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Briefing Notes for DDCI
(As of 1500 EDT, 3 September 1982)

The Lebanese government's efforts to establish control over West Beirut is proceeding slowly but smoothly. The predominantly Muslim Internal Security Forces has assumed some positions on the Green Line. There are also initial plans for the Army to reenter its abandoned barracks and to guard government buildings in West Beirut. The Army will also take over some checkpoints on the Green Line. The USDAO Beirut reports that the Army plan to reoccupy the Henri Shihab barracks north of the airport tomorrow, and that the Israelis have agreed to turn over Hay as Sullum and Burj al-Barajinah tomorrow as well. [redacted]

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Earlier this morning the US Embassy in Beirut received several reports of Israeli advances in southern suburbs, causing concern among Lebanese officials that such movements would disrupt effort to secure the Beirut area. Israeli Defense Minister Sharon confirmed that the IDF had moved forward in the Kuwait Embassy circle area, but noted they did so only for the purpose of clearing mines at the request of the Lebanese Forces. [redacted]

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-- Sharon said the troops would return to their previous positions upon completion of the mine-clearing operation, probably later this afternoon. [redacted]

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A French Lieutenant Colonel of the UNIFIL French Battalion was killed about 1330 local time today in the ILMAC building near the Henri Shihab barracks, according to LAF, UN and French MNF sources. [redacted]

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-- A French MNF commander commented that the death was the result of a stray bullet fired when the Palestinians became excited over the Israeli activities in the area [redacted]

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The Lebanese Embassy in Tunis informed the Arab League Secretariat today that Lebanon will attend the Summit next Monday. The delegation will be led by Minister of State Joseph Abu Khatir. [redacted]

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Israeli newspapers and radio stated today that Bashir Jumayyil met with Prime Minister Begin on Wednesday night (1 Sept) at the northern Israeli resort of Nahariya. They reportedly discussed the future of Israeli - Lebanese relations, including a possible peace agreement. [redacted]

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-- We have no confirmation of such a meeting and Bashir's office in Beirut has categorically denied the reports. [redacted]

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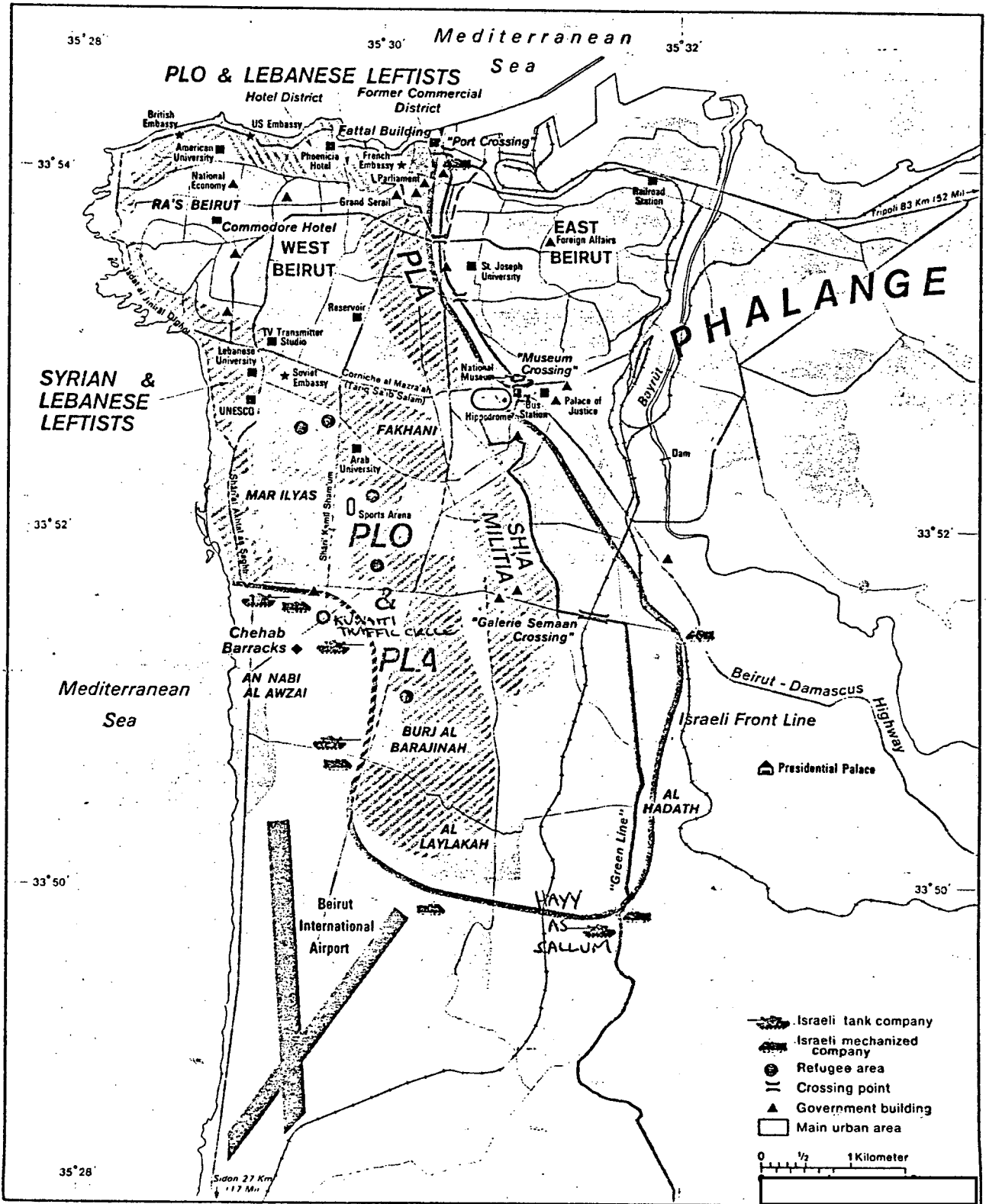
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