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011. paper	Summit of the Peacemakers, Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt (2 pages)	03/00/1996	P1/b(1)
012. paper	Meeting with King Hassan II of Morocco (2 pages)	03/00/1996	P1/b(1)

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022. talking points	Talking Points for the President's Meeting with Prime Minister Shimon Peres of Israel (Aboard Air Force One) (1 page)	03/00/1996	P1/b(1)
023. paper	Meeting with Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert (1 page)	03/00/1996	P1/b(1)
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029. paper	Meeting with Israeli Likud Opposition Leader Benyamin "Bibi" Netanyahu (1 page)	03/00/1996	P1/b(1)
030. report	U.S. Government Report (2 pages)	03/06/1996	P1/b(1)
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WASHINGTON

March 11, 1996

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE ✓

SUBJECT: Your Trip to the Middle East

This briefing book contains memoranda on the events and your individual meetings in Egypt and Israel, March 13-14, 1996.

Overview Memoranda

Schedule of Key Events
Scope Memorandum

Meeting Papers

Egypt

Arrival Ceremony in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt
Meeting with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt
Meeting with President Boris Yeltsin of Russia
Meeting with Prime Minister Shimon Peres of Israel
Summit Opening Statements
Summit Meeting
Chairmen's Statement and Press Conference
Meeting with King Hassan II of Morocco
Meeting with Prime Minister John Major of United Kingdom
Meeting with Chairman Yasir Arafat
Meeting with Representatives of 82nd Airborne Division
Meeting with Prime Minister Shimon Peres Aboard Air Force One

Israel

Arrival Ceremony in Tel Aviv, Israel
Meeting with Yossi Olmert, Mayor of the City of Jerusalem
Meeting with President Ezer Weizman of Israel
Meeting with Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Security Cabinet
Meeting with Opposition Leader Benjamin Netanyahu
Meeting with Mrs. Leah Rabin
Visit to Grave Sites
Remarks to the People of Israel
Press Qs and As

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Wednesday, March 13

8:05 - 8:15 a.m.	Arrival Ceremony in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt
8:35 - 9:35 a.m.	Meeting with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt
9:45 - 10:05 a.m.	Meeting with President Boris Yeltsin of Russia
10:15 - 10:30 a.m.	Meeting with Prime Minister Shimon Peres of Israel
11:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Summit Meeting Opening Statements
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	Summit Meeting
2:45 - 3:00 p.m.	Official Photo with Meeting Participants
3:05 - 3:30 p.m.	Debrief of Summit Meeting
3:30 - 4:00 p.m.	Chairmen's Statement and Press Conference
4:05 - 4:20 p.m.	Stop-by Buffet Lunch Hosted by President Hosni Mubarak
4:30 - 4:50 p.m.	Meeting with King Hassan II of Morocco
5:00 - 5:20 p.m.	Meeting with Prime Minister John Major of United Kingdom
5:30 - 5:50 p.m.	Meeting with Chairman Yasir Arafat
5:55 - 6:00 p.m.	Meet with Representatives of the 82nd Airborne Division
7:50 - 8:00 p.m.	Arrival Ceremony in Tel Aviv, Israel
8:05 - 8:20 p.m.	Arrival Statement with Prime Minister Shimon Peres and President Ezer Weizman of Israel
TBD	Meeting with Yossi Olmert, Mayor of the City of Jerusalem
9:15 - 9:45 p.m.	Meeting with President Ezer Weizman of Israel

Thursday, March 14

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Meeting with Prime Minister Shimon Peres of Israel and His Security Cabinet
11:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Press Statement
12:00 - 12:15 p.m.	Meeting with Opposition Leader Benyamin Netanyahu
1:20 - 1:30 p.m.	Meeting with Mrs. Leah Rabin
1:50 - 2:30 p.m.	Visit to the Grave Site of Yitzak Rabin and Others Victims of Recent Bombings
3:45 - 4:30 p.m.	Remarks to the People of Israel

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Shimon PERES
(Phonetic: PEHress)

Prime Minister, Minister of Defense (since November 1995)

Addressed as: *Mr. Prime Minister* 3.5c

Longtime Labor Party politician Shimon Peres became Prime Minister for the second time following the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin in November 1995. According to 1.4c, 1.4d press reporting, the spate of terrorist bombings inside Israel has disintegrated the generally positive reviews Peres won from the Israeli public immediately after the assassination. These reports say the Israeli public remains polarized over the peace process.

1.4c, 1.4d
Israel is scheduled to hold prime-ministerial and Knesset elections on 29 May 1996. Public opinion polls taken before the early 3 March bombing in Jerusalem showed Peres and his leading opponent, Likud Party chairman Binyamin Netanyahu, in a virtual tie. 3.5c

Labor's Leading Dove 3.5c

Peres has long been more willing to compromise on the West Bank and Gaza Strip than many other members of the Labor Party have been, according to 1.4c, 1.4d press accounts. He was an early supporter of negotiations with the Palestinians, and, as Foreign Minister, worked closely with PLO Chairman Yasir Arafat to facilitate Israeli-Palestinian negotiations. He shared the Nobel Peace Prize in 1994 with Arafat and Rabin for their joint efforts in bringing about the Gaza-Jericho accord on limited Palestinian autonomy, which was signed in September 1993. Peres was an architect of the interim agreement on Palestinian self-rule signed by Rabin and Arafat in September 1995. Peres's public statements since becoming Prime Minister suggest that he has been more eager than Rabin was to accelerate peace talks with the Syrians. 3.5c

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According to 1.4c, 1.4d Israeli press reports, Peres has sought to unite diverse domestic constituencies with his Cabinet choices, which include members of his party's hawkish wing and moderate members of Israel's religious community. Peres brings vast government experience to his post—he served previously as Foreign Minister (1992-November 1995), Finance Minister (1988-90), Prime Minister (1984-86), and Defense Minister (1973-77). 3.5c

1.4c, 1.4d

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Career and Personal Data 3.5c

