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May 4, 1983

Dear Jack:

I am sorry it has taken so long to acknowledge your note of March 30th concerning the incidents between the Marines and the Israeli Defense Forces in Lebanon.

As you know, we have taken steps to minimize future occurrences and let's hope we will succeed. Obviously, we also hope that Israel will soon withdraw all its forces from Lebanon, along with Syria and the PLO, so that we can eventually bring our Marines home.

With best wishes,

Sincerely;

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William P. Clark

The Honorable Jack Kemp House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

April 28, 1983

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM:

GEOFFREY KEMP

SUBJECT:

Incidents Between US Marines and IDF Troops

in Lebanon

Attached at Tab I is a letter for your signature to Congressman Kemp concerning the incidents between the US Marines and the IDF troops in Lebanon.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the letter to Congressman Kemp at Tab I.

APPROVE _____ DISAPPROVE ____

Attachment:



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Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 25 March 1983

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The Honorable Caspar Weinberger Secretary of Defense The Pentagon Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Cap:

I want you to know how proud I am of the job our Marines are doing in Lebanon. They are exemplary emissaries of America's good will and dedication to peace.

In this regard, I have had the opportunity to read the Commandant's letter to you concerning incidents between the Marines and IDF troops in Lebanon. Frankly, I am both disturbed and puzzled by the occurence of such confrontations: disturbed, because I believe such tension has no place as between allies; and puzzled, because I cannot understand why these confrontations have arisen.

It seems to me that we should take every precaution to ensure that U.S. and Israeli forces in country are able to carry out their respective missions in harmony with one another. To this end, the exchange of liaison officers should facilitate field communications and help obviate misunderstandings. If my recollection of history serves me properly, during the Four Power occupation of Berlin and Vienna following World War II, liaison exchanges were a necessary ingredient to effective administration of the cities. The situation in Lebanon seems to me no less complicated. An exchange of liaison officers may not solve all of our problems, but surely it could not hurt.

Israel's decision to proceed with intelligence sharing without recourse to a formal agreement is a gesture of friendship and a recognition of mutual self interest that is the essence of a healthy alliance. Hopefully, we can find a way to share information and understanding in the field that similarly will reflect this deep and abiding mutuality of interests. Tensions between us can only lead to satisfaction among those who are not our friends. It is neither in our interest, nor in the interest of Israel, to see such tensions persist.

regards,

JACK KEMP

Member of Congress

JK/mkv cc Honorable William Clarke

National Security Council 643 The White House

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FROM KEMP, JACK

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SUBJECT: REPLY TO TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER'S MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE ON BEIRUT EMBASSY BOMBING (SS 8312542)

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY SHULTZ TO FOREIGN MINISTER TURKMEN IN RESPONSE TO HIS MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE REPEATED PARA 3:

2. BEGIN TEXT

HIS EXCELLENCY ILTER TURKMEN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY DEEP APPRECIATION FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY FOLLOWING THE TRAGIC ATTACK UPON OUR EMBASSY IN BEIRUT ON APRIL 18. WE ARE GRIEVED BY THE SENSELESS LOSS OF LIFE AND INJURY THAT RESULTED FROM THIS WANTON ACT OF VIOLENCE AND JOIN IN: YOUR CONDEMNATION OF TERRORISM THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. SUCH VIOLENCE OFFENDS THE SENSITIVITIES OF CIVILIZED

WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY YOUR WORDS OF SUPPORT FOR OUR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR THE PEOPLE OF LEBANON, LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT THESE TRAGIC EVENTS WILL NOT DETER US FROM OUR COURSE IN LEBANON OR IN OUR PURSUIT OF PEACE THROUGHOUT THE MIDDLE EAST.

THE DEDICATED SERVICE OF THOSE WHO DIED IN BEIRUT IS AN INSPIRATION TO ALL OF US AS WE REDEDICATE OUR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE PEACE AND JUSTICE IN A REGION SO LONG BESET BY TURMOIL. IT IS A WORTHY GOAL THAT MERITS OUR BEST EFFORT.

