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WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

- O - OUTGOING
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Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) 8/10/13

Name of Correspondent: Mary Rose Oaker

MI Mail Report User Codes: (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

Subject: Enclosed a copy of her and Congressman Nick Rahall letter to Secretary Udig expressing their concern regarding the situation in Lebanon.

ROUTE TO:

ACTION

DISPOSITION

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 16, 1981

Bertie,
Can these files be
closed out? Someone at
NSC was to be returning
the originals. So far no
originals - but I would like
to close them out or at least
return this file to you.

Thanks

Kathy Rattie

Charlie - I updated
all records - also
put NSC ID # on
each - Bertie

REFERRAL

DATE: 05 MAY 81

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHARLIE PONTICELLI

RM. 331, OEOB

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION: TO: PRES
FROM: CONGRESSMEN
DATE:

KEYWORDS:

SUBJ: CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

REQUIRED ACTION: NO FURTHER ACTION IS REQUIRED ON THE
ATTACHED CONGRESSIONAL LETTERS

DUE DATE:

COMMENTS:

Cathy Millison
FOR ALLEN J LENZ

STAFF DIRECTOR

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April 24, 1981

Dear Mrs. Oakar:

The President has asked me to thank you for your April 10 letter advising him of your deep concern regarding the situation in Lebanon. We also appreciate receiving the views contained in the letter which you and Congressman Rahall addressed to Secretary Haig.

You may be assured that the Administration welcomes having the benefit of your personal insight, particularly the first-hand information which you and your colleagues were able to gather during your visit to Lebanon last year. In view of your strong recommendation that Lebanon's problems be settled with immediacy, I have taken the liberty of directing your letter to the President's national security advisers. I am sure that your observations and concerns will be given careful consideration as the Administration focuses on this issue.

Again, thank you very much for your interest in apprising us of your views.

With cordial regard, I am

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Mary Rose Oakar
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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cc: w/inc to Jeff Kemp - NSC - for appropriate follow-up IF NECESSARY
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c/o Situation Room

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TO PRES

FROM OAKAR, MARY ROSE

DOCDATE 10 APR 81

FRIEDERSDORF, M

24 APR 81

KEYWORDS: LEBANON

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RAHALL, NICK

HAIG, A

SUBJECT: FWD CY OF LTR TO HAIG RE VIEWS TWD SITUATION IN LEBANON

ACTION: ANY ACTION NECESSARY

DUE: 04 MAY 81 STATUS S FILES

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~~KEMP~~
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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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April 10, 1981

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President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

As you are aware, Lebanon is again a victim of intense and fierce fighting.

I wanted to pass along to you a copy of the recent letter Congressman Nick Rahall and myself wrote to Secretary Haig.

We are deeply concerned about this tragedy and wanted you to know our views.

Sincerely,



Mary Rose Oakar
Member of Congress

MRO:jg
Enclosure

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

April 7, 1981

The Honorable Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Secretary Haig:

As you know, Lebanon is once again the object of intense and fierce fighting. This fighting, which is now in its fifth day, is the most serious in three years. Reports suggest that in Zahle and Beirut 130 lives have been lost and over 500 people have been wounded. The fighting is of great concern, and we strongly urge that the United States Government press for a lasting cease fire in the short term, and for a political solution in the long-run.

As people who share common ancestry, we are deeply concerned about the situation in Lebanon. We feel it important to meet with you as soon as possible to discuss our concerns. Last year, five Members of Congress traveled to Lebanon, Syria and Israel at the request of the Speaker of the House of Representatives to gain first-hand information about the continuing problems in and around Lebanon. We found that Lebanon's sovereignty was continually threatened by the conflicts on its soil. Villages were emptied of their inhabitants. Thousands of refugees lived in and around Beirut. Human suffering was unabated. Businesses expressed little confidence in the political climate. The once-bustling Beirut -- now blackened and ugly -- was clearly no longer the "Pearl of the Mediterranean."

The time cannot wait for the United States to take a strong position regarding Lebanon. Every day the situation worsens. We feel it important that the United States call upon all parties to cease fighting. The United States should demand that United Nations troops replace military forces on all aggressive fronts and that all forces cease fire.