Peres was born on 15 August 1923 in Vishneva, Poland (now Belarus). He immigrated to Palestine in 1934. During the 1940s he was a member of Haganah, the prestate underground army, and he became a protege of David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister. From 1950 until 1952, Peres was chief of the Ministry of Defense Supply Mission in New York; he also studied at Harvard University and at the New School for Social Research. Peres became a Knesset member in 1959. As director general of the Ministry of Defense during 1953-65 and later as Deputy Minister, he was active in expanding and modernizing Israel's military industry. 3.5c

Peres resigned from the Defense Ministry in 1965 to concentrate on party matters. In the late 1960s he rejoined the government, and during 1969-77 he served successively as Minister Without Portfolio (with special responsibility for the occupied

territories), Minister of Transportation and Communications, and Minister of Defense. 3.5c

In 1984, Peres gained the prime-ministership under a rotation arrangement with Yitzhak Shamir that set up a Likud-Labor national unity government. During his term, the Israeli press widely credited Peres with several accomplishments, including the introduction of an economic stabilization program, a large-scale troop withdrawal from Lebanon, and an improvement in relations with Egypt. In 1986 he switched places with Shamir to become Foreign Minister. He was appointed Finance Minister in 1988 during the second unity government. 3.5c

1.4c, 1.4d, 3.5c

Peres underwent successful prostate surgery in early 1989; since then he has been hospitalized twice with urinary tract infections, according to the press. He speaks English, French, and Hebrew. Peres is an avid reader and has published several books. He is married and has three children. In October 1992, Peres's wife, Sonia, suffered a heart attack, according to press reports. 3.5c

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**MEET WITH REPS OF
82ND AIRBORNE DIV.**

MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION

OVERVIEW

There are approximately 1,000 U.S. soldiers assigned to the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO). The largest unit is the 3rd Battalion of the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, commanded by **Lieutenant Colonel Frank Helmick**. Infantry battalions rotate to the Sinai on a six-month basis. The 3/504th deployed from Ft. Bragg in January 1996 and returns in July.

Since 1982 the MFO has performed its peacekeeping mission under the 1979 Treaty of Peace between Egypt and Israel and the 1981 Protocol to the Treaty. It lies outside the UN system, with its own legal personality pursuant to the Protocol. The MFO operates checkpoints, patrols and observation posts along the international boundary and ensures freedom of navigation through the Strait of Tiran. The MFO mandate does not include security, per se, of the border between Egypt and Israel. Antismuggling and antiterrorist protection of the frontier is the responsibility of Egyptian and Israeli authorities.

MFO operates two main camps and 31 remote sites manned by personnel from three light infantry battalions from the United States, Fiji and Colombia. About 1,950 troops from eleven countries participate in the MFO, which is commanded by an Australian, **Major General David Ferguson**. The MFO Chief of Staff is an American, **Colonel Frank Taddonio, USA**.

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TALKING POINTS FOR THE PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH
JERUSALEM MAYOR EHUD OLMERT

- Want you to know how deeply saddened all Americans are at these terrible attacks, which have struck so brutally in this beautiful city of peace.
- On their behalf, honored to be able to express solidarity of United States with citizens of Jerusalem at this difficult time.

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1.4c, 3.5c

Ezer WEIZMAN
(Phonetic: VITESmahn)

President (since 1993)

Addressed as: Mr. President 3.5c

I have no executive power, but I have the power of influence.

Weizman, on the presidency, 1994

Ezer Weizman plays an active role in Israeli political life despite having little official authority in policy decisionmaking. He has transcended the mostly ceremonial duties of the presidency by casting himself as the people's president and by making frequent visits to local communities to discuss the concerns of the man on the street, according to Israeli media reports. [redacted]

1.4c, 1.4d, 3.5c

Weizman does not hesitate to speak out on controversial political issues even when it contradicts government policy, according to [redacted] 1.4c, 1.4d press reporting. In the past, the press frequently criticized Weizman for pursuing a foreign policy agenda independent of the government's, including proposing his own Arab-Israeli peace plan and undertaking unsanctioned diplomatic missions. 3.5c

In recent years, his reactions to Palestinian terrorist attacks have been among the harshest of any Israeli official. After the February and March 1996 suicide bombings in several Israeli cities, he publicly called for a suspension of the peace process. Weizman also demanded that PLO Chairman Yasir Arafat immediately annul the Palestinian charter. He also said that Israel must launch an "all-out offensive" against terrorism. [redacted]

3.5c

Weizman is popular in Israel as one of the last of the country's great founding soldier-statesmen, according to Israeli commentators. They note that,

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although his foreign affairs duties are largely representational, Weizman's stature has made him useful as an alternative foreign policy interlocutor with Arab states. For example, in December 1994 Weizman traveled to Cairo, where he appealed to Egyptian officials to drop their demand that Israel sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty as a condition of Egypt's signing [redacted]

1.4c, 1.4d

Seeking the Epicenter 3.5c

During his career Weizman has typically sought out and played instrumental roles at key turning points in Israeli military and political history. As both the father of the Israeli air force and a former air force Chief of Staff, he is generally credited with developing the air power strategy crucial to Israel's victory in the 1967 Arab-Israeli war. In 1977 Weizman, then the Likud bloc's campaign manager, orchestrated Likud's first Knesset election victory, overturning nearly 30 years of Labor Party dominance. In 1980 he bolted the Likud Party and, after briefly heading his own Yahad Party, joined the Labor Party in 1984. [redacted]

3.5c

Weizman, who made a dramatic political conversion from hawk to dove in the late 1970s, speaks his mind bluntly on peace issues without apparent regard for his party affiliation. Many of Weizman's close associates attributed his conversion to the hurt he felt when his only son,

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1.4c, 3.5c

crewman at the outbreak of World War II and eventually won his pilot's wings and an officer's commission. After the war he studied aeronautics in the United Kingdom for a year before returning to what was then British Mandate Palestine. He headed the air branch of Haganah—a prestate Jewish underground organization—and was instrumental in acquiring aircraft and in organizing the Israeli air force. After independence Weizman held a number of positions of increasing responsibility in the IDF, including those of air force commander and IDF Deputy Chief of Staff.

