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DEPARTMENT OF STATE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT TRANSMITTAL FORM

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Mr. Richard V. Allen FOR: National Security Council The White House

**REFERENCE**:

TO: President Reagan	FROM: Joseph A. Boohaker
DATE: May 13, 1981	SUBJECT: Lebanon/terrorism
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WHITE HOUSE REFERRAL DATED: J	une 1, 1981 NSC # 8102395

THE ATTACHED ITEM WAS SENT DIRECTLY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

#### ACTION TAKEN:

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

NSC# 8102395

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Executive Secretary

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#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

June 19, 1981

Dear Mr. Boohaker:

I am replying to your message to President Reagan 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. Our 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

Mr. Joseph A. Boohaker, Suite 106, 2937 South 7th Avenue, 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,

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William J. Dyess Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs -

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#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

May 13, 1981

#### MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letter to the President on Lebanon

Attached is a suggested draft response to a letter on Lebanon from Mr. Joseph A. Boohaker to President Reagan. The draft text is that used in our response to similar letters on Lebanon from members of Congress.

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L. Paul Bremer, III Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Draft response

#### Dear Mr. Boohaker:

The President has asked me to respond to your letter and petition to him of April 24 expressing concern over the situation in Lebanon and urging that the United States do all in its power to end the violence.

The continuing eruption of heavy violence in Lebanon-which has killed and injured many innocent people--is deeply troubling to us. Our concerns are made even sharper by our long-standing, close historic ties to Lebanon and to the people of Lebanon. We have made major and vigorous efforts through appropriate direct and indirect channels--with all governments and with all quarters having influence over the situation--to bring the fighting and violence to an end as soon as possible. Our efforts will continue. These 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.

The United States is strongly committed to assisting Lebanon in the achievement of its basic national goals, and will continue firmly to support the institutions of the Lebanese government. The United States will, as well, continue to work to assure Lebanon's territorial integrity, sovereignty, and lasting independence.

Sincerely,

#### JOSEPH A. BOOHAKER, P.C.

#### Certified Public Accountant

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MEMBER AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS ALABAMA SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

April 24, 1981

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

Dear Mr. President:

Your speedy and complete recovery is the prayer of all Lebanese Americans and, indeed, all freedom-loving peoples.

Mr. Bill Harris, Chairman of the Republican Party of Alabama, arranged for me to meet Mr. James Baker who I hope will deliver this plea and its enclosures to you, personally. Mr. Harris knows how hard my family and I worked in our county for your election. We wanted a change and got it, thank God. 78% of all Lebanese Americans who voted in the U.S. presidential election cast their votes for you, according to a survey conducted by the American Lebanese League.

We are impressed that a high priority of yours is to stop terrorism both at home and abroad. Terrorism must be stopped NOW, at its primary source---the PLO training camps in Lebanon. The Lebanese almost achieved this singlehandedly for the world community. Then, the Syrian communists rushed to rescue the terrorists ----under the pretense of a "peacekeeping force". Our Country must enforce its many and frequent condemnations of the barbarous Syrian and PLO terrorists with substantial ACTION NOW to retain whatever trust, respect and credibility it still has among the friendly nations, as well as among its adversaries. Withholding the sale of grain to the Soviets, withholding the sale of offensive weaponry to Saudi Arabia, cancelling all aid to Syria and strengthening the Lebanese Army would EVENTUALLY weaken the Syrian and the PLO terrorists. But to stop the torture and slaughter of the Lebanese people NOW, we urge you to turn the Israelis loose on the terrorists for just a day or two. We are convinced the security and commercial interests of our Country are so vital in that area that we should even intervene militarily to remove the cancercus non-Lebanese from within Lebanon's borders.

Mr. President, the free world is looking to YOU for the implementation of the answers. Please save Lebanon NOW before it becomes listed among the many conquests of the communists.

Sincerely,

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Joseph A. Boohaker, CPA Member, American Lebanese League

STATEMENT

BY

ROBERT A. BASIL

#### PRESIDENT

AMERICAN LEBANESE LEAGUE

BEFORE THE

COMMITTEE ON

FOREIGN RELATIONS

UNITED STATES SENATE

April 22, 1981

Mr. Chairman:

My name is Robert Basil, National Chairman of the American Lebanese League, a nationwide non-profit organization founded by American citizens in 1976 to promote United States-Lebanon relationships and to foster the sovereignty, security, democracy and independence of Lebanon within the bounds of the U.S. national interest.

