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DISSENT CHANNEL

E.O. 12065: GDS 03-31-87 (NOESSNER, WILLIAM H.) OR-M
SUBJECT: U.S. DISINFORMATION POLICY ON SOUTH LEBANON

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2. THIS IS A DISSENT CHANNEL MESSAGE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF 11 FAM 243.3 WRITTEN BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RECOMMENDED DISTRIBUTION, IN ADDITION TO AUTOMATIC DISTRIBUTION OF DISSENT CHANNEL MESSAGES AS PROVIDED BY 5 FAM 212.3C IS AS FOLLOWS: PA (FOR DEPARTMENT PRESS SPOKESMAN), NEA, NEA/ARM, NEA/IAI, NEA/EGY, NEA/ARP, IO/UMP, INR, INR/RNA, EMBASSIES AT TEL AVIV, BEIRUT, DAMASCUS, AMMAN AND CAIRO, AND USUN.

3. USG INFORMATION POLICY ON SOUTH LEBANON, AS REFLECTED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S PRESS BRIEFING OF MARCH 16, IS DESTRUCTIVE OF WHATEVER CREDIBILITY WE MAY YET HAVE ON MIDDLE EAST PROBLEMS. THE PRESS SPOKESMAN'S RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS CONCERNING ISRAELI SUPPORT OF REBELS IN SOUTH LEBANON LED BY MAJOR HADDAD DEFTY ACCEPTANCE BY ANYONE WITH EVEN THE SLIGHTEST KNOWLEDGE OF THE MIDDLE EAST.

4. SINCE AT LEAST 1977, THE ISRAELIS HAVE BEEN SUPPLYING, TRAINING AND ASSISTING THE SOUTH LEBANESE REBELS. SINCE THE ISRAELI INVASION OF SOUTH LEBANON IN MARCH 1978, THE ISRAELIS HAVE ALMOST FULLY CONTROLLED THEM. THE REBELS TODAY ARE DEPENDENT UPON THE ISRAELIS FOR WEAPONS, SUPPLIES, AMMUNITION, TRAINING, INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION, AND COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD. HADDAD HIMSELF IS FREQUENTLY ACCOMPANIED BY ONE OR TWO ISRAELI "ADVISERS". HIS TROOPS ARE TRAINED IN NORTHERN ISRAEL. THIS SITUATION HAS BEEN MASSIVELY DOCUMENTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS, AND IS COMMON KNOWLEDGE IN LEBANON AND IN ISRAEL.

5. THE DEPARTMENT'S DETERMINATION TO AVOID MENTIONING ISRAEL IN CONNECTION WITH MAJOR HADDAD'S MAD ESCAPADES IS ROOTED IN A HOARY AND FATIGUES POSITION OF MANY YEARS, TO WIT THE USG MUST IGNORE ISRAEL'S STIRRING THE POT IN LEBANON FOR THE SAKE OF THE "PEACE PROCESS". THE THEORY HAS BEEN - AND PERHAPS STILL IS - THAT THE PEACE PROCESS REQUIRES THAT THE UNITED STATES PROVIDE ISRAEL WITH MASSIVE ARMAMENTS, TO ASSURE ISRAEL OF OUR CONTINUED DEVOTION AND TO GIVE IT SUFFICIENT "CONFIDENCE" TO MAKE CONCESSIONS. IT APPARENTLY HAS MATTERED LITTLE THAT THE WEAPONS (OR OTHER WEAPONS, WHICH THEY REPLACE) ARE USED TO DELIBERATELY WREAK HAVOC IN LEBANON, DIRECTLY CONTRARY TO PROFFESSED U.S. POLICY TOWARDS LEBANON.