SINCERELY YOURS. GEORGE P. SHULTZ

END TEXT

3. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE MESSAGE OF APRIL 18 FROM TURKMEN:

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HIS EXCELLENC GEORGE SHULTI CEOFETAR OF STATE DEPARTMENT OF CTATE WASHINGTON, D. I

IF HAVE BEEN PROFICEDLY CHOCKED BY THE BONB ATTACK WHICH F6011 has wrecked the U.S. Embassy in Beirut Today, causing , LARGE NUMBER OF VICTIMA

THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT STRONGLY CONDEMNS THIS OUTRAGE AGAINST HUMANITY. SUCH ACTS OF VIOLENCE CAN ONLY AGGRAVATE THE ALREADY INTOLERABLE SITUATION IN LEBANON AND IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

PLEASE CORVEY TO THE FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS OUR SINSERE CONDOLENCES AS WELL AS THE HORROR WE FEEL AT THIC HIDEOUS CRIME.

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- 2. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

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GEORGE P. SHULTZ

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August 8, 1983

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With our best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Norman Braman would succeed Frank R. Lautenberg. Mr. Braman is president of a car dealership in Miami, Fla. He has served as vice president of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation. He was a founder and serves on the board of the Mount Sinai Medical Center. He graduated from Temple University (B.S., 1955). He is married, has two children, and resides in Miami Beach, Fla. He was born August 22, 1932, in West Chester, Pa.

William J. Lowenberg would succeed Albert A. Spiegel. Mr. Lowenberg is a real estate developer in San Francisco, Calif. He is president-elect of the Jewish Community Federation and is a board member of the Council of Jewish Federations. Mr. Lowenberg is a survivor of the Nazi Holocaust of World War II. He is married, has two children, and resides in San Francisco, Calif. He was born August 14, 1926, in Ochtrup, Germany.

Consumer Price Index

Statement by the President. July 22, 1983

Once again, with today's release of the Consumer Price Index for June, we see evidence that a healthy economic recovery is underway, one that is better than anything most of the experts were predicting just a few months ago. The new CPI figure is especially good news for Americans living on fixed or modest incomes—the people who suffer the most from the ravages of inflation. By keeping inflation down, our economic policy protects those Americans who are most vulnerable—and that, not the inflationary policies of the big spenders, is an important part of fairness and compassion.

Between May and June, consumer prices rose by only 0.2 percent. Food prices actually declined, and the increase in gasoline prices tapered off considerably from recent months. Most important, the level of the CPI this June was only 2.6 percent higher than a year ago. That represents the lowest 12-month rate of increase in consumer prices in more than 15 years.

Taken together with yesterday's good news of 8.7-percent real economic growth in the second quarter of the year, it is clear that our program, and the American economy, are on the right track—the track to a strong, sustained, noninflationary recovery.

Meeting With President Amin Gemayel of Lebanon

Remarks Following the Meeting. July 22, 1983

President Reagan. It is a great pleasure to welcome our friend, President Gemayel, to the White House again. We've had excellent talks today covering many vital concerns of both our countries. During his first visit here 9 months ago, President Gemayel and I discussed the principles upon which United States policy toward Lebanon is based: the full withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon; support for a strong central government capable of asserting its authority over all of Lebanon; and security for Israel's northern border.

Today, I've reaffirmed these principles to President Gemayel. A united, sovereign, and independent Lebanon, free of all foreign forces, is the legitimate aspiration of the Government and the people of Lebanon and a goal shared by the people of the United States. Our talks today focused on the next steps in securing Lebanon's independence. We admire the courage and wisdom demonstrated by the Lebanese Government during its negotiations that resulted in an agreement for the departure of Israeli forces.

The United States remains firmly committed to the earliest possible resolution of the conflict in Lebanon. This morning, President Gemayel and I have gone over the difficult agenda and have agreed on next steps which we should take together to set this process in motion and carry it through.