Rather than being viewed as a sideshow to the problems of the Middle East, Lebanon's problems must be settled with immediacy. Certainly, in the long run, increased military

The Honorable Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

April 7, 1981

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and economic aid and unmitigated U.S. support for the central government of Lebanon's reassertion of sovereignty over the entire country is warranted. However, in the meantime, a short-term solution is mandated. We strongly urge that the United States act immediately and save the lives of the innocent victims of the Lebanon disaster.

Wick Randall

Sincerely,

Mary Rose Byrne

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Name of Correspondent: Charles F. Percy

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Subject: Pledges their support for freeing Lebanon from the external forces which have afflicted its heartland and the administration decision to give this matter high priority in current discussions with leaders of other nations in the region.

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April 24, 1981

Dear Chuck:

The President has asked me to thank you for your April 10 letter, cosigned by 16 of your colleagues on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, expressing your grave concern over the present situation in Lebanon.

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Again, thank you very much for apprising us of your views.

With cordial regard, I am

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Charles H. Percy
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

cc: w/inc to Jeff Kemp - NSC - for appropriate follow-up IF
NECESSARY (Please send copy of any reply to Max Friedersdorf)

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April 24, 1981

Dear Howard:

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With cordial regard, I am

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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With cordial regard, I am

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Alan Cranston
Democratic Whip
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Senator Tsongas:

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Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Paul E. Tsongas
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Senator Dodd:

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With cordial regard, I am

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Christopher J. Dodd
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

cc: w/inc to Jeff Kemp - NSC - for appropriate follow-up IF
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April 24, 1981

Dear Senator Zorinsky:

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Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Edward Zorinsky
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Paul:

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With cordial regard, I am

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Paul S. Sarbanes
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Senator Glenn:

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With cordial regard, I am

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

The Honorable John Glenn
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

cc: w/inc to Jeff Kemp - NSC - for appropriate follow-up IF
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Dear Senator Pell:

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With cordial regard, I am

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Claiborne Pell
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Mac:

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Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Charles McC. Mathias, Jr.
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Larry:

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With cordial regard, I am

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Larry Pressler
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Rudy:

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With cordial regard, I am

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Rudy Boschwitz
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

cc: w/inc to Jeff Kemp - NSC - for appropriate follow-up IF
NECESSARY (Please send copy of any reply to Max Friedersdorf)

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Dear Nancy:

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With cordial regard, I am

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
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The Honorable Nancy Kassebaum
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Dick:

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Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Richard G. Lugar
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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April 24, 1981

Dear Sam:

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With cordial regard, I am

Sincerely,

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Assistant to the President

The Honorable Jesse Helms
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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April 24, 1981

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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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April 10, 1981

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

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Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to express our concern over recent events in Lebanon and are pleased that the Administration is making efforts to end the bloodshed.

The Syrian army's indiscriminate shelling of the Christian city of Zahlah is indefensible. Hundreds of civilians have been killed or wounded by Syrian artillery and tank fire in the past six days. This large-scale and completely unnecessary violence is the type of thing the Syrian forces were supposed to prevent, not promote.

Five years ago, when the Syrian troops entered Lebanon, their professed purpose was to restore order and to assist the Lebanese Central Government in reasserting its authority throughout the country. In October 1976 the Arab League gave the Syrian presence a multi-national veneer by adding contingents from other Arab states. However, the other Arab states -- Saudi Arabia, North Yemen, the Sudan and the United Arab Emirates -- have long since withdrawn their forces leaving the Syrians as the only contingent of the original multi-national force.

In 1978, there were similar shellings of Christian areas by Syrian forces. Indeed, it appears that during the past five years, the Syrians have changed their role from peacekeeper to occupier. At the same time, the Syrians have enhanced their position by becoming the patrons of the PLO and pro-Soviet Lebanese forces. When the Syrians withdrew from positions south of Beirut, they turned them over to the PLO rather than to the newly constituted Army of the Lebanese Central Government.

Mr. President, a continuation of the present situation and the attacks on the Christian community is outrageous and only contributes to the tensions and strains which for too long have wracked that unfortunate country.

