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1. (U) ISRAELI- PALESTINIAN CEASE-FIRE.
ILMAC HAS REPORTED NO CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS DURING THE
24-HOUR PERIOD ENDING AT 0800 HOURS LOCAL, WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 20.

2. (C) BOMB THREAT TO U.S. EMBASSY.
THE EMBASSY SWITCHBOARD RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL AT
1400 HOURS ON JANUARY 19 STATING THERE WAS A CAR NEAR
THE EMBASSY CONTAINING EXPLOSIVES (BEIRUT 0417). THE
ISF WAS ALERTED AND SEARCHED CARS NEAR THE EMBASSY BUT
FOUND NO EXPLOSIVES.

3. (C) SOUTH LEBANON.

A. [REDACTED] THAT UNKNOWN ARMED PERSONS FIRED
ON A GROUP OF DUTCH UNIFIL SOLDIERS WHO WERE TRAVELLING
BY MOTOR VEHICLE NORTHEAST OF TYRE ON JANUARY 19. ONE
OF THE DUTCH SOLDIERS WAS WOUNDED, THOUGH NOT SERIOUSLY.
B. [REDACTED] ALSO SAID THAT THE FIJI UNIFIL CONTINGENT
EXCHANGED FIRE WITH UNKNOWN ARMED PERSONS NEAR THE VILLAGE
OF AL-GULAY'AH ON JANUARY 19.

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4. (U) BEIRUT AREA

A. THE EAST-WEST CONFRONTATION LINE WAS GENERALLY QUIET
ON JANUARY 19, ALTHOUGH THERE WERE OCCASIONAL AUTOMATIC
WEAPONS BURSTS DURING THE AFTERNOON IN THE FORMER COM-
MERCIAL DISTRICT.

B. A BRIEF EXCHANGE OF FIRE TOOK PLACE IN THE BURJ
AL-BARAJINAH AREA OF SOUTH BEIRUT BETWEEN AN ADF PATROL
AND UNKNOWN ARMED PERSONS (IDENTIFIED IN SOME PRESS RE-
PORTS AS MEMBERS OF THE IRAQI- BACKED ARAB LIBERATION
FRONT) ON JANUARY 19. ACCORDING TO INDEPENDENT L'ORIENT-
LE JOUR, AN RPG WAS FIRED AT THE ADF PATROL, WOUNDING
THREE OF ITS MEMBERS, AND THE ADF RETURNED FIRE.
C. BEIRUT IS GENERALLY CALM AS OF 1100 HOURS, JANUARY 20.

5. (U) SENATOR PERCY VISIT.

THE LOCAL PRESS IS GIVING FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE TO SENATOR
CHARLES PERCY'S VISIT TO LEBANON. SENATOR PERCY ARRIVED
IN BEIRUT FROM DAMASCUS THE EVENING OF JANUARY 19. HE

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AND AMBASSADOR DILLON THEN MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER FUAD BOUTROS. ON JANUARY 20, SENATOR PERCY MET WITH PRESIDENT ILYAS SARKIS AND PRIME MINISTER SHAFIQ AL-WAZZAN, AS WELL AS FORMER PRIME MINISTER SA'B SALAM. LEBANESE FRONT HEAD CAMILLE CHAMOUN ACCOMPANIED BY PHALANGE LEADER PIERRE GEMAYEL AND LEBANESE FORCES COMMANDER BASHIR GEMAYEL.

6. (U) AL-WAZZAN TV INTERVIEW

A. PRIME MINISTER AL-WAZZAN GAVE AN INTERVIEW ON LEBANESE TELEVISION ON JANUARY 19 DURING WHICH HE SAID THAT WHILE THE ARAB FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE (AFC) WAS HAVING DIFFICULTIES, IT HAD NOT FAILED. HE RECALLED THAT THE AFC HAD DECIDED TO AUGMENT THE ISF (POLICE) WITH LAF TROOPS UNDER HIS COMMAND AND TO DEPLOY THEM ALONG THE EAST-WEST CONFRONTATION LINE, BUT NOTED THAT A "CERTAIN PARTY" (THE NATIONAL MOVEMENT) HAD OPPOSED THIS ARRANGEMENT, THEREBY BLOCKING FURTHER PROGRESS.

B. AL-WAZZAN ACCUSED ALL THE BELLIGERENT PARTIES IN LEBANON OF NOT REALLY WANTING THE GOL TO ASSUME ITS RESPONSIBILITIES. HE SAID THAT NOT A SINGLE POLITICAL FIGURE HAD ASKED HIM TO TAKE OVER AND RUN ANY PART OF LEBANON.

7. ADF MANDATE EXTENDED.

A. (U) ON JANUARY 19, THE ARAB LEAGUE IN TUNIS VOTED A SIX-MONTH EXTENSION OF THE ADF MANDATE IN LEBANON.

B. (C) 84-1, SUDAN AND JORDAN REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS, WHILE SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT, SOMALIA AND OMAN DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE VOTING.

8. (U) JUMBLATT RETURNS FROM ALGIERS.

THE LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THAT ON JANUARY 19 NATIONAL MOVEMENT AND PSP HEAD WALID JUMBLATT RETURNED FROM ALGERIA, WHERE HE HAD MET WITH ALGERIAN PRESIDENT CHADLI BENJEDID. JUMBLATT TOLD REPORTERS HE OPPOSED EXTENDING PRESIDENT SARKIS

5' TERM AND THAT 1982 WOULD BRING AN ESCALATION IN THE FIGHTING IN LEBANON. HE SAID IT WOULD BE YEARS BEFORE LEBANON SOLVED ITS PROBLEMS.

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9. (U) FOR DIA: THIS REPORT RESPONDS TO U-UED-49218.
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