3.5c

1.4c, 1.4d, 3.5c

After retiring from active duty in 1969, Weizman joined the Gahal Party (precursor of the Likud Party) and served in then Prime Minister (1969-74) Golda Meir's unity government as Minister of Transport and Communications. In 1970 he resigned from the government in order to form an aviation parts company. He remained active in Likud and reentered politics full-time in 1977 as its campaign manager, subsequently serving as Minister of Defense under then Prime Minister Menachem Begin. Weizman resigned from that post in 1980 after charging Begin with hampering the peace process. During 1980-84, Weizman was again active in private business.

3.5c

Weizman's support for Labor's efforts to form a coalition after Knesset elections in 1984 won him the largely ceremonial post of Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister in the Labor-Likud unity government formed that year. Weizman was Minister of Science and Technology from 1989 until 1990. He resigned suddenly from the Knesset and party politics in 1992, claiming that then Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir had missed opportunities to forward the peace process.

1.4c, 1.4d, 3.5c

Shaul, was seriously injured on the Egyptian front in the early 1970s. As a Likud-government Minister of Defense during 1977-80, he was instrumental in the negotiations between Israel and Egypt that led to the 1978 Camp David accords. More recently [redacted] he opposed the interim agreement Israel reached with the Palestinians in September 1995 because it was concluded too hastily.

3.5c

Career and Personal Data

3.5c

Weizman was born in 1924 in Tel Aviv. He joined the British Royal Air Force as a ground

Weizman speaks English. He and his wife, Reuma, have a daughter, Michal. The Weizmans' son died in an auto accident in 1991. Weizman is the nephew of Chaim Weizmann, Israel's first president.

3.5c

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BENYAMIN "BIBI" NETANYAHU

- Today, as before, we meet at time of sadness and anger. My message to people of Israel has been one of solidarity, consolation and assurance. America will be with them in bad times as well as good.
- Israel has experienced terrible tragedies. We in United States know your feelings all too well.
- Welcome your thoughts.

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Summit of the Peace Makers

Arafat and the Palestinian Authority

Q: Is Chairman Arafat doing enough to deal with the terrorist problem?

A: -- It is essential that everything possible be done by all those who support peace to combat the terror which threatens the peace process. The attacks in Israel are directed at Chairman Arafat, the Palestinian Authority and the hopes of the Palestinian people for a better future, as much as they have targeted innocent Israeli citizens.

-- Chairman Arafat has taken positive steps. But he must act in a sustained and consistent manner to confront the terrorists and dismantle permanently their infrastructure.

-- He and his security forces must move decisively now against those who have betrayed the Palestinian people and his leadership.

Q: Didn't Chairman Arafat make a mistake in trying to co-opt Hamas?

A: -- In retrospect, clearly more could have been done. But the focus now must be upon how to bring to a stop the murderous attacks which threaten the peace we have all worked so long to build.

-- Chairman Arafat must act decisively now against the enemies of peace. We will stand by him -- and the Palestinian people -- as he takes on this challenge.

Status of U.S. Aid to the Palestinians

Q: Why is the United States continuing to provide funds to the Palestinians in the wake of the terror attacks?

A: -- Chairman Arafat and the Palestinian Authority have begun to take important steps. They need to continue to take decisive action, sustained over time, to confront terror.

-- Denying aid to the Palestinians now would both undercut Arafat's ability to take these steps and contribute nothing to Israel's security.

Goals of the Summit

Q: Isn't this just about saving Shimon Peres' political life?

A: -- This summit is about sending a message to those who resort to violence that they will not succeed.

-- It will provide a forum for discussing how those committed to peace can work together to prevent future acts of terror, to strengthen the security of all those engaged in the search for peace and to create an environment in which negotiations have the best chance to succeed.

-- In the past, many of the regional and international leaders who will be present had assembled to celebrate major milestones on the road to a comprehensive peace in the Middle East.

-- This time, they gather to confront a clear and present danger to the peace process itself.

Q: Isn't this just a photo opportunity?

A: -- No. It will be an unprecedented event.

-- In the past, many of the regional and international leaders who will be present had assembled to celebrate major milestones on the road to a comprehensive peace in the Middle East.

-- This time, they gather to confront a clear and present danger to the peace process itself.

Q: What do you expect it to produce?

A: -- The summit is an opportunity to demonstrate that something has changed in the region.

-- Israel no longer stands alone in confronting terrorists opposed to peace.

-- It has partners in the region and throughout the world prepared to stand beside it in making clear that peace is stronger than violence.

-- The summit will provide a forum for discussing how those committed to peace can work together to prevent future acts of terror, to strengthen the security of all those engaged in the search for peace and to create

an environment in which negotiations have the best chance to succeed.

Syrian Response to Summit

Q: What is your reaction to the Syrian suggestion of reconvening the Madrid Peace Conference?

- A: -- The immediate focus by all those who support peace needs to be on the threat posed to the peace process itself by terror.
- The Summit of the Peacemakers is intended to address just this threat. Its focus will be upon condemnation of the terrorist attacks in Israel, confronting those who would kill hopes throughout the region for peace and to sustain and enhance the peace process and the goal of a comprehensive and lasting settlement in the Middle East.
- (If pressed) Reconvening the Madrid Conference is not an option we are considering.
- (If pressed on whether the Syrian response means that they will not be attending the Summit) Syria has been invited to attend, and I hope they are represented at the table; I would refer any questions regarding their decision on that invitation to Damascus.

Q: How could you consider inviting Syria -- a country on the terrorism list -- to a Summit about combatting terror?

- A: -- Syria has been a key participant in the Middle East peace process since the Madrid Conference and have been engaged in serious and substantive peace negotiations with Israel. It is appropriate that they be present at this Summit, which will focus on the threats posed by terror to the peace process.

U.S.-Israel Bilateral Issues

U.S. Aid to Israel on Countering Terror

Q: What unilateral steps is the U.S. taking to help Israel deal with the terrorist bombings?

