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INFO IMMEDIATE TEL AVIV, BEIRUT, DAMASCUS, WASHINGTON.

TEL AVIV TELNO 235: ISRAEL/LEBANON.

1. URQUHART HAS JUST TELEPHONED ME (FRIDAY EVENING). HE WAS IN A STATE OF GREAT EMOTION AND HAD JUST HAD A BLAZING ROW WITH THE ONLY MEMBER OF THE US MISSION HE COULD GET HOLD OF. HE SAID THAT THE AMERICANS HAD DONE NOTHING WITH THE ISRAELIS ABOUT THE HUMANITARIAN APPEAL THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAD MADE TO VICE PRESIDENT BUSH TWO DAYS AGO. THE RED CROSS BELIEVED THAT THERE WERE 300,000 PEOPLE IN ISRAELI OCCUPIED LEBANON, MAINLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN WHO WERE IN URGENT NEED OF RELIEF. UNIFIL COULD NOT EVEN GET TO THE 7,000 CIVILIANS STRANDED ON THE BEACH AT TYRE. THE ISRAELIS WERE SAYING THAT UNIFIL, AS A PEACEKEEPING FORCE, COULD NOT GET INVOLVED IN HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES:

'A LOT OF ISRAELI HUMANITARIAN AGENCIES WERE INTERESTED'. MEANWHILE THE ISRAELIS HAD ORDERED THAT ALL JOURNALISTS AND OTHER OUTSIDERS BE KEPT OUT OF THE OCCUPIED AREAS. THEY WERE HUNTING DOWN THE PALESTINIANS MERCILOUSLY AND HAD THIS AFTERNOON SHELLED AN ORPHANAGE NEAR BEIRUT AIRPORT CAUSING

AFTERNOON SHELLED AN ORPHANAGE NEAR BEIRUT AIRPORT CAUSING ANY CASUALTIES AMONGST THE CHILDREN.

2. URQUHART, WHO WAS MORE WORKED UP THAN I HAVE EVER KNOWN HIM, SAID THAT HE WAS MOST GRATEFUL FOR THE REPRESENTATIONS WE HAD MADE IN TEL AVIV. HE URGED THAT WE AND OTHER EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS SHOULD BRING ALL POSSIBLE PRESSURE TO BEAR ON THE ISRAELIS "SINCE THE AMERICANS AND THE OTHER ARABS WERE APPARENTLY NOT PREPARED TO DO ANYTHING IN THE FACE OF WHAT LOOKED LIKE MASS MURDER OF THE PALESTINIANS BY THE ISRAELIS".

3. URQUHART IS NOT GIVEN TO FLIGHTS OF FANCY AFTER MORE THAN 35 YEARS DEVOTED TO UN PEACEKEEPING ACTIVITIES. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT WE, AND ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTS OF THE TEN WHICH WE CAN MOBILIZE SHOULD MAKE FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS IN TEL AVIV AND WASHINGTON TO REQUIRE THE ISRAELIS TO ALLOW UNIFIL AND INTERNATIONAL RELIEF AGENCIES SUCH AS THE ICRC TO OPERATE IN THE OCCUPIED AREAS FOR PURELY HUMANITARIAN PURPOSES.

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