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THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

ID# 445760

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: NOVEMBER 24, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE EDWARD J. SCHUMANN

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF THE ACTIONS TAKEN TO  
HELP FREE THE U.S. HOSTAGES IN LEBANON

ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY (STAFF NAME)	ACTION		DISPOSITION	
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 15, 1986

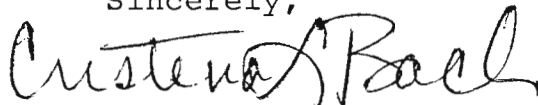
Dear Mr. Schumann:

On behalf of the President, I want to thank you for your recent letter of strong support. It is gratifying to see locally elected officials, such as yourself, rally behind the President, and it is most appreciated.

If there is anything that my office can do for you please don't hesitate to contact me.

Continue your good work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cristena L. Bach". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Cristena L. Bach  
Special Assistant to the President  
for Intergovernmental Affairs

Mr. Edward J. Schumann  
Township Assessor  
53 South La Grange Road  
La Grange, Illinois 60525



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TOWNSHIP OF LYONS  
**OFFICE OF THE CLERK**

53 SOUTH LA GRANGE RD. LA GRANGE, ILLINOIS 60525

EDWARD J. SCHUMANN  
ASSESSOR

Phone  
(312) 482-8300

November 20, 1986

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

Dear Mr. President:

As an elected Democratic official of Lyons Township, I would like to take this opportunity to say that I support you in the correctness of your actions to help free the U. S. hostages in Lebanon.

Your efforts to save these hostages should be commended and not attacked by the U. S. media.

There is an old saying, "If you do nothing or say nothing, you will not be criticized".

The people of the United States and I, myself elected you to work for the interest of the people of the United States and if the U.S.-Iran connection had not been exposed, two more hostages would be spending their Thanksgiving somewhere other than the "good old" U.S.A.

You are now under siege from the left-wing media, and your programs to aid free-Nicaragua from the Communists will be attacked next.

Mr. President, please do not give up. Fight for what you believe is right. The American people will support you.

May I commend you, Mr. President, and your special Assistant Linas Kojelis, for the fine job you are doing and I hope someday to meet you and tell you this personally.

Respectfully

Edward J. Schumann  
Lyons Township Assessor



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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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September 25, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR SALLY KELLEY

FROM: RODNEY B. McDANIEL *RBM*  
SUBJECT: Reply to Jack George Makari

This memorandum forwards for appropriate signature an NSC-approved reply (Tab A) to Jack George Makari, who writes with suggestions for a resolution of the Lebanese crisis.

Attachments

- Tab A Reply to Mr. Makari
- Tab B Incoming correspondence

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September 23, 1986

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR RODNEY B. McDANIEL

FROM: DENNIS ROSS *DR*

SUBJECT: Reply to Jack George Makari

Attached at Tab I for your signature is a memo to Sally Kelley forwarding a State draft reply (Tab A) to Jack George Makari, who writes with suggestions for a resolution of the Lebanese crisis. Mr. Makari's letter to the President is at Tab B.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo at Tab I.

Approve *DR* Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Attachments

Tab I Memo to Sally Kelley  
Tab A Draft reply to Mr. Makari  
Tab B Incoming correspondence

Dear Dr. Makari:

Thank you for your letter of September 10, enclosing a copy of the article you recently published in the Record containing suggestions for a resolution of the Lebanese crisis.

This Administration remains interested and concerned about the situation in Lebanon. Our support for Lebanon's unity, independence and sovereignty is unflagging. We have demonstrated our readiness to help ease the suffering of the Lebanese people. We have repeatedly called for the withdrawal of all foreign forces, ~~and requested by the Government of Lebanon~~ for an end to the fighting in Lebanon and for the restoration of a political dialogue that could open the way to political reform and national reconciliation.

The United States is prepared to help the Lebanese achieve these goals. The events of the past eleven tragic years, however, clearly show that no foreign power can impose a settlement in Lebanon or substitute for initiative and effort by the Lebanese themselves. The Lebanese have had to bear an extraordinary burden during these years of strife, yet their capacity for equally extraordinary achievement has not been diminished. Bringing an end to the Lebanese crisis will test this reservoir of talent, and will require immense courage and



flexibility on the part of Lebanese leaders from all communities. I hope that you, as an American of Lebanese origin, will give your wholehearted support to their efforts to reach a compromise. I know the United States government will do so.