We would like to express strong Congressional backing for efforts by the Administration to end the bloodshed. We believe it is essential that:

- an immediate and effective ceasefire be established;
- Syrian forces end their siege of Zahleh; and
- the Administration commence efforts to encourage the withdrawal of Syrian forces from Lebanon.

It is time to make clear our support for freeing Lebanon from the external forces which have afflicted its heartland. We support the Administration decision to give this matter high priority in current discussions with leaders of other nations in the region.

Sincerely,

Charles H. Percy Chuck
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FROM PERCY, CHARLES H

DOCDATE 10 APR 81

PELL, CLAIBORNE

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KEYWORDS: LEBANON

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SUBJECT: LTR EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER RECENT EVENTS IN LEBANAON & OFFERING
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Federal letter re Khalil Makhleh (col to report on way of this)

Name of Correspondent: Khalil Makhleh

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Subject: Views and suggestions concerning the situation in Lebanon.
calls for Dick Allen's resignation

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May 19, 1981

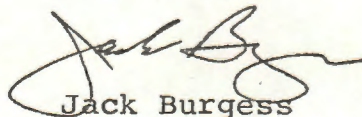
Mr. Khalil Nakhleh
President
Association of Arab-American
University Graduates, Inc.
556 Trapelo Road
Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

Dear Mr. Nakhleh:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 9 to President Reagan concerning Richard Allen.

Please be assured that your views will be brought to the attention of the President's staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jack Burgess", written in a cursive style.

Jack Burgess
Special Assistant to
the President



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President Ronald Reagan
The White House
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Dear President Reagan:

As an association of Arab-American professionals and academics and others interested in Arab world issues, we are profoundly concerned that, as your Administration begins to articulate its Mideast policy, statements by top officials of your Administration on the Lebanese crisis have already served to aggravate and intensify that crisis and unfortunately indicated to the Lebanese people and the Arab world that the U.S. may indeed encourage current Israeli policy towards Lebanon. That policy continually violates Lebanese sovereignty, ignores United Nations resolutions on Lebanon and inflicts enormous suffering on Lebanese and Palestinian civilians in Lebanon.

Both National Security Council Advisor Richard V. Allen's remark justifying Israeli raids into Lebanon on the grounds of "hot pursuit" and Secretary of State Alexander Haig's blanket condemnation of Syria and his warning of "serious consequences" (meaning, we suspect, another Israeli invasion) are extremely harmful to any accord being reached in the Lebanese conflict.

Allen's remark on Israeli raids in Lebanon, broadcast on April 2, 1981 on ABC-TV, callously brushed aside the suffering of hundreds of thousands of Lebanese and Palestinian civilians, who have been displaced, wounded or killed (2000 killed since 1978) in Israeli raids and invasions. Allen completely ignores previous U.S. concern and condemnation over Israel's policy of "pre-emptive" strikes. In this regard, Allen's comments even contradicted Israel's own justification for its policies, as Israeli leaders clearly term Israel's raids "pre-emptive" rather than "retaliatory." As Israeli Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan puts it, Israel is waging a "war without rules" in Lebanon.

Since you took office, Israeli troops have invaded Lebanon on numerous occasions, including on January 29, February 22, March 2, March 30 and the latest, as we write you, on April 9. All these raids, as reported in the American press, inflicted civilian casualties. Israeli-backed forces in South Lebanon have also been responsible for the death of UNIFIL soldiers this March.

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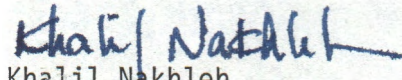
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These are signs that the Israeli government has already interpreted your Administration's emerging position on Lebanon as a "green light" for further attacks. Certainly, Prime Minister Begin has opposed the efforts of UNIFIL Commander Callaghan to stabilize South Lebanon and Israel remains adamantly opposed to the deployment of units of the official Lebanese Army in South Lebanon.

The Arab Deterrent Force in Lebanon, however difficult its task, is there on a mandate from the Arab League and by consent of the Lebanese government. Israel, which the Lebanese government has repeatedly urged the international community, and especially the U.S., to condemn (the latest in letters to the U.N. Security Council on February 3) is pursuing an aggressive policy whose aim is to divide Lebanon and to destroy the Palestinian people.