And I have today designated Robert McFarlane, currently my Deputy Assistant for National Security Affairs, as my Personal Representative in the Middle East. In that role, he will succeed Philip Habib, who must return to his business and academia duties. Phil has set a high standard in bringing us through 8 months of difficult negotiations to the situation we face today, and he will be sorely missed.

After further consultation here in Washington next week, Bud McFarlane and his team will depart for the Middle East within

10 days.

I'm happy to have had this opportunity to confer with President Gemayel once again. I'm impressed with the progress that he and the Government and people of Lebanon have made in rebuilding their country. It's my belief that energy and perseverance will triumph in the end. And as I told President Gemayel, we do not lack for either. Lebanon can count on our support.

Mr. President, pleased to have you here. *President Gemayel.* My second visit to the White House in the course of the year is a further confirmation of our appreciation for the consistent support President Reagan has given Lebanon and the Lebanese objective, which is the withdrawal of all foreign forces and the reconstruction of a sovereign, democratic, and united Lebanon.

I'm very happy to have with me this time the Prime Minister, Mr. Shafiq Wazzan. This should emphasize the importance we attach to the visit. Indeed, conditions in Lebanon have changed immensely since my visit last October. And you are going through dramatic developments, highlighted in particular by today's events in Lebanon. During our meeting this morning and the talks held by my delegation with the State Department and the Pentagon, we have amply covered the various practical ways and means available to the Government of Lebanon and the United States in order to fulfill our common goals.

I continue to be confident that the major problems still confronting us in Lebanon and the Middle East can best be addressed and resolved by full cooperation with our Arab community and our American friends. President Reagan has reassured us of his continuing concern and determination to pursue his initiative in Lebanon with the same strength and commitment. Our two Governments will intensify their consultations until the expected results are

achieved.

I would like, finally, to thank Philip Habib. I'll tell him, he is always welcome in Lebanon. He is a friend of Lebanon. He was with us during the difficult time. And, also, I'll say in advance, welcome to Mr. McFarlane.

Note: President Reagan spoke at 1:18 p.m. to reporters assembled on the South Grounds of the White House.

Earlier, the two Presidents met in the Oval Office and then held a working luncheon, together with U.S. and Lebanese officials, in the State Dining Room.

President's Personal Representative in the Middle East

Appointment of Robert C. McFarlane, With the Personal Rank of Ambassador. July 22, 1983

The President announced today his intention to appoint Robert C. McFarlane as his Personal Representative in the Middle East with the personal rank of Ambassador. Mr. McFarlane is the Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, a position he has held since January 1982. He will continue to serve in that position.

In January 1981, Mr. McFarlane was nominated as Counselor, Department of State, where he served until becoming Deputy Assistant to the President. In 1979-81 he was a member of the professional staff of the Senate Committee on Armed Services. He was a senior research fellow at the National Defense University in Washington, D.C., in 1977-78. In 1976-77 he was Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. Mr. McFarlane was Executive Assistant to the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs in 1975-76. From 1973 to 1975, he was military assistant to Dr. Henry Kissinger at the White House. In 1971-1972 he was a White House Fellow and Executive Assistant to the Counsel to the President for Legislative

Mr. McFarlane was a U.S. Marine officer. He is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy

NSC Approves W/Changes (P. Pulignand)

August 1, 1983

Dear Mr. President:

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With our best wishes,

Sincerely,

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June 10, 1983

Mr. Michael K. Deaver Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mike:

As you will recall, we wrote you some time back regarding the visit of his Holiness Karekin II, the Catholicos of the See of Cilicia of the Armenian Apostolic Church, to the United States this month. In that correspondence we noted that His Holiness wishes to personally visit the President.

Subsequent to that correspondence, I advised you that the National Security Council staff had indicated that they would prefer that His Holiness visit the Vice President, rather than the President.

However, the National Security Council now informs us that they would have no problem with a visit between His Holiness and the President, and that they, NSC, are involved in making the arrangements for such a visit.

The purpose of this letter is to bring you up-to-date on this matter, and to once again emphasize the importance to the Armenian community worldwide and in the United States of a personal visit between these two leaders. Anything you can do personally to expedite arrangements for the visit will be appreciated tremendously.

