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**Summary:**

Following Lewis' cable, and the realization that the raid should have been at least somewhat anticipated, the administration opted to develop a more restrained, sober approach towards Israel, constructing what was termed a "political strategy for responding to Israeli attack".

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