I was pleased that the Advisory Board of the American Lebanese League was able to meet with the Vice President in Washington last week. I know the Vice President values these contacts, and they provide me with a valuable opportunity to share, however indirectly, the views of an important American group.



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Washington, D.C. 20520

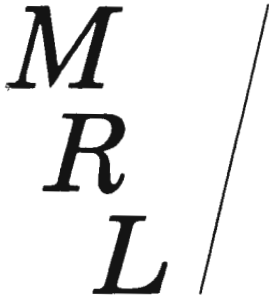
September 18, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR VADM JOHN POINDEXTER  
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Draft Letter from the President to  
Jack George Makari

As requested, we have prepared a draft letter  
to Dr. Jack George Makari for the President's  
signature.

  
Nicholas Platt  
Executive Secretary



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MAKARI RESEARCH LABORATORIES, INC.  
223 SOUTH DEAN STREET, ENGLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY 07631

JACK GEORGE MAKARI, M.D.  
President

September 10, 1986

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

Dear Mr. President:

On the occasion of a meeting of members of the American Lebanese League with Vice President Bush and other members of your Administration at the White House on September 11, 1986, I thought of enclosing herewith an article which I wrote entitled "Prescription for Lebanon" which was recently published in the Record in its OP/ED page on September 3, 1986.

I am sending this article to you because I know how much you and members of your Administration are concerned with the enormous problems facing Lebanon and the Middle East, and how earnestly you seek ways to solve these problems. It is my hope that you may find in this article some seeds of a constructive plan of action to help Lebanon in its hour of need, so that once again a united, free and peaceful Lebanon will emerge to regain its place as a center of peace and culture for the area and as an active member in the family of nations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JGM Makari MD'.

Jack George Makari, M.D.

JGM/om  
Enc.

# The Record

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY

WEDNESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 3, 1986

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Newsday illustration by Gary Viskubic

# Prescription for Lebanon

By Jack George Makari

Following the tragedy of the U.S. Marines in Beirut, we Americans have tried our best to forget about Lebanon, to erase it from our consciousness. This attitude may be a part of a trend in Western nations.

Professor Leszek Kolakowski of Chicago and Oxford recently cautioned us about a sort of creeping moral neglect in the West that has resulted in our abandonment of the "rules of good and evil" in favor of a "generous acceptance of cultural diversity. We got used to shrugging off many horrors of our world by talking about cultural difference," he said.

While cultural differences can be extremely important in formulating foreign policy, often those considerations are exaggerated for political ends, resulting in a convenient obscuring of moral responsibility. The West needs to regain its concern and moral responsibility, and the Lebanon crisis is a case in point.

Cultural differences between Christians and Moslems, right and left, have and have-nots are no longer the issue. Nor is it solely a matter of control by foreign interests. Today the Lebanon crisis has degenerated from political violence into senseless murder and crime. The turmoil there, which has been going on for 11 years, should be of serious concern to the whole world.

In a panel discussion held in May at the Consulate of Lebanon, the issue was brought into focus by social scientists from Fordham, Columbia, and New York universities. There was a unanimity among the participants that Lebanon should solve its own problems by itself.

One of the speakers quoted from Kahlil Gibran, who, in addressing his Lebanese compatriots at the end of World War I, referred to the various religious groups there as "fingers of the same hand." Allow me to extend this metaphor to the Lebanon of 1986.

Lebanon today is sick and cannot solve its own problems. It urgently needs a doctor. The fingers of Gibran's metaphorical hand are badly separated and require elaborate microsurgery to put them together; to clean the debris; to connect vessels, nerves, and ten-

ons; and to remove any foreign bodies.

The best doctor for this type of delicate operation is the United Nations, specifically a new problem-resolving unit composed of the five permanent members of the Security Council — the United States, Soviet Union, France, United Kingdom, and China. I believe that because of its varied ideology, such an international body would be an acceptable arbitrator to all parties — whether Christian or Moslem, right or left.

For the last five years there has been wide acceptance by all Lebanese factions of the help offered by the United Nations Children's Fund. Although the money has been allocated by Western countries, and all the groups knew where the money came from, the factions have been eager to receive the health-care projects and have requested such aid.

