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TELEGRAM NUMBER 392 OF 27 MARCH

INFO BEIRUT, DAMASCUS, WASHINGTON, UKMIS NEW YORK

INFO SAVING TEL AVIV

MY TELNOS 377 AND 389 : FRANCE/LEBANON

1. THE QUA I HAVE CONFIRMED TO US THE ACCURACY OF PRESS REPORTS THAT THE FRENCH ARE TO SEND ABOUT 40 OBSERVERS TO BEIRUT. THE OBSERVERS, OFFICERS AND NCO'S OF THE FRENCH ARMY, ARE TO ARRIVE BEFORE THE DEPARTURE OF THE LAST ELEMENTS OF THE FRENCH CONTINGENT ON 31 MARCH, AND ARE BEING SENT AT THE REQUEST OF THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT AND MAIN OPPOSITION GROUPS. ACCORDING TO THE QUA I THEIR PRECISE TASKS ARE STILL UNDER DISCUSSION, BUT BASICALLY THEIR FUNCTION WILL BE TO SUPERVISE THE CEASEFIRE AGREED IN LAUSANNE.

FCO PASS SAVING TEL AVIV

FRETWELL

(REPEATED AS REQUESTED)

MULTINATIONAL FORCE IN LEBANON (MNF)
LIMITED PS
NENAD PS/LADY YOUNG
MED PS/MR LUCE
DEFENCE DEPT PS/FUS
FUSD SIR J BULLARD
NEWS DEPT SIR J LEAHY
UND SIR W HARDING
NAD MR WRIGHT
WED MR CARTLEDGE
SED MR MACINNES
ECD(E) MR ADAMS
FINANCE DEPT MR JENKINS
PROTOCOL DEPT MR EGERTON
PLANNING STAFF
NED

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