- A: -- I have pledged to Prime Minister Peres that the United States will work with Israel and our friends in the Middle East to stop the killing, bring the criminals to

justice and permit the process of peacemaking to continue.

-- We have already taken a number of concrete steps to support these goals.

- We transferred to Israel sophisticated equipment for detecting explosives.
- We sent American specialists to work with their Israeli colleagues on strengthening anti-terrorism measures.
- We are working on a comprehensive package of training, technical assistance and equipment to improve anti-terrorism cooperation among Israel, Palestinians and regional governments.

U.S.-Israel Counter-Terrorism Agreement

Q: Will Israel and the United States be signing a counter-terrorism agreement?

A: -- We will be considering how best to cooperate to combat terror. I may have more to say on this after my meeting with the Prime Minister.

Jonathan Pollard

Q: Isn't Jonathan Pollard's sentence excessive given that the country to which he passed information, Israel, is a friend and an ally? Are you still considering a pardon for Pollard?

A: -- Jonathan Pollard was tried and sentenced according to the law.

Q: If Prime Minister Peres requests clemency for Jonathan Pollard, what will be your response?

A: -- I have stated that if Mr. Pollard requests executive clemency, I will, of course, review that request, as I would anyone who requested it. But he has to make a request, and it has to come through the ordinary channels before I can do that.

-- (If pressed) I understand that the Justice Department has received a request for clemency and is now considering it according to their procedures.

U.S.-Israel Security Ties

Q: Will the United States agree to a U.S.-Israel Defense treaty?

A: -- Our commitment to the security and well-being of Israel is ironclad. I have made clear that I am dedicated to sustaining and enhancing Israel's qualitative advantage and that the security of Israel is one of the main pillars of America's defense commitments. This will remain fundamental as Israel and the United States proceed toward our shared goal of a lasting and comprehensive peace.

-- (If pressed on whether a treaty or pact is under consideration) When we can identify ways to cooperate further to enhance Israel's security, we will be interested in pursuing them. Precisely what forms that might take, we will be considering together.

South Lebanon and Security

Q: Four Israeli soldiers have just been killed in South Lebanon. What is the United States doing to increase security for Israel's northern border and in southern Lebanon?

A: -- A comprehensive peace, which includes treaties between Israel and Lebanon and Israel and Syria, must include guarantees for the security of Israel's border. We are doing all we can to help make such a peace possible.

Jerusalem

Q: What is the U.S. position on the status of the city of Jerusalem?

A: -- Clearly, this is the most sensitive and emotional issue for all sides. Israel and the Palestinians have said that they will discuss this issue directly in the context of final status negotiations.

-- I remain convinced that it is unwise for the United States to take actions that could be interpreted as prejudicing these discussions or which could harm the chances of reaching a final settlement.

-- Accordingly, when the Congress passed the law requiring that the U.S. embassy be transferred to Jerusalem, I did not sign this legislation.

Q: Does you still intend to keep the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv?

A: -- There is no issue more sensitive than the question of Jerusalem. I have said I will use my authority as necessary or appropriate to ensure that no steps are taken that could be interpreted as preempting the negotiating process, which has been agreed to between Israel and the Palestinians themselves.

Syria/Lebanon Peace Negotiations and U.S.-Syrian Relations

Status of the Syrian Negotiating Track

Q: Do you still think it will be possible to conclude an Israeli-Syrian peace treaty this year?

A: -- We are convinced that agreement is possible this year, but we also know that one can't impose artificial timetables. The pace of the talks will depend on the progress the parties are able to make.

-- We were very pleased and encouraged by the progress made in the Wye Plantation talks before they were interrupted by these tragic events.

-- I think that the tremendous response to the Summit of Peace Makers has demonstrated that the international community remains united and determined to aid the peace process. This kind of support suggests that any obstacles, even ones as horrible as what Israel has endured in the last two weeks, can be overcome.

Q: Have early elections in Israel made this impossible?

A: -- Prime Minister Peres has indicated publicly that his approach to the Syria track will be guided solely by his assessment of prospects for achieving an agreement. I believe he is serious about getting an agreement this year, and I believe President Asad is, too.

Q: But Israel has said that talks will not resume unless Syria condemns the terrorist attacks which have taken place.

A: -- All parties working to bring peace to the region should condemn attacks which are directed against the peace process.

-- (If pressed) I believe there should have been a condemnation. I do not understand why that has not happened.

Q: What will the United States be prepared to do to support an agreement in economic terms or in terms of sending U.S. forces to the Golan?

A: -- For our part, we're prepared to do whatever we can to help the two sides achieve a just and enduring peace; I think our intense diplomatic activity over the past several months has made that clear.

-- If requested by both parties, the United States is prepared, in principle, and subject to consultations with the Congress, to participate in security arrangements in support of an Israel-Syria peace treaty.

-- The parties are only in the preliminary stages of discussing security arrangements, and no request for possible U.S. participation has been made.

Bilateral U.S.-Syrian Relations

Q: Does the United States plan to normalize relations with Syria in the near future?

A: -- The United States has long expressed its hope for improved bilateral relations with Syria.

-- However, such an improvement in bilateral relations will have to follow a judgment by the United States that Syrian conduct with regard to issues such as terrorism and narcotics trafficking are no longer an obstacle to improved ties.

-- We hope that in the context of Israel-Syria peace, we will see progress on these issues which could lead to improvement.

Q: Then how do you explain recent high-level U.S. diplomatic visits such as that by senior State Department officials in February?

A: -- Secretary Christopher has noted the importance of the economic dimension to the peace process. For the United States to play our role in helping achieve a comprehensive settlement, we need to assist the parties

in developing an economic relationship, as well as a security and political relationship.

- We have sent our officials to Damascus to get a sense of Syria's economic priorities and expectations and to improve our understanding of their economic situation and needs.

Status of the Lebanon Negotiations

Q: What are the prospects for peace between Lebanon and Israel? Is the United States pressing Syria to allow Lebanon to move forward in negotiations with Israel?