Members of all the religious and ethnic groups in Lebanon could be invited to meet, with the Security Council representatives acting as arbitrators, to discuss their grievances, fears, and aspirations. Out of this arbitration, a formula could then be developed for the survival of Lebanon.

Despite years of killing and huge political differences, there is a common ground from which such a group could work. A starting ingredient in such a formula is a goal that all the Lebanese factions seem to share — an independent, sovereign Lebanon within the present internationally accepted boundaries. This shows the earnest desire for the fingers to be reunited into a single functional hand.

Progress would require guarantees, backed up by the Security Council, that the new Lebanon would ensure freedom of thought, speech, religion, and education to every individual and would do all it could to keep its citizens free from terror and fear, hunger and disease.

Another main ingredient in this formula is the pledge among the factions that no finger is more important than the others, but that all are united. A form of federation, similar to that of Switzerland, would be applicable. This would necessitate some decentralization and an equitable distribution of responsibility and power, to eliminate past dissatisfaction and to correct past injustices.

The last ingredient in this formula is a general disarming of all the militias in Lebanon, the strengthening of the Lebanese army, and the withdrawal of all foreign forces. The deterioration in the militias' ability to exercise full control over even their own members has resulted in a general deterioration into violent crime. A strengthened United Nations force, with redefined duties, would be required to supervise and assist in the realization of these plans.

Such medicine may be bitter to all participants, but it provides the best hope for cure. To leave things as they are, hoping for the Lebanese to solve their problems, may result in a gangrenous hand — with the loss of all fingers — or even death of the body, the Middle East. To leave things as they are is to maintain a focus of contamination in the Middle East that might be the start of an epidemic.

Such an epidemic may already have started with terrorists, who have found a haven in a lawless Lebanon, being trained and dispatched to various parts of the world. And yet it's not enough for Americans to blame one country or one faction. It's imperative that we address the underlying regional causes — the Palestinian issue and the ensuing Arab-Israeli conflict.

With a history of hundreds of U.S. Marines dead, and the endless shattering of truces in Lebanon, such suggestions may be considered naive. Yet the United Nations, through its children's fund, has demonstrated that some help can be embraced by all factions in Lebanon. Why can't the United Nations, through the Security Council, achieve a similar success in the political field?

This must be tried. Such a program can go a long way toward healing the wounds. The Lebanese, paralyzed by violence and terror, are in need of therapeutic intervention. The cries of a sick Lebanon should not go unheeded.

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*Jack George Makari, a physician, is president of Makari Research Laboratories Inc. in Englewood. Before emigrating to the United States, he represented Lebanon at several international health conferences.*

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The White House

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DATE: 13 SEP 86

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

VIA LDX

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

TO: PRESIDENT

SOURCE: MAKARI, JACK GEORGE

DATE: 10 SEP 86

KEYWORDS: LEBANON

SUBJ: MAKARI RESEARCH LABORATORIES FWDS ARTICLE / PRESCRIPTION FOR LEBANON

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FOR RODNEY B. McDANIEL  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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REPORT: Mr. Tolson

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# WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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Name of Correspondent: ~~Mr.~~ ~~Mrs.~~ ~~Miss~~ ~~Ms.~~ Samuel Rizzo

MI Mail Report User Codes: (A) \_\_\_\_\_ (B) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: Writer is concerned about hostages in Lebanon + exchange of Zakharov.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT  
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8632930

Date October 31, 1986

For: VADM John M. Poindexter  
National Security Council  
The White House

Reference:

To: President Reagan From: Mr. Samuel F. Rizzo

Date: October 4, 1986 Subject: Writer is Concerned

About Hostages in Lebanon and Exchange of Zakharov

Referral Dated: October 20, 1986 ID# 451758

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\_\_\_\_\_ 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.

An information copy of a direct reply is attached.

\_\_\_\_\_ We believe no response is necessary for the reason  
cited below.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Department of State has no objection to the  
proposed travel.

\_\_\_\_\_ Other.

Remarks:

*E. F. Amis*

for Nicholas Platt  
Executive Secretary

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

October 30, 1986

Mr. Samuel F. Rizzo  
10 Montgomery Road  
Livingstone, New Jersey 07039

Dear Mr. Rizzo:

I am responding to your mailgram to President Reagan of October 4 regarding the Americans held hostage in Lebanon.

