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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 380 OF 2 FEBRUARY 1984

INFO IMMEDIATE PARIS, ROME, BEIRUT, MODUK, BUDAPEST (FOR PS/PRIME MINISTER DESKBY 030700Z)

PRIORITY DAMASCUS, TEL AVIV, UKMIS NEW YORK.

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MY TELNO 375: SHUWEIFAT GAP

1. SCHNEIDER (MURPHY'S CURRENT DEPUTY) TELEPHONED LATER THIS EVENING TO SAY THAT HE HAD TOLD BARTHOLEMW AND RUMSFELD'S PARTY OF MY REPRESENTATIONS THIS AFTERNOON.

2. BARTHOLEMW HAD SAID THAT HE HAD SEEN SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT OVER THE PAST TWO DAYS AND THAT HE HAD AN EXPLICIT AFFIRMATION THAT THEY WERE NOT GOING IMMEDIATELY TO TRY TO CLOSE THE SHUWEIFAT GAP. BARTHOLEMW WAS CONFIDENT THAT HE HAD RAISED ENOUGH QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSED THE ISSUE SUFFICIENTLY FOR THE LEBANESE NOW TO BE QUITE CLEAR ABOUT U.S. CONCERNS.

3. SCHNEIDER ADDED THAT BARTHOLEMW HOPED TO DISCUSS ALL THIS WITH MIERS EARLY TOMORROW.

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