A: -- The United States looks forward to progress on peace negotiations between Israel and Lebanon.

- It has long been U.S. policy to support a sovereign, independent Lebanon free from all foreign forces.

Q: Does the United States view progress on the Lebanese track as contingent upon progress on the Syria track?

A: -- The United States views Lebanese Israeli negotiations independently from all other negotiations. They stand on their own.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE ✓

SUBJECT: Your Trip to the Middle East

This briefing book contains memoranda on the events and your individual meetings in Egypt and Israel, March 13-14, 1996.

Overview Memoranda

Schedule of Key Events
Scope Memorandum

Meeting Papers

Egypt

Arrival Ceremony in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt
Meeting with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt
Meeting with President Boris Yeltsin of Russia
Meeting with Prime Minister Shimon Peres of Israel
Summit Opening Statements
Summit Meeting
Chairmen's Statement and Press Conference
Meeting with King Hassan II of Morocco
Meeting with Prime Minister John Major of United Kingdom
Meeting with Chairman Yasir Arafat
Meeting with Representatives of 82nd Airborne Division
Meeting with Prime Minister Shimon Peres Aboard Air Force One

Israel

Arrival Ceremony in Tel Aviv, Israel
Meeting with Yossi Olmert, Mayor of the City of Jerusalem
Meeting with President Ezer Weizman of Israel
Meeting with Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Security Cabinet
Meeting with Opposition Leader Benyamin Netanyahu
Meeting with Mrs. Leah Rabin
Visit to Grave Sites
Remarks to the People of Israel
Press Qs and As

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Wednesday, March 13

8:05 - 8:15 a.m.	Arrival Ceremony in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt
8:35 - 9:35 a.m.	Meeting with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt
9:45 - 10:05 a.m.	Meeting with President Boris Yeltsin of Russia
10:15 - 10:30 a.m.	Meeting with Prime Minister Shimon Peres of Israel
11:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Summit Meeting Opening Statements
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	Summit Meeting
2:45 - 3:00 p.m.	Official Photo with Meeting Participants
3:05 - 3:30 p.m.	Debrief of Summit Meeting
3:30 - 4:00 p.m.	Chairmen's Statement and Press Conference
4:05 - 4:20 p.m.	Stop-by Buffet Lunch Hosted by President Hosni Mubarak
4:30 - 4:50 p.m.	Meeting with King Hassan II of Morocco
5:00 - 5:20 p.m.	Meeting with Prime Minister John Major of United Kingdom
5:30 - 5:50 p.m.	Meeting with Chairman Yasir Arafat
5:55 - 6:00 p.m.	Meet with Representatives of the 82nd Airborne Division
7:50 - 8:00 p.m.	Arrival Ceremony in Tel Aviv, Israel
8:05 - 8:20 p.m.	Arrival Statement with Prime Minister Shimon Peres and President Ezer Weizman of Israel
TBD	Meeting with Yossi Olmert, Mayor of the City of Jerusalem
9:15 - 9:45 p.m.	Meeting with President Ezer Weizman of Israel

Thursday, March 14

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Meeting with Prime Minister Shimon Peres of Israel and His Security Cabinet
11:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Press Statement
12:00 - 12:15 p.m.	Meeting with Opposition Leader Benyamin Netanyahu
1:20 - 1:30 p.m.	Meeting with Mrs. Leah Rabin
1:50 - 2:30 p.m.	Visit to the Grave Site of Yitzak Rabin and Others Victims of Recent Bombings
3:45 - 4:30 p.m.	Remarks to the People of Israel

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Shimon PERES
(Phonetic: PEHress)

ISRAEL

Prime Minister, Minister of Defense (since November 1995)

Addressed as: Mr. Prime Minister [3.5c]



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Longtime Labor Party politician Shimon Peres became Prime Minister for the second time following the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin in November 1995. According to [1.4c, 1.4d] press reporting, the spate of terrorist bombings inside Israel has disintegrated the generally positive reviews Peres won from the Israeli public immediately after the assassination. These reports say the Israeli public remains polarized over the peace process. [redacted]

[redacted] 1.4c, 1.4d
[redacted] Israel is scheduled to hold prime-ministerial and Knesset elections on 29 May 1996. Public opinion polls taken before the early 3 March bombing in Jerusalem showed Peres and his leading opponent, Likud Party chairman Binyamin Netanyahu, in a virtual tie. [3.5c]

Labor's Leading Dove [3.5c]

Peres has long been more willing to compromise on the West Bank and Gaza Strip than many other members of the Labor Party have been, according to [1.4c, 1.4d] press accounts. He was an early supporter of negotiations with the Palestinians, and, as Foreign Minister, worked closely with PLO Chairman Yasir Arafat to facilitate Israeli-Palestinian negotiations. He shared the Nobel Peace Prize in 1994 with Arafat and Rabin for their joint efforts in bringing about the Gaza-Jericho accord on limited Palestinian autonomy, which was signed in September 1993. Peres was an architect of the interim agreement on Palestinian self-rule signed by Rabin and Arafat in September 1995. Peres's public statements since becoming Prime Minister suggest that he has been more eager than Rabin was to accelerate peace talks with the Syrians. [3.5c]

According to [1.4c, 1.4d] Israeli press reports, Peres has sought to unite diverse domestic constituencies with his Cabinet choices, which include members of his party's hawkish wing and moderate members of Israel's religious community. Peres brings vast government experience to his post—he served previously as Foreign Minister (1992-November 1995), Finance Minister (1988-90), Prime Minister (1984-86), and Defense Minister (1973-77). [3.5c]

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Career and Personal Data 3.5c

Peres was born on 15 August 1923 in Vishneva, Poland (now Belarus). He immigrated to Palestine in 1934. During the 1940s he was a member of Haganah, the prestate underground army, and he became a protege of David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister. From 1950 until 1952, Peres was chief of the Ministry of Defense Supply Mission in New York; he also studied at Harvard University and at the New School for Social Research. Peres became a Knesset member in 1959. As director general of the Ministry of Defense during 1953-65 and later as Deputy Minister, he was active in expanding and modernizing Israel's military industry. 3.5c