While the United States Government remains deeply concerned about Syrian support for terrorism, we do not believe that the Syrian Government has played a role in the kidnapping of our citizens in Lebanon. In fact, the radical groups responsible for the hostage-takings seem to be generally opposed to Syrian Government policy in Lebanon.

At the present time, the kidnapers of Frank Reed, Joseph Cicippio, and Edward Tracy have not made any demands. Regarding the four other Americans held hostage in Lebanon (William Buckley, Terry Anderson, David Jacobsen, and Thomas Sutherland), it is important to keep in mind that there has been one and only one consistent demand of the terrorists holding them: the release of the 17 prisoners tried and convicted in the Kuwaiti courts for the deadly bombings of the U.S. and French embassies and four Kuwaiti facilities on December 12, 1983. Six people died and 86 were wounded in these attacks, which were designed to inflict massive casualties.

There is no connection between any of the American hostages and the events in Kuwait. The connection is apparently between the kidnapers in Lebanon and some of the convicted killers in Kuwait. The terrorists in Lebanon expect the United States Government to pressure the Government of Kuwait to free these murderers. Such an exchange of innocent victims for convicted murderers would be particularly reprehensible. To agree to such demands would only encourage other terrorists elsewhere in the world to take Americans hostages whenever they believe that American pressure on a foreign government would be useful for the attainment of their own objectives. The result would be to place more innocent lives at risk.

Sincerely,

/s/

Roscoe S. Suddarth  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
Bureau of Near Eastern and  
South Asian Affairs

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TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. SAMUEL F. RIZZO  
10 MONTGOMERY ROAD  
LIVINGSTON NJ 07039

SUBJECT: WRITER IS CONCERNED ABOUT HOSTAGES IN  
LEBANON AND EXCHANGE OF ZAKHAROV

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN  
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE  
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE  
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AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

SALLY KELLEY  
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON  
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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON DC 20500

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*Skully*

DEAR PRESIDENT REAGAN:  
IN THE PAST I SUPPORTED YOU TOTALLY INCLUDING YOUR ETHNIC DISPUTED  
TRIP TO GERMANY AND ALSO YOUR NICARAGUAN PLAN. ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER  
1ST, I CALLED YOUR OFFICE FOR YOU TO EXCHANGE THE RUSSIAN SPY  
ZAKHAROV TO RUSSIA IF THEY USE THEIR TIES WITH SYRIA TO FREE THE  
KIDNAPPED AMERICANS FROM LEBANON INSTEAD OF THE USE OF EXCHANGING THE  
SPY FOR FREEING DISSIDENT RUSSIAN CITIZENS TO THE U.S. MY SUGGESTION  
IS A PRO-AMERICAN NOT AN ETHNIC OBJECTIVE SINCE I AM A STRONG  
PRO-AMERICAN CITIZEN. I AM A G.O.P VICTORY FUND MEMBER AND RECEIVED  
A VIP CARD FROM CONGRESSMAN GUY VANDER JAGT. I NEVER RECEIVED A REPLY  
FROM YOU ON ANY OF MY TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAM SUPPORTS. I WOULD  
APPRECIATE A LEGITIMATE RESPONSE.

SAMUEL F. RIZZO, 10 MONTGOMERY ROAD, LIVINGSTON, NJ 07039

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Name of Correspondent: Jay W. House

MI Mail Report

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Subject: writes regarding concern for Frank H. Reed and other hostages being held in the Lebanon area. Urges President Reagan to do everything within his power to help the U.S. government secure the release of the hostages

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S/S 8632912

DATE October 31, 1986

FOR: VADM JOHN M. POINDEXTER  
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
THE WHITE HOUSE

REFERENCE:

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN FROM: MR. JAY W. HOUSE

DATE: OCTOBER 1, 1986 SUBJECT: WRITES REGARDING CONCERN FOR  
US HOSTAGES IN LEBANON

REFERRAL DATED: OCTOBER 21, 1986 ID# 451832  
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NICHOLAS PLATT  
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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

October 29, 1986

Mr. Jay W. House  
Central Pennsylvania Conference  
The United Methodist Church  
Council on Ministries  
900 South Arlington Avenue, Rm 900  
Harrisburg, PA 17109

Dear Mr. House:

Thank you for your letter of October 1 to President Reagan regarding the kidnappings of Frank Reed and other Americans in Lebanon. Please be assured that we share your concern for their safety.

