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TELEGRAM NUMBER 28 OF 12 JANUARY.

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FOLLOWING FROM PRIVATE SECRETARY

LEBANON

1. THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAD A FIRST SHORT SESSION WITH THE SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER BEFORE DINNER THIS EVENING SOON AFTER ARRIVING IN DAMASCUS. THE MAIN SUBJECT WAS LEBANON WITH SOME BRIEF REFERENCE TO ARAB/ISRAEL. FULL RECORD WILL FOLLOW BUT YOU MAY FIND IT USEFUL TO HAVE A REPORT NOW OF THE TWO MAIN POINTS MADE BY KHADDAM.

2. THE FIRST WAS THAT DESPITE WHAT PRINCE SAUD TOLD US IN RIYADH, KHADDAM WAS QUITE CLEAR THAT THE SECURITY AGREEMENT WAS NOT (NOT) COMPLETE. IT HAD BEEN ^{ACCEPTED} ACCEPTED BY JUMBLATT AND BERRI, BUT

~~(WST) COMPLETE. IT HAD BEEN ACCEPTED BY JUMBLATT AND BERRI, BUT~~
PRESIDENT GEMAYEL WAS HOLDING OUT OVER THE QUESTION OF THE
PROMOTION OF DRUZE OFFICERS.

3. THE SECOND POINT WAS THAT KHADDAM INSISTED THAT NO (NO)
PROGRESS COULD BE MADE TOWARDS NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WITHOUT
THE ABROGATION REPEAT ABROGATION OF 17 MAY AGREEMENT. KHADDAM
SAID THAT GENEVA I HAD AGREED ON ABROGATION AND GEMAYEL HAD
ACKNOWLEDGED THIS BUT HAD THEN FAILED TO HONOUR HIS VOMMITMENT TO
SEEK ANOTHER MEANS OF ENSURING ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL. KHADDAM WENT SO
FAR AS TO SAY THAT THERE WAS NO POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER DIALOGUE
BETWEEN THE PARTIES IN THE LEBANON WITHOUT ABROGATION OF THE
17 MAY AGREEMENT.

4. FULL RECORD BY BAG.

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