Peres resigned from the Defense Ministry in 1965 to concentrate on party matters. In the late 1960s he rejoined the government, and during 1969-77 he served successively as Minister Without Portfolio (with special responsibility for the occupied

territories), Minister of Transportation and Communications, and Minister of Defense. 3.5c

In 1984, Peres gained the prime-ministership under a rotation arrangement with Yitzhak Shamir that set up a Likud-Labor national unity government. During his term, the Israeli press widely credited Peres with several accomplishments, including the introduction of an economic stabilization program, a large-scale troop withdrawal from Lebanon, and an improvement in relations with Egypt. In 1986 he switched places with Shamir to become Foreign Minister. He was appointed Finance Minister in 1988 during the second unity government. 3.5c

1.4c, 1.4d, 3.5c

Peres underwent successful prostate surgery in early 1989; since then he has been hospitalized twice with urinary tract infections, according to the press. He speaks English, French, and Hebrew. Peres is an avid reader and has published several books. He is married and has three children. In October 1992, Peres's wife, Sonia, suffered a heart attack, according to press reports. 3.5c

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**MEET WITH REPS OF
82ND AIRBORNE DIV.**

MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION

OVERVIEW

There are approximately 1,000 U.S. soldiers assigned to the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO). The largest unit is the 3rd Battalion of the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, commanded by **Lieutenant Colonel Frank Helmick**. Infantry battalions rotate to the Sinai on a six-month basis. The 3/504th deployed from Ft. Bragg in January 1996 and returns in July.

Since 1982 the MFO has performed its peacekeeping mission under the 1979 Treaty of Peace between Egypt and Israel and the 1981 Protocol to the Treaty. It lies outside the UN system, with its own legal personality pursuant to the Protocol. The MFO operates checkpoints, patrols and observation posts along the international boundary and ensures freedom of navigation through the Strait of Tiran. The MFO mandate does not include security, per se, of the border between Egypt and Israel. Antismuggling and antiterrorist protection of the frontier is the responsibility of Egyptian and Israeli authorities.

MFO operates two main camps and 31 remote sites manned by personnel from three light infantry battalions from the United States, Fiji and Colombia. About 1,950 troops from eleven countries participate in the MFO, which is commanded by an Australian, **Major General David Ferguson**. The MFO Chief of Staff is an American, **Colonel Frank Taddonio**, USA.

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TALKING POINTS FOR THE PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH
JERUSALEM MAYOR EHUD OLMERT

- Want you to know how deeply saddened all Americans are at these terrible attacks, which have struck so brutally in this beautiful city of peace.
- On their behalf, honored to be able to express solidarity of United States with citizens of Jerusalem at this difficult time.

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1.4c, 3.5c

Ezer WEIZMAN
(Phonetic: VITESmahn)

President (since 1993)

Addressed as: Mr. President 3.5c

I have no executive power, but I have the power of influence.

Weizman, on the presidency, 1994

Ezer Weizman plays an active role in Israeli political life despite having little official authority in policy decisionmaking. He has transcended the mostly ceremonial duties of the presidency by casting himself as the people's president and by making frequent visits to local communities to discuss the concerns of the man on the street, according to Israeli media reports. [redacted]

1.4c, 1.4d, 3.5c

Weizman does not hesitate to speak out on controversial political issues even when it contradicts government policy, according to [redacted] 1.4c, 1.4d press reporting. In the past, the press frequently criticized Weizman for pursuing a foreign policy agenda independent of the government's, including proposing his own Arab-Israeli peace plan and undertaking unsanctioned diplomatic missions. 3.5c

In recent years, his reactions to Palestinian terrorist attacks have been among the harshest of any Israeli official. After the February and March 1996 suicide bombings in several Israeli cities, he publicly called for a suspension of the peace process. Weizman also demanded that PLO Chairman Yasir Arafat immediately annul the Palestinian charter. He also said that Israel must launch an "all-out offensive" against terrorism. [redacted]

3.5c

Weizman is popular in Israel as one of the last of the country's great founding soldier-statesmen, according to Israeli commentators. They note that,

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although his foreign affairs duties are largely representational, Weizman's stature has made him useful as an alternative foreign policy interlocutor with Arab states. For example, in December 1994 Weizman traveled to Cairo, where he appealed to Egyptian officials to drop their demand that Israel sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty as a condition of Egypt's signing [redacted]

1.4c, 1.4d

Seeking the Epicenter 3.5c

During his career Weizman has typically sought out and played instrumental roles at key turning points in Israeli military and political history. As both the father of the Israeli air force and a former air force Chief of Staff, he is generally credited with developing the air power strategy crucial to Israel's victory in the 1967 Arab-Israeli war. In 1977 Weizman, then the Likud bloc's campaign manager, orchestrated Likud's first Knesset election victory, overturning nearly 30 years of Labor Party dominance. In 1980 he bolted the Likud Party and, after briefly heading his own Yahad Party, joined the Labor Party in 1984. [redacted]

3.5c

Weizman, who made a dramatic political conversion from hawk to dove in the late 1970s, speaks his mind bluntly on peace issues without apparent regard for his party affiliation. Many of Weizman's close associates attributed his conversion to the hurt he felt when his only son,

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crewman at the outbreak of World War II and eventually won his pilot's wings and an officer's commission. After the war he studied aeronautics in the United Kingdom for a year before returning to what was then British Mandate Palestine. He headed the air branch of Haganah—a prestate Jewish underground organization—and was instrumental in acquiring aircraft and in organizing the Israeli air force. After independence Weizman held a number of positions of increasing responsibility in the IDF, including those of air force commander and IDF Deputy Chief of Staff.