Throughout the series of hostage-takings in Lebanon, we have always stated that we want to talk about the safety and return of the Americans being held, either directly with the kidnappers (or their representatives) or through third parties. We maintain that there is an essential difference between the dialogue we seek and the negotiations which we reject. Because of the danger to other innocent Americans of rewarding terrorists, we will not compromise on the only demand the kidnappers of Americans (Islamic Jihad Organization) have made to date: the release of the Da'wa prisoners in Kuwait, who have been tried and convicted in the Kuwaiti courts for the deadly bombings of the U.S. and the French embassies and four Kuwaiti installations on December 12, 1983. Six people died and 86 were wounded in these attacks, which were designed to inflict massive casualties. Despite our intensive efforts to establish a dialogue, the kidnappers have shown little inclination to talk.

We continue to follow every lead, through all possible intermediaries, in our efforts to bring all of the Americans held hostage in Lebanon safely home. The resolution of these kidnappings continues to have high priority for all involved agencies and offices of the U.S. Government. As the President recently said, "there has never been a day that we have not been trying every channel to get our hostages back from Lebanon." We will continue our efforts until the hostages are freed.

Sincerely,

*RS*

Richard W. Murphy  
Assistant Secretary  
Bureau of Near Eastern and  
and South Asian Affairs

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TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. JAY W. HOUSE  
CONFERENCE COUNCIL DIRECTOR  
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH COUNCIL  
ON MINISTRIES  
900 SOUTH ARLINGTON AVENUE  
ROOM 112  
HARRISBURG PA 17109

SUBJECT: WRITES REGARDING CONCERN FOR FRANK H. REED  
AND OTHER HOSTAGES BEING HELD IN THE LEBANON  
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EVERYTHING WITHIN HIS POWER TO HELP THE U.S.  
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October 1, 1986

President Ronald W. Reagan  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Reagan:

I am writing you out of concern for Frank H. Reed and the other  
hostages currently being held in the Lebanon area.

We urge you to do everything within your power to help the United States  
government make every effort to secure the release of the hostages. We  
want them home.

I know I can count on you to discuss this matter with your colleagues.  
Time is our enemy.

Former hostages Jerry Levin, Benjamin Weir and Lawrence Jenko have dis-  
closed that their captors derided them frequently by saying that the  
American people and American government "did not care" that they were  
being held.

Show me and the families of the current hostages that you do care and  
that you are working to bring our hostages home.

Sincerely,

*Jay W. House*  
Jay W. House, D. Min.  
Conference Council Director

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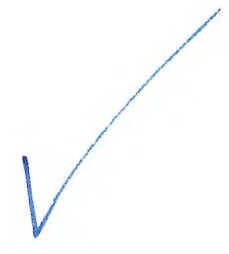
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January 29, 1987 FG006-12

MEMORANDUM FOR PATRICK J. BUCHANAN

FROM: FRANK C. CARLUCCI *Bob for*



SUBJECT: Americans in Beirut

In response to your memo of January 20, 1987, I am attaching a copy of the statement which the President issued January 26 concerning Americans in Lebanon (Tab A). In addition, Secretary Shultz announced yesterday that all American passports are invalid for travel to Lebanon unless specifically endorsed to include that country.

Attachment

Tab A Presidential Press Statement  
dated January 26, 1987

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TAB

A

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

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For Immediate Release

January 26, 1987

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

All Americans, I know, share my outrage at the latest kidnappings of our citizens in Lebanon. Not only Americans, but more than 20 citizens from nine countries are now being held by terrorist groups there. Today my sympathy goes out to the friends and relatives of all these hostages.

The terrorists appear to believe that by trafficking in human lives, they can force sovereign governments to give in to their demands. But our government will not make concessions to terrorist groups despite their threats.

-- For to give in to terrorist blackmail would only encourage more terrorism;

-- To yield to their demands now would only endanger the lives of many others later.

I would like to add a special word to Americans in Lebanon.

Where U.S. citizens are unjustly deprived of their God-given rights, the U.S. Government has an obligation to try to restore those rights. But there is a limit to what our government can do for Americans in a chaotic situation such as that in Lebanon today. In particular, the situation in West Beirut has deteriorated to total anarchy with armed criminal groups taking the law into their own hands.