Please call me if you have any questions concerning this matter, and thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Deaver Special Assistant

Proxidential Remarks: DEPARTURE OF PRESIDENT GEMAYEL OF LEBANON

> IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE TO WELCOME OUR FRIEND PRESIDENT GEMAYEL TO THE WHITE HOUSE AGAIN. WE'VE HAD EXCELLENT TALKS TODAY, COVERING MANY VITAL CONCERNS OF BOTH OUR COUNTRIES,

DURING HIS FIRST VISIT HERE 9 MONTHS AGO, PRESIDENT GEMAYEL AND I DISCUSSED THE PRINCIPLES UPON WHICH U.S. POLICY TOWARD LEBANON IS BASED:

- THE FULL WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES FROM LEBANON;
- SUPPORT FOR A STRONG CENTRAL GOVERNMENT CAPABLE OF ASSERTING ITS AUTHORITY OVER ALL OF LEBANON; AND,
- SECURITY FOR ISRAEL'S NORTHERN BORDER.

TODAY, I'VE REAFFIRMED THESE PRINCIPLES TO PRESIDENT GEMAYEL.

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A UNITED, SOVEREIGN, AND INDEPENDENT LEBANON FREE OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES IS THE LEGITIMATE ASPIRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF LEBANON, AND A GOAL SHARED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES.

OUR TALKS TODAY FOCUSED ON THE NEXT STEPS IN SECURING LEBANON'S INDEPENDENCE. WE ADMIRE THE COURAGE AND WISDOM DEMONSTRATED BY THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT DURING ITS NEGOTIATIONS THAT RESULTED IN AN AGREEMENT FOR THE DEPARTURE OF ISRAELI FORCES.

THE UNITED STATES REMAINS FIRMLY
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THIS MORNING PRESIDENT GEMAYEL AND I
HAVE GONE OVER THE DIFFICULT AGENDA AND
HAVE AGREED ON NEXT STEPS WHICH WE
SHOULD TAKE TOGETHER TO SET THIS PROCESS
IN MOTION AND CARRY IT THROUGH.

I HAVE TODAY DESIGNATED ROBERT McFARLANE, CURRENTLY MY DEPUTY ASSISTANT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS, AS MY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN THE MIDDLE IN THAT ROLE HE WILL SUCCEED PHILIP HABIB WHO MUST RETURN TO HIS BUSINESS AND ACADEMIA DUTIES. PHIL HAS SET A HIGH STANDARD IN BRINGING US THROUGH 8 MONTHS OF DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS TO THE SITUATION WE FACE HE WILL BE SORELY MISSED. FURTHER CONSULTATION HERE IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK, BUD AND HIS TEAM WILL DEPART FOR THE MIDDLE EAST WITHIN 10 DAYS.

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GEMAYEL ONCE AGAIN. I'M IMPRESSED WITH

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AS I TOLD PRESIDENT GEMAYEL, WE DO NOT LACK FOR EITHER. LEBANON CAN COUNT ON OUR SUPPORT.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DEPARTURE OF PRESIDENT GEMAYEL OF LEBANON FRIDAY, JULY 22, 1983

It is a great pleasure to welcome our friend President Gemayel to the White House again. We've had excellent talks today, covering many vital concerns of both our countries.

During his first visit here 9 months ago, President Gemayel and I discussed the principles upon which U.S. policy toward Lebanon is based:

- -- the full withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon;
- -- support for a strong central government capable of asserting its authority over all of Lebanon; and,
 - -- security for Israel's northern border.

Today, I've reaffirmed these principles to President

Gemayel. A united, sovereign, and independent Lebanon free of

all foreign forces is the legitimate aspiration of the Government

and people of Lebanon, and a goal shared by the people of the

United States.

Our talks today focused on the next steps in securing
Lebanon's independence. We admire the courage and wisdom
demonstrated by the Lebanese government during its negotiations
that resulted in an agreement for the departure of Israeli
forces. President Gemayel and I discussed aspects of this
problem and I reiterated the firm commitment of the United States
to continue our diplomatic efforts with all concerned.