3.5c

After retiring from active duty in 1969, Weizman joined the Gahal Party (precursor of the Likud Party) and served in then Prime Minister (1969-74) Golda Meir's unity government as Minister of Transport and Communications. In 1970 he resigned from the government in order to form an aviation parts company. He remained active in Likud and reentered politics full-time in 1977 as its campaign manager, subsequently serving as Minister of Defense under then Prime Minister Menachem Begin. Weizman resigned from that post in 1980 after charging Begin with hampering the peace process. During 1980-84, Weizman was again active in private business.

3.5c

Weizman's support for Labor's efforts to form a coalition after Knesset elections in 1984 won him the largely ceremonial post of Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister in the Labor-Likud unity government formed that year. Weizman was Minister of Science and Technology from 1989 until 1990. He resigned suddenly from the Knesset and party politics in 1992, claiming that then Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir had missed opportunities to forward the peace process.

1.4c, 1.4d, 3.5c

Shaul, was seriously injured on the Egyptian front in the early 1970s. As a Likud-government Minister of Defense during 1977-80, he was instrumental in the negotiations between Israel and Egypt that led to the 1978 Camp David accords. More recently he opposed the interim agreement Israel reached with the Palestinians in September 1995 because it was concluded too hastily.

3.5c

Career and Personal Data

3.5c

Weizman was born in 1924 in Tel Aviv. He joined the British Royal Air Force as a ground

Weizman speaks English. He and his wife, Reuma, have a daughter, Michal. The Weizmans' son died in an auto accident in 1991. Weizman is the nephew of Chaim Weizmann, Israel's first president.

3.5c

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TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH
ISRAELI LIKUD OPPOSITION LEADER
BENYAMIN "BIBI" NETANYAHU

- Today, as before, we meet at time of sadness and anger. My message to people of Israel has been one of solidarity, consolation and assurance. America will be with them in bad times as well as good.
- Israel has experienced terrible tragedies. We in United States know your feelings all too well.
- Welcome your thoughts.

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Summit of the Peace Makers

Arafat and the Palestinian Authority

Q: Is Chairman Arafat doing enough to deal with the terrorist problem?

A: -- It is essential that everything possible be done by all those who support peace to combat the terror which threatens the peace process. The attacks in Israel are directed at Chairman Arafat, the Palestinian Authority and the hopes of the Palestinian people for a better future, as much as they have targeted innocent Israeli citizens.

-- Chairman Arafat has taken positive steps. But he must act in a sustained and consistent manner to confront the terrorists and dismantle permanently their infrastructure.

-- He and his security forces must move decisively now against those who have betrayed the Palestinian people and his leadership.

Q: Didn't Chairman Arafat make a mistake in trying to co-opt Hamas?

A: -- In retrospect, clearly more could have been done. But the focus now must be upon how to bring to a stop the murderous attacks which threaten the peace we have all worked so long to build.

-- Chairman Arafat must act decisively now against the enemies of peace. We will stand by him -- and the Palestinian people -- as he takes on this challenge.

Status of U.S. Aid to the Palestinians

Q: Why is the United States continuing to provide funds to the Palestinians in the wake of the terror attacks?

A: -- Chairman Arafat and the Palestinian Authority have begun to take important steps. They need to continue to take decisive action, sustained over time, to confront terror.

-- Denying aid to the Palestinians now would both undercut Arafat's ability to take these steps and contribute nothing to Israel's security.

Goals of the Summit

Q: Isn't this just about saving Shimon Peres' political life?

A: -- This summit is about sending a message to those who resort to violence that they will not succeed.

-- It will provide a forum for discussing how those committed to peace can work together to prevent future acts of terror, to strengthen the security of all those engaged in the search for peace and to create an environment in which negotiations have the best chance to succeed.

-- In the past, many of the regional and international leaders who will be present had assembled to celebrate major milestones on the road to a comprehensive peace in the Middle East.

-- This time, they gather to confront a clear and present danger to the peace process itself.

Q: Isn't this just a photo opportunity?

A: -- No. It will be an unprecedented event.

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-- This time, they gather to confront a clear and present danger to the peace process itself.

Q: What do you expect it to produce?

A: -- The summit is an opportunity to demonstrate that something has changed in the region.

-- Israel no longer stands alone in confronting terrorists opposed to peace.

-- It has partners in the region and throughout the world prepared to stand beside it in making clear that peace is stronger than violence.

-- The summit will provide a forum for discussing how those committed to peace can work together to prevent future acts of terror, to strengthen the security of all those engaged in the search for peace and to create

an environment in which negotiations have the best chance to succeed.

Syrian Response to Summit

Q: What is your reaction to the Syrian suggestion of reconvening the Madrid Peace Conference?

- A: -- The immediate focus by all those who support peace needs to be on the threat posed to the peace process itself by terror.
- The Summit of the Peacemakers is intended to address just this threat. Its focus will be upon condemnation of the terrorist attacks in Israel, confronting those who would kill hopes throughout the region for peace and to sustain and enhance the peace process and the goal of a comprehensive and lasting settlement in the Middle East.
- (If pressed) Reconvening the Madrid Conference is not an option we are considering.
- (If pressed on whether the Syrian response means that they will not be attending the Summit) Syria has been invited to attend, and I hope they are represented at the table; I would refer any questions regarding their decision on that invitation to Damascus.

Q: How could you consider inviting Syria -- a country on the terrorism list -- to a Summit about combatting terror?

- A: -- Syria has been a key participant in the Middle East peace process since the Madrid Conference and have been engaged in serious and substantive peace negotiations with Israel. It is appropriate that they be present at this Summit, which will focus on the threats posed by terror to the peace process.

U.S.-Israel Bilateral Issues

U.S. Aid to Israel on Countering Terror

Q: What unilateral steps is the U.S. taking to help Israel deal with the terrorist bombings?

- A: -- I have pledged to Prime Minister Peres that the United States will work with Israel and our friends in the Middle East to stop the killing, bring the criminals to

justice and permit the process of peacemaking to continue.

