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20 September 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs

Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and
South Asian Affairs

SUBJECT: 1. Phalange Intelligence Forces Presence in
Sabra Camp;
2. General Eitan's Discussion with the Lebanese
Forces Command Council Concerning the
Palestinian Camps (DOI: Mid-September 1982)

Attached for your information is a report on the above
subjects. This information is also being made available to the
Ambassador at Tel Aviv, to Special Envoy, Draper, and the Charge
at Beirut. Due to the extreme sensitivity of this information,
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John H. Stein *for*
Deputy Director for Operations

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COUNTRY: LEBANON/ISRAEL

SUBJECT: 1. PHALANGE INTELLIGENCE FORCES PRESENCE IN SABRA CAMP;
2. GENERAL EITAN'S DISCUSSION WITH THE LEBANESE FORCES
COMMAND COUNCIL CONCERNING THE PALESTINIAN CAMPS
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PHALANGE FORCES MOVED

INTO THE PALESTINIAN REFUGEE CAMP AT SABRA BEGINNING AT ABOUT 1730
HOURS BEIRUT TIME ON 16 SEPTEMBER 1982.

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HUBAYKA ORCHESTRATED AND LED THE ON-GROUND OPERATION

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AT SABRA, HE RECEIVED SUPPORT AT THE LEBANESE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FROM PUSI {{ASHQAR}}, LEBANESE FORCES COMMANDER FOR THE ASHRAFIYAH DISTRICT. WHEN PHALANGE FORCES INVADED THE CAMP THEY MET SOME RESISTANCE AND LOST ABOUT THREE KILLED AND ABOUT EIGHT WOUNDED. [REDACTED] PHALANGE ESTIMATES OF

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PALESTINIANS KILLED AT ABOUT 200, ALTHOUGH OTHER REPORTING INDICATES A MORE LIKELY FIGURE OF 130 PALESTINIANS KILLED.

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[REDACTED] HUBAYKA RESPONDED TO AN INQUIRY FROM A SUBORDINATE UNIT ASKING WHAT WAS TO BE DONE WITH PRISONERS AND REPLIED THAT UNITS WERE NO LONGER TO ASK WHAT TO DO WITH PRISONERS. [REDACTED] IT IS CLEAR [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THAT THE PHALANGE UNITS WERE NOT TAKING ANY PRISONERS.

2. [REDACTED] INFORMATION ON THE SHATILA CAMP OR ON THE AKKA AND GAZA HOSPITALS. OTHER INFORMATION [REDACTED] INDICATES, HOWEVER, THAT SA'D {{HADDAD}}'S FORCES WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR OPERATIONS AT THOSE LOCATIONS. [REDACTED] COMMENT: ALTHOUGH NO ONE HAS A FIRM FIGURE FOR THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PALESTINIANS KILLED AT ALL OF THE LOCATIONS, AN ESTIMATE WOULD PUT THE NUMBER AT ABOUT

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300 PERSONS.]

3. [REDACTED]

PRIOR TO THE ISRAELI ADVANCE INTO WEST BEIRUT, THE CHIEF OF STAFF
FOR THE ISRAELI DEFENSE FORCES, GENERAL RAFAEL {{EITAN}}, MET WITH
MEMBERS OF THE LEBANESE FORCES COMMAND COUNCIL. EITAN INFORMED
THE COMMAND COUNCIL THAT THE ISRAELI FORCES WOULD NOT ENTER THE
PALESTINIAN CAMPS AND THAT THE LEBANESE FORCES "MUST ENTER AND
CLEAN OUT THE PALESTINIAN CAMPS". AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH ZAH
{{BUSTANI}}, A TOP PHALANGE PARTY ADVISOR, THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
OF THE LEBANESE FORCES, FADI {{FREM}}, ORDERED ELEMENTS OF THE
LEBANESE FORCES INTO THE PALESTINIAN CAMPS.

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4. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE LEBANESE
FORCES OFFICER WHO ACTUALLY ORDERED THE KILLING OF THE PALESTINIAN
CIVILIANS WAS MARUN {{MASHALANI}}.

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5. [REDACTED]

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