I am happy to have had this opportunity to confer with President Gemayel once again. I'm impressed with the progress he

and the Government and people of Lebanon have made in rebuilding their country. It is my belief that energy and perseverance will triumph in the end. As I told President Gemayel, we do not lack for either. Lebanon can count on our support.

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Remarks:

This letter was answered with a direct reply from David L. Mack, Director, Office for Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Iraq on 8/29/83 S/S # 8325540.

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Washington, D.C.

August 30, 1983

Mr. Sami Merhi President, American Druze Society 541 Otto Place Paramus, New Jersey 07652

Dear Mr. Merhi:

Thank you for your letter of August 2, 1983 and the accompanying memorandum to President Gemayel which sets forth the position of the American Druze Society on Lebanon. I understand that the same letter and memorandum have been sent to Secretary Shultz, on whose behalf I have been asked to respond.

In many respects, your position paper on Lebanon presents views which parallel the foreign policy objectives of the United States. As I am sure you know, the United States is committed to the restoration of a unified, sovereign and independent Lebanon, free of all foreign forces, and under the control of the broadly representative central government. We continue to believe that this policy offers the best hope for peace in Lebanon and of security, justice and equality for all Lebanese citizens.

We also agree that nothing could be a "more serious or potentially devastating" threat to Lebanon than the continuing sectarian strife in the Shuf. The imminent withdrawal of Israeli troops from the Shuf has made this danger all the more apparent. For this very reason, we have consistently deplored intercommunal violence and continually urged all Lebanese parties to engage in a process of national reconciliation. Even as I write, Ambassador McFarlane is working to help end the senseless bloodshed in Lebanon.

Let me assure you that our efforts to bring peace and freedom to Lebanon will continue. And let us hope, as you so eloquently have said, that our collective efforts will "restore unity, peace and harmony to a once beautiful and vibrant country".

Sincerely,

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David L. Mack

Director

Office for Lebanon, Syria,

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PRESIDENT

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SUBJECT: WRITES REGARDING THE CRISIS IN LEBANON

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August 2, 1983

President Ronald Reagan White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Honorable President Reagan:

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Your support for a united, sovereign Lebanon, free from foreign domination, could pave the road to peace in this war-ravaged country.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Respectfully yours,

Sami Merhi President

American Druze Society



541 Otto Place Paramus, NJ 07652

Mr. President,

Armed struggle ends when the political goal it started for is achieved. With you at the helm in Lebanon, there is no further justification for the existence of any armed militias.

Furthermore, the Druze have no aggressive designs and harbour no ill-will against any of the Christian brethren within their communities as the long Civil War has proven. The Druze are not foreigners in Lebanon Mr. President. They are the forerunners of Lebanon's independence. Their historical roots and continuity in Mount Lebanon are unquestionable. They are Lebanese and we firmly believe they will cooperate with the system that does not tolerate their subjugation, humiliation, dispersal and destruction.

Because of this and because of our deep concern for Lebanon and in the spirit of the memorandum submitted to Your Excellency on May 10, 1983 by the Supreme Council of the Druze Community in Lebanon, which we fully endorse and support, we respectfully submit the following proposals for consideration and implementation by the Lebanese authorities.

First:

Clear and public affirmation that all the Lebanese are born equal and have equal rights and privileges regardless of sect or religion.

Second:

Clear and public condemnation of all acts of terrorism and provocation by the armed militias, and a firm policy that will secure their withdrawal from the mountains.

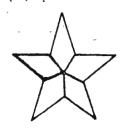
Third:

Public and clear affirmation of the right of the Druze Community as well as all other Communities in Lebanon, for legitimate and proportionate representation in the government at all levels. And until confidence is restored the Druze Community should partake in decisions that affect its safety and destiny.

Fourth:

The Druze public is unaware of Your Excellency's response to the demands mentioned in the May 10th Memo. Therefore, it seems only prudent that an announcement about Your Excellency's stand in this regard and affirmations and parallel implementation of our proposals, precede redeployment of the Lebanese army into the Mountains.

