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WITH SYRIA. TIME WAS VERY PRECIOUS AND THEY ARGUED
 THAT THE U.S. SHOULD THEREFORE PLAY AN IMMEDIATE ROLE.
 CERTAINLY THERE WOULD BE NO CEASEFIRE UNTIL THOSE PLO
 GUNS HAD BEEN WITHDRAWN/SILENCED EITHER MILITARILY OR
 POLITICALLY.

7. RABIN REMARKED THAT AFTER THE IDF MILITARY OPERATION
 ENDS AN ADEQUATE POLITICAL SOLUTION MIGHT TAKE FROM THREE
 TO FIVE WEEKS AND WARNED US THAT THE IDF WOULD SIMPLY
 NOT WITHDRAW WITHOUT SUCH A SOLUTION. IN HIS VIEW THE
 ISRAELI OPERATION HAD NOW GIVEN THE U.S. BETTER CARDS
 FOR A LONG-TERM NEGOTIATION OF THE LEBANESE/PALESTINIAN
 PROBLEM. IN ANY EVENT, WE WOULD HAVE TO BRING THE SYRIANS
 AROUND BEFORE THE IDF WOULD WITHDRAW OR EVEN BEFORE A
 CEASEFIRE WENT INTO EFFECT. IN THIS CONNECTION, ALL
 THREE WERE CRITICAL OF THE FACT THAT THE U.S. BY ITS
 VOTING AND BY ITS PUBLIC STATEMENTS HAD JOINED THE UN
 CALL FOR UNCONDITIONAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL, A DEMAND
 WHICH THEY FOUND UNACCEPTABLE.

8. I THEN REVIEWED IN OUTLINE MAJOR CURRENT U.S. CONCERNS
 ON THE QUESTION OF THE USE OF U.S.-FURNISHED EQUIPMENT

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IN LEBANON, AND I WARNED THEM WAS NOT MERELY A QUESTION, AS THEY PUT IT, OF DEALING WITH LEGALISMS. WHEN I TOUCHED ON A POSSIBLE MOVE TO APPLY SANCTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL UNDER A SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION INVOKING CHAPTER 7, THEY IMMEDIATELY RESPONDED THAT THE EUROPEAN POSITION WOULD DEPEND HEAVILY ON THE U.S. STANCE. EBAN NOTED THAT GENERALLY THE FRENCH STAND AGAINST CHAPTER 7 SANCTIONS AND PERES SAID THAT NOTWITHSTANDING HIS ATTACHMENT TO LEBANON, MITTERRAND WOULD BE PRAGMATIC. SAM LEWIS ~~SAID~~ THAT HE HAD BEEN ADVISED THAT THE ISRAELI POSITION WAS THAT ISRAEL "EXPECTED" A U.S. VETO OF SUCH A RESOLUTION AND COUNSELED THAT THIS WAS NOT THE MOST FELICITOUS PHRASE TO EMPLOY.

9. PERES THEN STATED THAT HAVING CAUCUSED LAST NIGHT, THE ALIGNMENT WOULD STATE ITS POSITION IN TODAY'S KNESSET DEBATE AS FOLLOWS:

-- THERE SHOULD BE AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE.

-- THERE SHOULD BE EXPRESSED THE "WISH" OR "DESIRE" THAT A PROHIBITION OF TERROR ABROAD BE INCLUDED IN THE DEFINITION OF THIS CEASEFIRE (THEY REALIZE OF COURSE HOW DIFFICULT THIS WOULD BE TO ACHIEVE).

-- SUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE SO AS TO REPLACE THE IDF THROUGHOUT THE NEW 40-KILOMETER BUFFER ZONE WITH INTERNATIONAL FORCES. (HERE PERES CLARIFIED THAT THEY WERE NOT THINKING OF U.S. FORCES AND THEREFORE HAD NOT USED THE EXPRESSION "MULTI-NATIONAL FORCE.")

-- ISRAELI POSITIONS IN THE GALILEE SHOULD BE FURTHER FORTIFIED.

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10. ASKED WHAT THEY THOUGHT THE PHALANGE WOULD DO, PERES AND RABIN REPLIED DISDAINFULLY THAT THE PHALANGE WANTS ISRAEL TO DO EVERYTHING. IN THIS CONNECTION, THEY VENTURED THE POSSIBILITY THAT IF WE COULD NOT EMPLACE AN INTERNATIONAL FORCE TO REPLACE THE IDF, A FALLBACK POSITION MIGHT BE TO EXPAND HADDAD'S FORCE SO AS TO DO THE JOB. I THREW COLD WATER ON HADDAD TAKING OVER SOUTH LEBANON. PERES REMARKED THAT THE COMBINATIONS ARE ENDLESS (E.G. HADDAD PLUS THE PHALANGISTS). IN THIS CONNECTION, THE QUESTION WAS ASKED RHETORICALLY WHAT THE SHI'A OF SOUTH LEBANON WOULD NOW DO; BUT THERE WERE NO CONCLUSIVE ANSWERS.

11. BEFORE WE WOUND UP, PERES ET AL CAME BACK TO THE VITAL NECESSITY OF SOLVING THE PROBLEM ON THE EASTERN FRONT WITH THE SYRIANS. PROBED FOR SOLUTIONS, THEY STATED THEIR OBVIOUS PREFERENCES:

-- SYRIAN FORCES TO WITHDRAW.

-- THE PLO TO TAKE OUT ITS ARTILLERY, ROCKETS, AND OTHER UNITS, WHILE THE SYRIAN FORCES WOULD REMAIN.

-- AS A MINIMUM FALLBACK ABOUT WHICH THEY WERE HIGHLY DUBIOUS, THE SYRIANS, WHO ARE BELIEVED TO CONTROL AND COORDINATE THE PLO, AT LEAST IN THAT AREA, MUST ENSURE THAT THE PLO DO NOT FIRE. GROVE

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