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28 September 1984

Talking Points for the DDCI

SUBJECT: Responsibility for Bombing Attack on US Embassy Annex in Beirut

A variety of evidence indicates that members of the pro-Iranian Hizballah (The Party of God), a group of radical Lebanese Shias based in the Bekaa Valley and supported by Iranian Revolutionary Guards in Lebanon, were responsible for the bombing. We believe Iranian officials in Lebanon were aware of the operation and probably helped plan it. [redacted]

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-- The modus operandi of the bombing closely resembles that of previous attacks in Lebanon that have been linked by evidence to the radical shias. [redacted]

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-- [redacted] the Hizballah based in the Bekaa Valley are claiming credit for the attack and admit that Iranian Revolutionary Guards helped plan and execute the mission. [redacted]

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-- Radical Shia groups like the Hizballah have the strongest motive to attack US interests. Their declared goal is to force the US and Israel out of Lebanon and to create an Iranian-style, Islamic state. [redacted]

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