We believe that introduction of armed forces prior to proper political accord would be viewed as a form of intimidation and conquest leading to very serious consequences. As in the militias case, it will be viewed as being one sided and will complicate an already tragic situation.



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Mr. President,

Lebanon prides itself on a tradition of freedom and democracy. These will be best served by genuine reforms that are based on equality and justice for all citizens regardless of creed or ethnicity.

As long as Lebanon is a house divided it can never repel an aggressor or drive an invader from its soil. The ideology of racial, ethnic or sectarian inequality is not only bankrupt and divisive internally, but is also costly to Lebanon's reputation and the much needed international sympathy, respect, and support.

Mr. President,

While these proposals pertain specifically to the Druze Christian conflict in the Mountains, their validity and logic for the country as a whole are obvious. Lebanon cannot achieve independence until all of its citizens are willing to defend it and unless they see in its defense and existence a fulfillment of their hopes and dreams. This will not happen until bigotry and hatred, racism and injustice are obliterated from the Lebanese mind.

Mr. President,

We pledge our support and cooperation for the restoration of trust and harmony among the Lebanese Communities and for the resurrection of a free and independent Lebanon with justice and equality for all its citizens.

We pledge our support and cooperation to remove all foreign armies from Lebanon and restore its territorial integrity.

We pledge our support for genuine political reforms that will safeguard the liberty of all the Lebanese citizens and restore domestic and international confidence in Lebanon and its leaders, and

We pledge our support for efforts to prevent further sectarian strife and restoration of peace and security to the Central Mountains and other regions of the country.



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Mr. President,

There has already been too much bloodshed and tragedy in Lebanon. The Lebanese must abandon the road of confrontation and seek accommodation and compromise. We ask the Almighty to help you heal the Lebanese wounds and achieve liberty, peace and justice.

Sami Merhi President,

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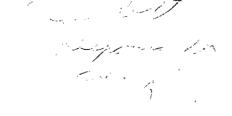
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August 2, 1983

Mr. David Mack State Department Washington, D.C. 20520

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541 Otto Place Paramus, NJ 07652

July 22, 1983

Sheikh Amin Gemayel President of the Republic of Lebanon

Mr. President,

In the name of the American Druze Society we extend to you a warm welcome to our great country, the United States of America. We also wish to express our appreciation for the privilege of meeting with you and discussing the grave issues that concern us all.

Mr. President,

The tragic events in Lebanon over the past decade and specifically over the past year are well known to all of us since there is hardly a family in that tortured land that has not been affected by tragedy directly or indirectly. Like a mirage, peace appears to be at hand only to elude us at every corner. Yet we must continue in our collective efforts to restore unity, peace and harmony to a once beautiful and vibrant country.

Mr. President,

Of all the interlocking internal factors in the Lebanese tragedy none is more serious or potentially devastating than the sectarian strife that has erupted between the Druze and radical elements of the Phalangist Militias in the Southern part of Mount Lebanon. Mount Lebanon is the backbone of the Country and the Druze and Christian Communities represent its basic demographic and human expression.

Mutual coexistence, tolerance, cooperation and respect between these two Communities are mandatory for the survival of Mount Lebanon and indeed of all Lebanon. Your Excellency knows well that despite eight years of Civil War, no sectarian strife took place in the Shouf or the Aley regions until Israel occupied the area. We know that under the auspices of the Israeli Invasion, these radical armed militias were brought and stationed in strategic areas of the central mountains. They have been harassing the population with abductions, killings, road blocks, periodic shelling and other forms of provocation — activities that have led to retaliation causing disruption of centuries of peaceful coexistence, and undermining the legitimacy of the Lebanese government, both at home and abroad.

Lebanon is faced now with two alternatives: either to come out from this crisis unified and intact or to get partitioned into sectarian cantons and petty states.

We do hope for the first alternative under your leadership.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT KIMMITT

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

Subject:

Treasury Participation in Visit of Lebanese

President Gemayel

Given the high probability that economic/financial issues will be raised during President Reagan's meeting with Lebanon's President Amin Gemayel, we assume Secretary Regan will be included in any discussions of these topics.