We are not a lobbying organization, but an educational, humanitarian and social organization with a broad national membership base representing the philosophy and ideals of the great majority of the nearly two million Americans of Lebanese descent.

Today I would like to discuss briefly the importance of Lebanon to the U.S., and the major U.S. policy change that should be considered to achieve U.S. strategic and regional objectives, and to save a friend.

Lebanon is a modern-day tragedy. This pro-Western democracy, a center of culture and commerce, a model of graceful accommodation among Moslems, Christians, Druze, Jews, and those of other persuasions, is in danger of being destroyed. Lebanon, which never attacked anyone, which never aspired to force its will upon anyone, has been forced by forces vastly superior to its own to become the macabre receptacle in which all the regional violence is contained, while the rest of the region and the world conveniently remains relatively untouched: 75,000 dead, 350,000 wounded, 300,000 refugees, 32,000 orphans. In a country of 2.5 million, 25 out of every 100 Lebanese men, women and children have either been killed, wounded, orphaned, or have become refugees. In the past three weeks, the Syrain Army has again shocked the civilized world by massive shelling of the unprotected civilian areas of Beirut and Zahle. This massacre has resulted in over 500 innocent civilians killed and 1200 wounded. The shelling continues daily. I would like to read excerpts from a full-page message to President Reagan in today's Washington Post, and request that the full page be entered into the record. In addition, I would like to enter into the record the full texts of the letters from the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee to President Reagan, with the profound gratitude of the American Lebanese Community to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for this unprecedented unanimous endorsement, and to the House Foreign Affairs Committee for their overwhelming endorsement.

For the bast three years, the American Lebanese League has implored the U.S. Government to recognize the destructive role of Syria to both Lebanon and to U.S. interests, and to force removal of the Syrian Army from Lebanon. Three months ago, we publicly stated that Syria considers it "now or never" in perpetuating their grip on Lebanon, and predicted that they, with Soviet encouragement, would try to break the will of the Lebanese resistance and force a negotiated acceptance of their long-term political, economic, and military control over Lebanon. Syria clearly has concluded that neither the U.S., nor Western Europe, nor Israel would have a clear policy to react decisively against Syrian agression before the scheduled Israeli elections, and has decided to move into this policy vacuum.

As a result, Lebanon is presently in the gravest danger in its history to its existence as a sovereign nation. Syria is not only shelling densely

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populated Christian areas, but has ignored the pleus of the Lebanese , President to cease, a request they are legitimately obliged to obey, has viciously attacked the regular Lebanese Army and surrounded four of its barracks, and demanded that Lebanese Army units be placed under Syrian command. Most dangerous of all, they have abandoned the justification of their military presence in Lebanon at the request of the Lebanese President, and now state that their security interests demand Syrian control of the rich and fertile Bekae valley indefinitely. I would like to enter into the record an editorial from the Washington Post dated April 17, 1981, which sees with clarity the potential dismemberment of Lebanon if this Syrian demand were accepted.

Needless to say, the Lebanese will not accept these demands. Consequently, we predict with sadness that, in light of Syrian demands and their unacceptability to Lebanon, Syria will continue their widespread massacre for the next several months if the U.S. and the Free World does not intervene decisively. The loss in human life and property will be certain, and staggering. The U.S. cannot wait to act.

There are four major U.S. policy objectives in the Middle East: reversing Soviet strategic penetration of the region, curbing international terrorism, settling the Arab-Israeli Conflict, and sustaining access to oil through regional stability.

U.S. policy toward Lebanon for the past seven years has had a negative result in all these critical areas, and can be considered a failure. Three propositions have characterized U.S. policy: one, containment of all regional

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violence and instability in Lebanon, with the remainder of the region relatively inviolate; two, maintain a Syrian-imposed military lid over the resultant explosive situation in Lebanon, and keeping avenues open to attract the Assad Regime, deemed moderate by the State Department, into the peace process; three, solve the Lebanese problem as a portion of the final overall Arab-Israeli solution.

The two countries whose interests have suffered the most are the U.S. and Lebanon. These policy propositions have without exception undermined rather than supported U.S. policy objectives. The U.S. strategic and regional position has continually declined as the situation remains unresolved, and the Soviet bacteria has flourished in the rewarding environment of regional unrest. Lebanon is an occupied state, whose government has lost control over its territory and is answerable to Syrian and Palestinian demands, and whose people feel abandoned by their historical friends and allies in the U.S. and the West.

