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11 Your telno. 63 (now being repeated to other addressees):

12 ISRAEL/LEBANON : MESSAGES FROM KLIBI

13 1. Please pass the following reply from me to Mr Klibi.

14 Begins: Thank you for your message. I share your concern at  
 15 the recent escalation of tension on the border between Israel and  
 16 Lebanon. We are very conscious of the dangerous consequences of  
 17 any outbreak of hostilities for the Middle East and West alike.  
 18 You may have seen the statement put out here after my meeting  
 19 earlier this week with Mr Haig. It is of the greatest importance  
 20 that the ceasefire should be maintained. You can count on the  
 21 support of the British Government to that end. We shall con-  
 22 tinue to urge restraint on all the parties. I know we can rely  
 23 on the Arab League to do the same. I look forward to meeting you  
 24 in the near future. With best wishes. Francis Pym. Ends.

25 2. The Prime Minister has also agreed that the following

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File number	Dept NENAD	Distribution Middle East Standard
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2 reply should be sent from her to Mr Klibi. Begins: Thank you  
 3 for your message. ~~Francis Pym is replying in greater detail to~~  
 4 ~~your message to him.~~ We very much share your concern about the  
 5 recent rise in tension between Israel and Lebanon. We attach  
 6 the greatest importance to the maintenance of the ceasefire in  
 7 Lebanon and shall continue to urge all parties to exercise  
 8 maximum restraint. Yours sincerely, Margaret Thatcher. Ends.

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