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E.O. 12065: RDS-1,3,4 7/13/91 (HABIB, PHILIP)
TAGS: PEPR, PINT, MOPS, MILI, SA, LE, IS, SY, XF
SUBJECT: HABIB MISSION: ISRAELI USE OF MINI-DRONES
OVER LEBANON

1. ~~ENTIRE TEXT~~

2. DURING MY JULY 12 TALK WITH PRIME MINISTER BEGIN IN JERUSALEM (SEE SEPTTEL FROM JERUSALEM), I REPEATED THE POINT THAT THE SYRIANS WERE NOT FIRING MISSILES AT THE ISRAELIS AND NOTED, IN THIS CONNECTION, THAT THE ISRAELI MINI-RPV WHICH HAD FALLEN INTO LEBANON RECENTLY APPARENTLY HAD NOT BEEN DOWNED BY THE SYRIANS. IN THIS WAY I WAS GIVING HIM THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MINI-RPVS.

3. BEGIN SAID THAT THE MINI-RPV IN QUESTION HAD HAD A

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MECHANICAL MISFUNCTION. HE CLEARLY GAVE IT NO IMPORTANCE. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT SUCH MINI-RPVS WERE EXPENDABLE AND THAT ISRAEL HAD A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER.
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