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	MEMORANDUM FOR:	RICHARD V. ALLEN	-PB 038
	FROM:	GEOFFREY KEMP	F6006-12
	SUBJECT:	Vice President's Meeting with Ambassador Ghorra of Lebanon, February 20, 1981	

The memorandum for your signature at Tab I to the Vice President forwards briefing material for his use in his meeting with Ambassador Edward Ghorra (former Lebanese Ambassador to the UN).

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I to the Vice President.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Washington, D.C. 20520

February 17, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Vice President's Meeting with Ambassador Ghorra of Lebanon

Attached is the briefing material requested in connection with the Vice President's meeting with Ambassador Edward Ghorra (former Lebanese Ambassador to the UN).

L. Paul Bremer, III Executive Secretary

#### Attachment:

As stated.



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## OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT WASHINGTON

February 9, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR CHARLES TYSON

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Vice President's Meeting with Ambassador Ghorra

The Vice President will meet with Ambasador Edward Ghorra (former Lebanese Ambassador to the UN) on February 20, 1981, at 4:30 p.m. May we please have any relevant background papers and recommended talking points for the Vice President's use by opening of business, February 18.

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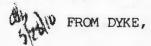
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## THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

April 8, 1981

Elias T. Saadi, M.D. Mr. Robert T. Basil American Lebanese League P. O. Box 57163 Washington, D.C. 20037

#### Gentlemen:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 4 to President Reagan.

Please be assured that President Reagan is acutely aware of how international terrorism affects the lives of innocent people. He would not in any way knowingly allow legitimate aims and organizations to be subverted by terrorist groups.

In closing and in the President's behalf, I thank you for your wishes for his speedy recovery.

Sincerely,

Jack Burgess Special Assistant to the President



## American Lebanese League

April 4, 1981

President Ronald Reagan The George Washington University Hospital Washington, D.C. 017433

Dear Mr. President:

Do not allow, Mr. President, the State Department traditional position on Lebanon to be the political cover for the promoters of international terrorism.

The Syrians and the PLO surrogates of the Soviet Union are destroying Zahle, the largest Christian city in the Middle East, and hundreds are dead. Beirut is under continual shelling. The Lebanese people are fighting for the same values that we hold dear in the United States.

The American Lebanese put their faith and hope in you Mr. President. Please act before it is too late to stop the fighting and allow the Red Cross to evacuate the wounded and bury the dead. In the name of humanity and justice, I implore you to act. Lebanon is for the Lebanese. This is the only way that a free Christian presence can survive in the Middle East.

I wish you a speedy recovery for we need you healthy and well.

Sincerely,

Elias T. Saadi, M.D.

President of the American

Lebanese League

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Robert T. Basil

Chairman of the American Lebanese

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Dear Ed:

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

With cordial regard, I am

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf Assistant to the President

The Honorable Edward J. Derwinski House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Jim:

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Max L. Friedersdorf Assistant to the President

The Honorable Jim Leach House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Mr. Wolpe:

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Max L. Friedersdorf Assistant to the President

The Honorable Howard Wolpe House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Daniel A. Hica House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Mr. Yatron:

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Max L. Friedersdorf Assistant to the President

The Honorable Gus Yatron House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Mr. Barnes:

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Max L. Friedersdorf Assistant to the President

The Honorable Michael D. Barnes House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Bob:

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Max L. Friedersdorf Assistant to the President

The Honorable Robert K. Dornan House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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Max L. Friedersdorf Assistant to the President

The Honorable William F. Goodling House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Mr. LeBoutillier:

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The Honorable John LeBoutillier House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Mr. Shamansky:

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Max L. Friedersdorf Assistant to the President

The Honorable Bob Shamansky House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Arlen:

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Max L. Friedersdorf Assistant to the President

The Honorable Arlen Erdahl House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Mr. Gejdenson:

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Max L. Friedersdorf Assistant to the President

The Honorable Sam Gejdenson House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Mr. Bingham:

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Max L. Priedersdorf Assistant to the President

The Honorable Jonathan Bingham House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Mr. Eckart:

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Max L. Priedersdorf Assistant to the President

The Honorable Dennis Eckart House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Mr. Roth:

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Sincerely,

Hax L. Friedersdorf Assistant to the President

The Honorable Toby Roth House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Larry:

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Max L. Friedersdorf Assistant to the President

The Honorable Larry Winn, Jr. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Joel Pritchard House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable William S. Broomfield House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Tom Lantos House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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> > April 7, 1981

JOHN J. BRADY, JR. CHIEF OF STAFF

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Mr. President:

With so many tragedies afflicting the world, it is not surprising that some are given relatively little attention until it is almost too late. A case in point is Lebanon, which has suffered from a six-year war that has devastated what was once a pro-Western and peaceful nation.