Treasury is prepared to provide briefing materials on macroeconomic and monetary issues for President Gemayel's visit. Should briefing materials on economic issues be prepared by other agencies for the President, Treasury would like an opportunity to review such papers.

Please keep me advised of the plans for the visit and of any assistance Treasury may provide to contribute to the success of this meeting.

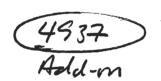
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David L. Chew Executive Assistant to the Secretary

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July 15, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT KIMMITT

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

Subject:

Treasury Participation in Visit of Prime

Minister Begin

Given the high probability that economic/financial matters will be raised during President Reagan's meetings with Prime Minister Begin, Treasury is prepared to provide any briefing materials on those issues that you may require. Should briefing materials on economic issues be prepared by other agencies for the President, Treasury would like an opportunity to review such papers.

Please keep me advised of the plans for the visit and of any assistance Treasury may provide to contribute to the success of this meeting.

David L. Chew
Executive Assistant
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THE WHITE HOUSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES ROSEBUSH

FROM:

CHARLES P. TYSON

SUBJECT:

Mrs. Reagan's Tea with Mrs. Joyce Gemayel of Lebanon -- Friday, July 22 -- 11:00 a.m.

Yesterday the attached recommended participants for the tea to be hosted by Mrs. Reagan in honor of Mrs. Joyce Gemayel was forwarded to you along with briefing papers and a biography.

At approximately 1:00 p.m. this date, State Department telephoned to request that Ms. Michelini Abi Samra be deleted from the list. NSC concurs.

Attached is copy of the revised proposed guest list deleting Ms. Abi Samra's name from the list.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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July 18, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES ROSEBUSH

FROM:

CHARLES P. TYSON PM

SUBJECT:

Mrs. Reagan's Tea with Mrs. Joyce Gemayel of Lebanon -- Friday, July 22 -- 11:00 a.m.

Attached is State Department's recommended talking points and recommended list of participants for Mrs. Reagan's tea with Mrs. Gemayel.

NSC concurs with these recommendations.

Also included are short biographies on Mrs. Gemayel -- one showing a photo.

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Background and Talking Points

for Mrs. Reagan's Tea for Mrs. Gemayel

Background:

Joyce Gemayel is a fashionable and politically aware woman who complements her husband, the President, quite well. Despite the obvious dangers of the Gemayels' prominence in Lebanon, Mrs. Gemayel has an active interest in furthering her husband's efforts to rebuild Lebanon. The Lebanese Embassy here has stated that Mrs. Gemayel is interested in charitable work for young victims of the fighting in Lebanon. The Gemayels have three children: Nicole (15 years old); Pierre ll); and, Samir (2). Joyce Gemayel, who was reared by a Scottish nanny, speaks excellent English.

Talking Points:

- -- It is a great pleasure to welcome you to the White House.
- -- We are particularly pleased that you decided to accompany your husband on this visit and to visit other cities (Houston and Detroit) in the U.S.
- -- We know that this last year has been a particularly trying one for you and your family.
- -- In our shared efforts to bring about an enduring peace, we are continually encouraged and inspired by the dedication, resilience and courage of the Lebanese people.
- -- The many friends of Lebanon in the United States look forward with hope to a time when the people of Lebanon once more enjoy the benefits of security and stability that can be provided only by a strong central government exercising sovereignty throughout its territory and at peace with its neighbors.
- -- I know the American people share our feelings of friendship for you and compassion for the Lebanese people, who have suffered too long.
- -- I also hope that your visit here will help to strengthen the ties between our two nations which share the same ideals of peace and freedom.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Official Working Visit of President Gemayel --

Proposed Guest List and Talking Points for Mrs.

Reagan's Tea

A proposed guest list and talking points are attached for Mrs. Reagan's tea for Mrs. Gemayel, scheduled for ll:00 a.m., July 22.

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Proposed Guest List Talking Points

> Charles Hill Executive Secretary



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