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1. (S/NF/SK) MISSION: Provide a weekly update on the location and projected release of the hostages in Lebanon, specifically regarding LTC Higgins, the other US hostages, Terry Waite, Rudolf Cordes and the two Israeli hostages.

2. (S/NF/SK) VIEWER TASKING: Viewer tasked as in Para 1, above.

3. (S/NF/SK) COMMENTS: No inclemencies noted. Polhill to be addressed in a separate session. Negotiations or the potential for negotiations appears to have facilitated and made the release of the hostages, particularly Higgins, more imminent. *a separate, distinct effort is needed to deal with Polhill.*

4. (S/NF/SK): EVALUATION:

Summary is attached.

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

The two Israeli soldiers being held hostage remain located at the Daytime Hotel. The Daytime Hotel is located about four blocks north of the Mesrobian School (ENCLOSURE 1). In the area bounded by the Mesrobian School and Burj Hammud is a square, brown structure made of concrete. On the side (as opposed to the front) of the building is a large sign bearing the "red" letter "T" (See ENCLOSURE 2). The letter "T" is the start of a word that advertises the services of a transportation company. The building bearing the letter "T" is used to provide logistical support to the captors responsible for guarding the Israeli hostages. The captors use a "Ford Bronco" to from the building bearing the letter "T" to the Daytime Hotel. The key in determining the location of the Israeli soldiers is to determine (and follow?) personnel attending meetings in the north wing of the Mesrobian School; meetings are held in a patio type area.

USMC LTC Higgins is currently being held hostage at Ayn Nub (ENCLOSURE 3). The intent is to get as close as possible to the International Airport in Beirut. The Airport is called upon to play a significant roll in the release of Higgins Meetings and discussions regarding Higgins are being held at Suq Al Gharb (ENCLOSURE 3). Within the framework of predictability and in view of current events, the release of Higgins from captivity is estimated as occurring as late July or early August 1988. Higgins is being moved from one place to the next on an

intermittent basis.

Analysts believe that Thomas Sutherland is currently located in an area nine miles south of the Mesrobian School. Sutherland is not at that location although another hostage (not further identified) is. (This data previously and substantially reported on 12 July 1988). Sutherland is currently located about seven miles south of Terry Waite in an area called Hawsh al Harimah. See ENCLOSURE 4.

Edward Tracy is the hostage most trusted by the captors. He has the most access to outside, available data which he is using to advantage. The captors think of him as a go-between; Tracy is quiet, subtle, and applies this knowledge constructively. Cicippio and Steen remain in an underground and uncomfortable environment in an area located about six miles south of the "military barracks". Efforts should not be made to locate and free them; however, they should be given priority consideration for an early release through negotiations.

Terry Waite's current location in the Beqa Valley is identified at ENCLOSURE 4. Terry Anderson is located about seven miles southeast of Waite in an area identified as the "Arab Ruins" (ENCLOSURE 4).