We feel that a new U.S. policy of strong, visible support for a revitalized Lebanon, which plays a major role in the region, would regain momentum favorable to the U.S. in the four major policy areas.

#### I. SOVIET STRATEGIC PENETRATION OF THE MID-EAST REGION

The three major extensions of Soviet Policy have their largest presence and investment in Lebanon -- the PLO, with its state within a state and its armed forces; Syria, with its only major army outside Syria itself; Libya, with its massive financial investment in support of radical politico/military activity. A pro-West Lebanon would blunt this focused pro-Soviet activity.

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#### II. INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

The focus of international terrorism, whether it manifests () old in Italy, Japan, Spain, Saudi Arabia, or El Salvador, is in the PLO training camps in Lebanon. There is no international terrorist activity that does not have its direct tie with the activity in Lebanon.

In the political reality of the 1980's, it would be most difficult for any nation to bring this terrorist activity under control by major military presence and activity against the PLO. Only Lebanon has the legitimate right, without criticism by the community of nations, to use all means at its disposal to bring this evil activity under control. Lebanon is uniquely capable.

#### III. SETTLEMENT OF THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT

All the antagonists use Lebanon as the ground upon which all the violence takes palce. As long as this neutral ground is available to the participants, ensuring little jeopardy to the well-being of the antagonists within their own borders, there is little direct penalty associated with endlessly protracting the conflict and resisting a negotiated settlement. IV. REGIONAL INSTABILITY AFFECTING ACCESS TO OIL

The objective of protecting Western access to oil by preventing radical influence from spreading from Lebanon to Saudi Arabia and other oil-producing states has not been successful. A strong Lebanon would contain this destabilizing activity.

A strong, revitalized Lebanon could rapidly become a reality, with policy support from the U.S. Lebanon's enemies expected that the destruction

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of Lebanese institutions would necessarily be accompanied by the dissolution of its national will. The reverse has been the case.

The Lebanese themselves are, in reality, stronger and more united than they have ever been. The Christians have become the strongest Lebanese force in the country and the focus of resistance to the pro-Soviet pressures of Syria and the PLO. Indeed they have been fighting for seven years to retain their pro-West values and way of life. Both Christians and Moslems are united in their desire to remove foreign elements from their country. The Lebanese Army, Christian and Moslem soldiers, has actually out-performed the Syrian units in their recent clashes. Unlike other regional countries, Lebanon places no demands on the U.S. other than to be permitted to survive, to be free, and to remain a loyal ally to the U.S. and the West forever.

The real issue at stake is the survival of the Free World and its institutions. The dominant focus of the West, and those Arab states whose survival and way of life depend upon Western strength, should be on containing and reversing Soviet power and influence--- "a strategic consensus", as Secretary of State Alexander Haig has stated with profound insight. Only under this strategic umbrella can the legitimate aspirations of any peoples be addressed and satisfied. In this equation, a strong pro-West Lebanon is clearly more valuable than a strong, pro-Soviet Syria.

Therefore, we respectfully submit that U.S. polciy take a bold new direction, in which the U.S. supports a strong, revitalized Lebanon as the first step toward achieving U.S. policy objectives. We urge a firm U.S. commitment to a strong Lebanon with the following tenets:

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1. Immediate withdrawal of the Syrian Army.

- 2. Reaffirmation of the historic U.S.-Lebanon relationship and our longstanding 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. governement 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.
- No permanent Palestinian implantation in Lebanon, Palestinians disarmed and subject to Lebanese sovereignty, until their re-settlement.
- Friendly Arab governments to stop funding Syrian and PLO activities in Lebanon.
- 6. Major FMS program of \$100 million per year for three years to give full capability to the Lebanese Army.
- Major aid for reconstruction, for rehabilitation of the orphans, the disabled both physically and mentally, for hospitals, and for re-training.
- 8. Support for free and open national elections, now scheduled for mid-1982.

Mr. Chairman, the Lebanese have given too much to Christianity to be ignored by Christendom; the Lebanese have given too much to civilization to be abandoned by the civilized world; the Lebanese have given too much loyalty, love, sacrifice and respectable citizenship to their adopted country to be forgotten by America.

