the talking points and trends by early afternoon, in time for NSPG.
2. NIO/GP has put together an analysis of the military-technological implications of the war thus far, which will be delivered to you later this morning.
3. I suggest a brief discussion of latest trends and their implications may be useful later today, prior to the NSPG.

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