6. OUR SILENCE ON HADDAD'S TRUE ROLE IS CONSISTENT WITH U.S. PUBLIC INFORMATION POLICIES ON OTHER QUESTIONS - ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN FIGHTING, AND OBJECT USE OF US-SUPPLIED WEAPONS IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE TERMS OF US-ISRAELI AGREEMENTS. WITHIN RECENT WEEKS, WE

HAVE REPEATED OUR "CONDEMNATION" OF PALESTINIAN "TERRORISM", WHEN PALESTINIANS KILL OR ATTEMPT TO KILL ISRAELIS; WHILE AT THE SAME TIME WE "DEPLORE THE VIOLENCE ON BOTH SIDES", WHEN ISRAELIS KILL PALESTINIANS (AND LEBANESE). ON POSSIBLE ISRAELI VIOLATIONS OF AGREEMENTS WITH THE U.S. - WHICH COULD, UNDER THE LAW, LEAD TO A CUTOFF OF FURTHER ARMS DELIVERIES TO ISRAEL - WE HAVE SYSTEMATICALLY EVADED CLEAR ANSWERS TO CLEAR QUESTIONS OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS. WE ARE STEADFAST IN OUR HYPOCRISY.

7. THIS BANKRUPT UNITED STATES POLICY DEPENDS OBJECTIVELY ON THE PROPOSITION THAT PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS BEST ACHIEVED INTER ALIA BY INSTRUMENTALLY FACILITATING AGGRESSION. WE MAY SUCCEED IN DECEIVING OURSELVES, BUT THE ARABS AND PALESTINIANS - WITHOUT WHOM PEACE IS IMPOSSIBLE - WILL NOT BE DECEIVED.

8. AT A TIME WHEN THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT IS SYSTEMATICALLY SADDATING EVEN THE POSSIBILITY OF A FUTURE "AUTONOMY" SOLUTION ON THE WEST BANK, A U.S. INFORMATION POLICY OF "NEAR NO EVIL SEE NO EVIL" TOWARDS ISRAELI INTERFERENCE IN LEBANON DEFIES EVEN TACTICAL RATIONALIZATION.

9. NOW IS AN EXCELLENT TIME TO BEGIN TO TELL THE TRUTH AS WE KNOW IT ON SOUTH LEBANON - ON HADDAD AND ON ISRAEL'S ROLE IN PROPPING HIM UP AND USING HIM. LET THE CHIPS FALL WHERE THEY MAY. THIS WOULD SERVE AN AUTHENTIC LONG-RANGE PEACE PROCESS; IT WOULD LEND SOME SORELY NEEDED CREDIBILITY TO

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E.O. 12065: GDS - 4/9/86 (WOLFOWITZ, PAUL)

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SUBJECT: YOUR RECENT DISSENT CHANNEL MESSAGE

REFERENCE: BONN 06573

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2. THANK YOU FOR YOUR RECENT DISSENT CHANNEL MESSAGE. WE HAVE DISTRIBUTED COPIES TO THE SECRETARY, THE UNDEPUTY SECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, THE COUNSELOR, THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR NEAR EASTERN AND SOUTH ASIAN AFFAIRS, THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, THE DEPARTMENT PRESS SPOKESMAN, THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTELLIGENCE AND RESEARCH, AND THE VARIOUS OFFICES IN THE DEPARTMENT WHICH YOU REQUESTED. YOUR MESSAGE WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE EMBASSIES REQUESTED. CHARLES FAIRBANKS, POLICY PLANNING STAFF MEMBER, WILL COORDINATE A SUBSTANTIVE REPLY. HAIG

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E.O. 11652: GDS, 8/17/86 (ROCHE, JAMES)

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SUBJECT: DISSENT CHANNEL MESSAGE - SOUTH LEBANON

REFERENCE : *Bonn 15701*

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2. YOUR DISSENT CHANNEL MESSAGE HAS STIMULATED CONSIDERABLE HEALTHY DISCUSSION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT. UNFORTUNATELY, SEVERAL MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS IN LEBANON HAVE FORCED DELAYS IN PREPARING A COORDINATED REPLY ADDRESSING THE ISSUES YOU HAVE RAISED.

3. PLEASE ACCEPT OUR SINCERE APOLOGIES FOR THE UNDUE DELAY IN COMPLETING OUR SUBSTANTIVE REPLY. THE RESPONSE SHOULD BE READY SHORTLY.

4. PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT THE DELAY IN NO WAY REFLECTS ANY DIMINUTION IN THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMITMENT TO MAINTAINING THE PRINCIPLE OF CREATIVE AND DISCIPLINED DISSENT ENVISIONED IN THE DISSENT CHANNEL SYSTEM. YY

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