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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

THROUGH: Under Secretary of Defense for Policy *77* 05 AUG 1982

SUBJECT: Travel of Retired General Level Officers to Israel
and Lebanon (U) -- INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

B'nai B'rith is sponsoring the travel of eight retired US general level officers (Tab A) to Israel and Lebanon. From a US Government standpoint, the current very sensitive and complex situation in the region make it imprudent for these personnel to visit Israel and Lebanon. The tentative agenda for these personnel includes visiting Tyre, Sidon and Beirut and meetings with Gemeyel and Haddad (Tab B); this could clearly create serious problems for US regional policies. The group has been informed of the DoD and State Department views on this subject, but they did not cancel the trip. The group will receive no DoD briefings or official support from the Embassy in Tel Aviv. The group arrives in Israel on 4 August.

There appears to be no legal grounds for stopping this visit, according to General Counsel and the State Department. The only course of action we can follow is to completely disassociate the US Government from this group in an attempt to limit the damage an event like this might cause to our efforts in the region.

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Casper W. Weinberger
6 AUG 1982

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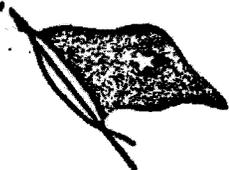
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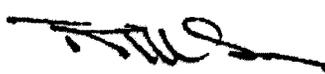
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NOTE FOR DAS

SUBJ: Retired Officers Visit to Lebanon and
Israel Sponsored by B'NAI B'RITH

1. Reference my note 28 Jul 82.
2. A revised list of the ~~nine~~⁸ general officers traveling to Lebanon and Israel 4-11 Aug 82 includes Generals Harold K. Johnson, Sydney B. Berry, Charles T. Hall, Hugh F. T. Hoffman, ~~Orwin C. Talbott~~, Harry Kinnard, Jesse M. Allen, George Patton, and Richard Carr (USAF).
3. Tentative agenda is attached. This will be provided to the DAOs in Beirut and Tel Aviv.
4. OACSI will provide an intelligence update and security briefing to five members of the group (Generals Kinnard, Allen, Hoffman, Talbott, and Carr) 1030 hours, 3 Aug in OACSI Conference Room. Group will be advised that the Army neither encourages nor endorses their travel at this time.

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Brigadier General, USA
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MISSION

observe & Review Lebanese Offensive

TENTATIVE AGENDA:

- A. 1 1/2 days in Lebanon
- B. Meetings with Israeli Commanders in Lebanon
- C. Visit Tyre, Sidon & Beirut
- D. Meetings
 1. Prime Minister Begin
 2. Defense Minister Ariel Sharon
 3. Kitzhak Rabin - Member of Israeli Parliament
Former Prime Minister & C/S
 4. MG Sharon Yariv, Ret. - Director of Center for Strategic
Studies Tel Aviv University
Former Military Chief - Intelligence
 5. MG Moshe Peled, Ret. - Former Chief of Staff
 6. MG Ehud Brug - Chief of Army Planning
 7. LTC Rafael Eytan - C/S Israeli Defense Forces
 8. Mr. Eliahu Ben-Elissar - Chrmn. Foreign Affairs & Defense
Commander, Israeli Parliament, Former
Israeli Ambassador to Egypt
- E. Visit new tank base
- F. Visit Aircraft Industries
- G. Meetings
 1. MG Wehoshua Seguy - Chief Israeli Military Intelligence
 2. LTC Mordechai Gur, Ret. - Member of Israeli Parliament
Former C/S
- H. Meetings - Lebanon
 1. Mr. Dashir Gemeyel - Military Commander Lebanese Forces
(Phalangist Party)
 2. Maj. Saad Haddad - Commander of Lebanese Christian
Militia in S. Lebanon