For the past twelve years, our government has regularly warned American citizens against travel to Lebanon. As recently as last Tuesday, we reiterated our assessment that the situation there is "extremely dangerous." The events of the past week provide striking confirmation of that assessment. Americans who ignored this warning clearly did so at their own risk and on their own responsibility. This weekend the U.S. Ambassador to Lebanon again was in contact with remaining Americans and advised them to leave.

Those who hold hostages, regardless of nationality, should release them immediately and unconditionally. Their acts of terror constitute a declaration of war on civilized society. I again join with civilized countries in condemnation of terrorist outrages.

In conclusion, let me stress again that our government remains unrelenting and alert in its search for opportunities to secure the release of our citizens no matter how long that may take.

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DATE RECEIVED: FEBRUARY 04, 1987

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. RANDY SUTHERLAND

SUBJECT: TELEGRAM PROTESTING THE HOSTAGE SITUATION  
REGARDING HIS RELATIVE, THOMAS SUTHERLAND

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PMS THE PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN, DLR

WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON DC 20500

DEAR MR PRESIDENT,

WE PROTEST THE HOSTAGE SITUATION REGARDING OUR RELATIVE THOMAS  
SUTHERLAND. WE VOTED FOR YOU...

RANDY SUTHERLAND

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DATE RECEIVED: FEBRUARY 10, 1987

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. JOE CHAMY

SUBJECT: URGES THE ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS TO  
CONTINUE TO SEEK DIPLOMATIC OVERTURES TO THE  
LEBANESE AND REFRAIN FROM USING FORCE

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WASHINGTON

February 11, 1987

Dear Mr. Chamy:

Thank you for your recent telegram to the President expressing your concern for the hostage crisis in Lebanon.

The Administration is most appreciative of support from groups, such as yours, and is most committed to a peaceful resolution of the cause of democracy throughout the world.

We greatly appreciate the contribution that people of your heritage have given to America, and we thank you for taking the time to write as you did.

Sincerely,



Rudy Beserra  
Associate Director  
Office of Public Liaison

Mr. Joe Chamy  
President  
National Association of Arab Americans  
2261 Brook Hollow Plaza Dr., #301, Box 2  
Arlington, TX 76011

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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

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WE DEEPLY EMPATHIZE WITH OUR FELLOW AMERICANS CONCERNING THE HOSTAGE  
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IN THE MIDDLE EAST. WITH MUTUAL DESIRE FOR PEACE,

JOE CHAMY, PRESIDENT

GEORGE W. ALDRIDGE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

FORT WORTH/DALLAS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ARAB AMERICANS

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DATE RECEIVED: FEBRUARY 13, 1987

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE ERNIE KONNYU

SUBJECT: WRITES REQUESTING THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT  
BE INSTRUCTED TO MOVE WITH ALL POSSIBLE HASTE  
TO ASSIST THE STARVING PEOPLE IN THE  
PALESTINIAN REFUGEE CAMPS OUTSIDE OF BEIRUT

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March 9, 1987

Dear Mr. Konnyu:

On the President's behalf, I would like to thank you for your February 12 letter regarding the desperate state that has been reported of children facing starvation in Palestinian refugee camps.

This is truly a tragic situation, and the President shares your compassion for the children who are caught up in the terrible unrest in that region. I have contacted the officials at the Department of State who follow this situation more closely. On your behalf, I have asked them to provide you with a follow-up response to your important letter.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

William L. Ball, III  
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Ernest L. Konnyu  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

February 12, 1987

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The President  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I have been greatly moved in recent days by reports out of Beirut indicating that children in the besieged Palestinian refugee camps are facing starvation and are clinging to life by eating rats, cats and dogs.

Indeed the situation has become so desperate that Palestinians in the Burj al Barajinah camp are seeking the permission of their religious leaders to eat their dead.

Mr. President, one of the things that has traditionally set our nation apart from much of the rest of the world is our willingness to help starving people.

As the San Jose Mercury News said in an editorial in yesterday's editions, it is time to put aside concerns about diplomatic risks and act, people are starving and the United States can and should help.

Compassion made our country great, and courage has been the hallmark of your administration. Won't you please today instruct the State Department to move with all possible haste to assist the starving people outside of Beirut.

Sincerely,

  
Ernie Konnyu  
Member of Congress

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