Throughout this period, the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), with the primary backing of Libya and Syria, has been conducting terrorist/guerrilla operations against the citizenry of Lebanon and neighboring Israel. All of these activities have been launched from heavily fortified enclaves that are maintained in defiance of central government authorities.

The upshot of this horrible conflict in human terms is that one of every four Lebanese men, women, or children has been either killed, wounded or left homeless. According to estimates received before the current outbreak of hostilities, that translates into over 75,000 dead, 350,000 wounded and 300,000 refugees. Needless to say, given the savage nature of Syrian shelling of the Christian community in Zahlah, these figures may need significant revision.

In assessing the situation in Lebanon, Syria's role warrants the severest of scrutiny and condemnation. Whatever can be said about its original peacekeeping intentions as the predominant element of the Arab Deterrent Force (ADF), it is clear that over the past several years Syrian forces have been shielding PLO terrorist activities directed against Israel and the Christian community within Lebanon. This, of course, also serves Syria's continuing efforts to realize its historical objective of absorbing all or part of Lebanon into a "greater Syria". If such a goal becomes a reality -- given Syria's close ties with the USSR -- we should assume that the Soviet military would move swiftly to exploit Lebanon's strategic port facilities on the Mediterranean coast. We need not belabor what that would do to the Middle East balance of power equation. Obviously a continuation of the present situation only serves to further radical Arab interests, which are tied to those of the USSR.

We believe that the removal of external forces would enhance the prospects of Lebanon to once again become a viable, pro-Western democracy. Such a turn of events would serve our national interests. Consequently, the United States must condemn and rally world pressure against current Syrian and PLO actions in Lebanon in order to sustain stability in the Middle East. In this context, we hope the Administration will initiate a comprehensive and coordinated policy that provides for the following:

- 1. An immediate cease-fire and the termination of the Syrian seige of Zahlah.
- Reaffirmation of the historic U.S.-Lebanon relationship and our long-standing commitment to the freedom, sovereignty and integrity of Lebanon. This includes the preservation of a free, secure and deeply rooted Christian community, as well as the historic Moslem, Druze, Armenian, and Jewish Communities.
- 3. Restoration of Lebanon's sovereignty free from outside domination or occupation. To this end, the U.S. government should work to restore the authority of a government in Lebanon that reflects the will of the people and to strengthen the Lebanese army so that it can control illegal military and terrorist activities.
- 4. Opposition to an outside imposed solution to the Lebanese problem.
- 5. Support for free and open national elections, now scheduled for mid-1982. It goes without saying that the integrity of such elections would be highly questionable if Syrian forces are still in Lebanon at that time.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Derwinski Pritchard

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### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Concerned Americans:

I am replying to your message to Secretary Haig concerning the situation in Lebanon.

We are greatly troubled by the continuing eruption of widespread violence in Lebanon which has already killed and injured many innocent people. Our concern is made sharper by America's long-standing and close historical ties to Lebanon and its people. We have always held Lebanon in special esteem as a free and independent democracy adhering to the same principles and ideals that Americans prize.

The United States is strongly committed to helping Lebanon achieve its basic national goals, which include political reconciliation, economic reconstruction, and social rehabilitation. We will continue to work to assure Lebanon's territorial integrity, sovereignty, and lasting independence.

We have made and will continue to make major and vigorous efforts to end the fighting and violence as soon as possible. Dur attempts to help resolve the situation are directed at all governments and all quarters having influence over the situation. These measures are consistent with all our major efforts since 1975 to end the violence throughout Lebanon and to help create conditions so that all of Lebanon's communities can live in security and find social and economic opportunity.

Further, we strongly support the U.N. peace-keeping efforts in south Lebanon and the expansion of the Lebanese contingents serving with the United Nations Interim Forces in Lebanon (UNIFIL) in its area of operations. We call upon

The Wehby Family, 1507 Pearson Avenue, Southwest, Birmingham, Alabama. all parties, in and out of Lebanon, to assist in expanding the authority of the Lebanese government in every part of the country.

Sincerely,

William / Dyess Assistant Secretary of State

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## THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

### REFERRAL

APRIL 15, 1981

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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APPROPRIATE ACTION

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TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

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