- We have already taken a number of concrete steps to support these goals.
- We transferred to Israel sophisticated equipment for detecting explosives.
 - We sent American specialists to work with their Israeli colleagues on strengthening anti-terrorism measures.
 - We are working on a comprehensive package of training, technical assistance and equipment to improve anti-terrorism cooperation among Israel, Palestinians and regional governments.

U.S.-Israel Counter-Terrorism Agreement

Q: Will Israel and the United States be signing a counter-terrorism agreement?

A: -- We will be considering how best to cooperate to combat terror. I may have more to say on this after my meeting with the Prime Minister.

Jonathan Pollard

Q: Isn't Jonathan Pollard's sentence excessive given that the country to which he passed information, Israel, is a friend and an ally? Are you still considering a pardon for Pollard?

A: -- Jonathan Pollard was tried and sentenced according to the law.

Q: If Prime Minister Peres requests clemency for Jonathan Pollard, what will be your response?

A: -- I have stated that if Mr. Pollard requests executive clemency, I will, of course, review that request, as I would anyone who requested it. But he has to make a request, and it has to come through the ordinary channels before I can do that.

-- (If pressed) I understand that the Justice Department has received a request for clemency and is now considering it according to their procedures.

U.S.-Israel Security Ties

Q: Will the United States agree to a U.S.-Israel Defense treaty?

A: -- Our commitment to the security and well-being of Israel is ironclad. I have made clear that I am dedicated to sustaining and enhancing Israel's qualitative advantage and that the security of Israel is one of the main pillars of America's defense commitments. This will remain fundamental as Israel and the United States proceed toward our shared goal of a lasting and comprehensive peace.

-- (If pressed on whether a treaty or pact is under consideration) When we can identify ways to cooperate further to enhance Israel's security, we will be interested in pursuing them. Precisely what forms that might take, we will be considering together.

South Lebanon and Security

Q: Four Israeli soldiers have just been killed in South Lebanon. What is the United States doing to increase security for Israel's northern border and in southern Lebanon?

A: -- A comprehensive peace, which includes treaties between Israel and Lebanon and Israel and Syria, must include guarantees for the security of Israel's border. We are doing all we can to help make such a peace possible.

Jerusalem

Q: What is the U.S. position on the status of the city of Jerusalem?

A: -- Clearly, this is the most sensitive and emotional issue for all sides. Israel and the Palestinians have said that they will discuss this issue directly in the context of final status negotiations.

-- I remain convinced that it is unwise for the United States to take actions that could be interpreted as prejudicing these discussions or which could harm the chances of reaching a final settlement.

-- Accordingly, when the Congress passed the law requiring that the U.S. embassy be transferred to Jerusalem, I did not sign this legislation.

Q: Does you still intend to keep the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv?

A: -- There is no issue more sensitive than the question of Jerusalem. I have said I will use my authority as necessary or appropriate to ensure that no steps are taken that could be interpreted as preempting the negotiating process, which has been agreed to between Israel and the Palestinians themselves.

Syria/Lebanon Peace Negotiations and U.S.-Syrian Relations

Status of the Syrian Negotiating Track

Q: Do you still think it will be possible to conclude an Israeli-Syrian peace treaty this year?

A: -- We are convinced that agreement is possible this year, but we also know that one can't impose artificial timetables. The pace of the talks will depend on the progress the parties are able to make.

-- We were very pleased and encouraged by the progress made in the Wye Plantation talks before they were interrupted by these tragic events.

-- I think that the tremendous response to the Summit of Peace Makers has demonstrated that the international community remains united and determined to aid the peace process. This kind of support suggests that any obstacles, even ones as horrible as what Israel has endured in the last two weeks, can be overcome.

Q: Have early elections in Israel made this impossible?

A: -- Prime Minister Peres has indicated publicly that his approach to the Syria track will be guided solely by his assessment of prospects for achieving an agreement. I believe he is serious about getting an agreement this year, and I believe President Asad is, too.

Q: But Israel has said that talks will not resume unless Syria condemns the terrorist attacks which have taken place.

A: -- All parties working to bring peace to the region should condemn attacks which are directed against the peace process.

-- (If pressed) I believe there should have been a condemnation. I do not understand why that has not happened.

Q: What will the United States be prepared to do to support an agreement in economic terms or in terms of sending U.S. forces to the Golan?

A: -- For our part, we're prepared to do whatever we can to help the two sides achieve a just and enduring peace; I think our intense diplomatic activity over the past several months has made that clear.

-- If requested by both parties, the United States is prepared, in principle, and subject to consultations with the Congress, to participate in security arrangements in support of an Israel-Syria peace treaty.

-- The parties are only in the preliminary stages of discussing security arrangements, and no request for possible U.S. participation has been made.

Bilateral U.S.-Syrian Relations

Q: Does the United States plan to normalize relations with Syria in the near future?

A: -- The United States has long expressed its hope for improved bilateral relations with Syria.

-- However, such an improvement in bilateral relations will have to follow a judgment by the United States that Syrian conduct with regard to issues such as terrorism and narcotics trafficking are no longer an obstacle to improved ties.

-- We hope that in the context of Israel-Syria peace, we will see progress on these issues which could lead to improvement.

Q: Then how do you explain recent high-level U.S. diplomatic visits such as that by senior State Department officials in February?

A: -- Secretary Christopher has noted the importance of the economic dimension to the peace process. For the United States to play our role in helping achieve a comprehensive settlement, we need to assist the parties

in developing an economic relationship, as well as a security and political relationship.

- We have sent our officials to Damascus to get a sense of Syria's economic priorities and expectations and to improve our understanding of their economic situation and needs.

Status of the Lebanon Negotiations

Q: What are the prospects for peace between Lebanon and Israel? Is the United States pressing Syria to allow Lebanon to move forward in negotiations with Israel?

A: -- The United States looks forward to progress on peace negotiations between Israel and Lebanon.

- It has long been U.S. policy to support a sovereign, independent Lebanon free from all foreign forces.

Q: Does the United States view progress on the Lebanese track as contingent upon progress on the Syria track?

A: -- The United States views Lebanese Israeli negotiations independently from all other negotiations. They stand on their own.

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