That Israel pursues this policy - quite openly - with U.S.-supplied weapons not only seriously damages Arab-American relations but flies in the face of U.S. law. We urge that you seek the immediate resignation of Richard Allen and that U.S. policy in Lebanon be firmly based on support for Lebanese sovereignty, respect for UN resolutions on Lebanon, and opposition to Israeli aggression in Lebanon.

Sincerely,


Khalil Nakhlé
President

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cc: Alexander Haig
Richard Allen

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Name of Correspondent: James Aldner

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Subject: Supports the efforts being made by the Administration to bring a halt to the bloodshed in Lebanon.

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April 24, 1981

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FROM ABDNOR, JAMES

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The President
The White House
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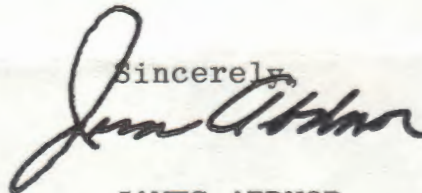
Dear Mr. President:

The Committee on Foreign Relations has provided me with a copy of its letter addressed to you under date of April 10, 1981, regarding armed attacks being made in Lebanon by the Syrian army and particularly its indiscriminate shelling of the Christian city of Zahle.

I, too, am pleased with the efforts being made by the Administration to bring a halt to the bloodshed in Lebanon, but since the shelling of the city continues, causing great injury and death to innocent civilians, I urge there be no letup in those efforts. It is evident the Syrians, rather than keeping the peace which they declared to be their purpose in entering Lebanon in 1976, are now waging war in their savage attack against defenseless civilians. We must do all we can to see there is an end to it.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



JAMES ABDNOR
United States Senator

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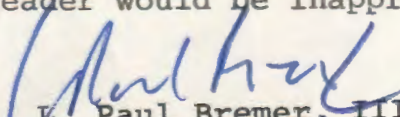
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ACTION TAKEN:

- A draft reply is attached
- A draft reply will be forwarded.
- A translation is attached.
- An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below.
- Other

REMARKS: Overtaken by events in large part as a result of military actions taken by sender. In addition, our Ambassador in Lebanon has been in frequent touch with sender, and should be major contact with Lebanese factions (rather than President Reagan, for whom a direct response to a militia leader would be inappropriate).


L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

APRIL 22, 1981

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JANUARY 5, 1981

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. BASHIR GEMAYEL
CHAIRMAN
COMMAND COUNCIL OF THE LEBANESE
FORCES
BEIT EL KATAEB
SASSINE SQUARE
BEIRUT LEBANON

SUBJECT: LEBANON AND ZAHLE A CHRISTIAN TOWN

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
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BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT:
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LEBANESE FORCES

Beit El Kataeb, Sassine Square, Ashrafieh, Beirut LEBANON

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January 5, 1981

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President-elect Ronald Reagan
Office of the President-elect
Washington, D.C. 20720

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President-elect of the United States of America

I wish respectfully to bring to your attention in all responsibility the dangerous situation in Lebanon and more specifically the Christian town of Zahle. The subjection of the peaceful inhabitants of this Lebanese town, which is the largest Christian town in the Middle East, to barbarous bombardment by the Syrians and the renewal of the bombing of the Christian quarters in Beirut by the Palestinians and Syrians, constitute yet another advance in the march of Communism in the Middle East.

The Syrians and the PLO are the principal agents of the Soviets in the Middle East, particularly after the recent conclusion of the twenty year treaty of friendship and cooperation between Syria and the Soviet Union.

For the last six years, international Communism, using the Syrians and the PLO as willing tools, has brought about tremendous destruction in Lebanon and untold suffering to the Lebanese Christian community, the last bastion of Christianity in the Middle East and a traditional friend of the United States of America.

Lebanon today is very vulnerable to Communist domination by Syrian and Palestinian proxy. In addition, the PLO with Syrian approval has opened its military camps in Lebanon to the international terrorists who took your people as hostages in Iran and who threaten daily the security of the Persian Gulf countries.

How all these developments have been taking place in full view of the West and without anything effective being done to counteract them is beyond my comprehension.

Your election and what you represent in terms of traditional American values has brought a new hope for all of the friends of America in the world.