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This is not a distant tragedy. The dead, wounded, homeless and orphaned are the grandfathers, grandmothers, fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, cousins and friends of American-Lebanese in the cities and towns across America.

It is now a bold opportunity for America to turn away from the cynical practitioners of international politics. For Lebanon it is a salvation . . . a resurrection . . . a new beginning.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

April 21, 1981

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Dr. Elias T. Saadi Mr. Robert Basil

#### PRESS RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C.-For over two weeks now, the Syrians and the PLO have been raining terror, destruction and death on the Christian city of Zahle and the Christian sector of Beirut, Lebanon. Attacking these locations with heavy artillery, tank and rocket fire, the Syrians and the Palestinians are seeking to force the Christians to leave their homes, thereby changing the demography and character of Lebanon.

The Syrian and PLO attacks have, so far, resulted in an appalling loss of life and destruction of property; 200 dead, 500 wounded; 2 hospitals, 6 schools and many homes destroyed. Furthermore, the wounded are dying because of the lack of medical facilities and the dead cannot be buried because of the intense shelling.

A clear indication of the intention of the Syrians and Palestinians to force the movement of the Christians is the intermittent "cease-fires", (already 18 in number), lasting only long enough to permit evacuation of the population.

The United States government has reacted strongly to the Syrian-Palestinian attacks. Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig called the Syrian-Palestinian action "brutal and unacceptable by any measure of appropriate international standards of conduct". Similiar condemnatory statements have been expressed by several other Western nations.

The American Lebanese League (ALL) unequivocally condemns the Syrian-Palestinian shelling of the innocent population of Zahle and East Beirut. The League has urgently appealed to the U.S. government, the governments of the free world, and the religious leaders to take appropriate steps to end the barbarous assualts against East Beirut and Zahle by the Syrians and Palestinians, to lift the seige of Zahle and to encourage the withdrawal of the Syrian and Palestinian armed forces from Lebanon. In addition, the American Lebanese League urges governmental and private agencies to provide humanitarian aid to the inhabitants of the war-torn areas of Zahle and East Beirut.

It is now evident that both the Syrians and the PLO are the major extensions of Soviet influence and interests in the Middle East, and that the Syrian-PLO forces pose an immediate threat not only to Lebanon and to the other countries in the area, but also to witel U.S. interests in this critical region.

The American Lebanese League firmly believes that peace will not return to Lebanon and the area unless all foreign forces, especially the Syrians and the Palestinians, are withdrawn from Lebanon and Lebanon is returned to the Lebanese.

## /~ Lebanon for Lebanese

IN THE continuing struggle between Christians and Syrians in Lebanon, a critical element has been lost sight of. Much can be said about the methods and motives of the <u>Christians</u>, but one thing is clear: They are Lebanese. The country in which they are striving for a place is theirs. Their right to be there and to contest cannot be denied.

The same cannot be said of the Syrians. They are, after all, foreigners. They were invited in by the Lebanese government to police the internal conflict that was raging in the mid-1970s, but their role has since become closer to that of an occupying force. In any event, they have no legitimate claim to any role in Lebanon. apart from that accorded to them by the Lebanese . government This seems to us the essence of what is still going on around the Christian city of Zahle in the Bekaa valley east of Beirut. The Syrians are refusing to acknowledge that their forces are meant to be only temporary guests. It is not simply that they have been firing on: Lebanese Christian areas, killing some hundreds of citizens in the process. Nor is it just that they are insisting that any Lebanese army units in the area come. under their command and control, not the other way 

around. They are making suggestive noises to the effect that their security requirements compel them to divorce their presence from any considerations of Lebanese sovereignty and to stay there for an indefinite basis on their own. They are using their influence in Lebanon's Moslem community, and the widespread fear that civil war will resume full blast if their "peacekeeping" forces depart, to ensure that their five-yearold invitation to Lebanon is not withdrawn.

As we indicated the other day, we are not sanguine about the possibilities of putting an end to Lebanon's multi-layered misery while the Arab-Israeli dispute remains unresolved. In any approach even to mitigating Lebanon's tragedy, however, one principle must be underlined: Lebanon for the Lebanese. The country is plainly incapable of mustering either the strength on its own or the international protection to keep its sovereignty inviolate. First the Palestinians swept in, uninvited, and different kinds of Israeli and Syrian intervention followed. It is difficult now to separate out any one of these interventions and resolve it apart from the others. The main point remains that eventually the Lebanese, and the Lebanese alone, must be allowed to decide which foreigners remain on their soil.