The Lebanese Forces which I have the honor of commanding are determined to fight to the last man to stem the onslaught of barbarism and slavery. The rights of the Christians in Lebanon are in many ways similar to your right in trying to save your hostages from the fanatics and barbarians in Iran.

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I have one request to make respectfully of you: Please ascertain the facts fully and once you have done so we have every confidence in the judgement of your conscience as to how to deal with them. Our representative office in Washington, D.C., the Lebanese Information and Research Center, and its director, Mr. Alfred Mady, are at your disposal for any clarification and facts you might request. For our part, we consider it a sacred duty to the cause of civilization and Christianity to continue our struggle in the battle for freedom, truth and man against all odds.

Bashir Gemayel
Chairman of the Command Council
of the Lebanese Forces
Commander-General of the Lebanese
Armed Forces

cc: Mr. Alfred Mady
Executive Director
Lebanese Information and Research Center
968 National Press Building
Washington, D.C. 20045



January 2, 1981

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Bashir Gemayel
 Chairman of the Command Council
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 Commander-General of the Lebanese
 Armed Forces

cc: Mr. Alfred Maby
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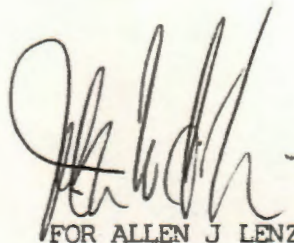
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April 2, 1981

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→ Dick Allen
for your attention
Ed Gray

Dear Mr. Gray:

Thanks very much for our cordial meeting today. It was a good lunch, good company, and established a relationship I look forward to developing in the future.

I did not expect to run into difficulties so quickly, but when I returned to the office I learned that there was considerable flap about a situation in Lebanon. When fighting broke out there in December, I happened to be meeting with President Carter on another issue, and I mentioned this difficulty to him. There was a quick response by the National Security Council, and peace was restored.

[If you can do anything to assist in this dreadful situation, I will be most grateful.]

With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

+ Thomas C. Kelly O.P.

General Secretary

Mr. Edwin Gray
Deputy Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500



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Office of International Justice and Peace

April 2, 1981

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Bishop Kelly, O.P.
FROM: J. Bryan Hehir *JBH*
RE: Lebanon: Shelling of Zahle and Beruit

I have had several calls this morning, including one from Bishop Zayek, informing me of the events in Zahle and Beruit in the last two days. The reports as yet are not complete, but it is clear that extensive damage has been done in both places with estimates of those killed running over 20 in Beruit and about 20 in Zahle including four children.

The attack on Zahle is similar to the one we brought to the attention of the Carter Administration in December 1980. Zahle, of course, is the principal Christian city in the Bekar Valley. The Christians view the present attack as a coordinated and purposeful design of the Syrians to take over Zahle. The expectation of the Christians I have talked with is that the Christians of Zahle will put up fierce resistance to any Syrian invasion. The prospects for a major loss of life are very high.

In Beruit the fighting is in the Christian section and appears to be between the Palestinian Liberation Army (PLA) and the Lebanese Army which protects the Christian area of Beruit.

No one is clear about what precipitated these attacks. From several consultations I have held with Lebanese in the past two weeks, including members of the Lebanese government but not confined to them, almost no one has a good word for the Syrians. This is a shift from the past two years when the Syrian presence was accepted grudgingly as the lesser evil to all out civil war.

There is another widespread feeling or conviction among Lebanese that the new Administration has not looked squarely at the Lebanon issue. My sense is that people feel that the Administration is taking its time - for several reasons - to set direction on Middle East policy and Lebanon is at the end of that process. The fear among some Lebanese is that time will overwhelm the process - Lebanon could literally "blow-up" before it is given attention.

Accordingly, I recommend that we bring the present fighting in Zahle and Beirut to the attention of the Administration with a strong plea from USCC that the U.S. use the diplomatic pressure available to it to bring the fighting to a halt. I appreciate that the U.S. margin of influence with the Syrians is much more narrow than most Lebanese believe, but there is some leverage in the U.S. position and it should be used on humanitarian grounds to stop the shelling of civilian areas. Later we should go to the Administration with a more developed policy statement on Lebanon.

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