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Dear Mr. President:

I have talked to our Ambassador to Lebanon, John Gunther Dean, and have asked him to transmit this message to you.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to communicate with you and the Lebanese people. The United States has always held Lebanon in special esteem as a free and independent democracy adhering to the same principles and ideals that Americans prize. In this regard, I would like to convey to the Government of Lebanon, and to you personally, Mr. President, my respect and admiration for the courageous efforts you have made to defend these values in the face of the violence which Lebanon has suffered.

Linked to our respect for the principles of the Lebanese republic is our firm support for the institutions of the Lebanese government. Now, Lebanon is facing renewed and intensified crises--in Beirut, in Zahleh, and in the south. Against this background of intolerable violence, I want to reaffirm most strongly the support of the United States for the Government of Lebanon. You have seen, Mr. President, the statement of my government calling on all parties to put an end to acts of violence from within or without the country, and stressing that it is in the interest of all Lebanese to support fully the constitutional authorities of Lebanon. We are also making the most urgent and high level contacts with concerned parties in support of your efforts to end this latest round of violence.

I also have reconfirmed to all concerned our strong support for U.N. peace keeping efforts in south Lebanon and for the expansion of the Lebanese contingents serving with UNIFIL in its area of operations.

His Excellency Elias Sarkis President of the Republic of Lebanon Beirut, Lebanon It remains our firm conviction that a strong central government, based on the democratic principles that you have so consistently and bravely upheld, is the only guarantee of security for both the inhabitants of Lebanon and her neighbors. Accordingly, as we work now to help in putting an immediate end to this most recent violance, we are also calling on all parties, in and out of Lebanon, to assist in expanding and screngthening the authority of the Lebanese government in every part of the country. It is only in this way that lasting peace and security for all can be restored.

Please accept, Mr. President, on behalf of the Government of the United States and myself personally, my admiration, appreciation, and firm support for your courageous efforts to fully translate the ideals of the Republic of Lebanon into actuality.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

# PRESIDENT REAGAN, LEBANON AND ITS CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY ARE BEING DESTROYED.

Zahle, the largest Christian city in the Middle East, has been under massive and brutal shelling by the Syrian Army for two weeks:

- Hundreds of innocent men, women and children were killed or wounded.
- Dead were lying unburied, the wounded lying unattended, hospitals and Red Cross center destroyed.
- Food, water, electricity and medical supplies were cut off.
- 400 artillery rounds per hour were falling on the unarmed civilian population. ... And though the Free World condemns Syria's mindless brutality, the genocide continues.

The bloody events of Zahle and East Beinit are yet another episode of the systematic extermination of the Christian community in Lebanon by the Syrian army and the PLO. Over the last six years, Christian villages were wiped out, families massacred, clergy fortured and slaughtered, churches, schools and hospitals destroyed, civilians shelled and forced out of their homes – all in an orchestrated attempt to change the demography and character of Lebanon, the only country in

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the Arab World where a free Christian community exists. Mr. President, the overwhelming majority of both the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and House Foreign Alfairs Committee have urged that you act decisively to save Lebanon and its free Christian community as fundamental to the strategic, regional, moral and ethical interests of the United States. Excerpts from both letters, with the signatories, follow:

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Secretary of State Alexander Halg, in an act of vision and conscience, has publicly excortated the "brutality" of Syrian action in Lebanon as "unacceptable by any measure of appropriate international standards of conduct"."

We urge you, Mr. President, to press for immediate Systan withdrawal and replacement by an international force while the Lebanese restrictions government and institutions are permitted to re-establish their free, democratic nation. Mr. President, the Lebanese have given too much to Christianity to be ignored by Christendom; the Lebanese have given too much to \*\* civilization to be abandoned by the civilized world; the Lebanese have given too much loyalty, love, sacrifice and respectable tilizenship to 15 4 ...

their adopted country to be forgotten by America; American-Lebanese have given you too much support in the presidential campaign toward achieving your own lofty ideals, Mr. President, to be turned away in their hour of need. This is not a distant tragedy. The dead, wounded, homeless and orphaned are the grandfathers, grandmothers, fathers, mothers, brother

sisters, cousins and friends of American-Lebanese in the cities and towns across America. It is now a bold opportunity for you, Mr. President, to turn away from the cynical practitioners of international politics. For Lebanon it is

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