

Ronald Reagan Presidential Library
Digital Library Collections

This is a PDF of a folder from our textual collections.

WHORM Subject File Code: CO086

(Countries: Lebanon, Republic of)

Case File Number(s): 462000-479999

Box: 120

To see more digitized collections visit:

<https://reaganlibrary.gov/archives/digital-library>

To see all Ronald Reagan Presidential Library inventories visit:

<https://reaganlibrary.gov/document-collection>

Contact a reference archivist at: reagan.library@nara.gov

Citation Guidelines: <https://reaganlibrary.gov/citing>

National Archives Catalogue: <https://catalog.archives.gov/>

EF

462303
00086 0516
PRD14-08
FGC06-12J
FG011

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 29, 1987

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

NSC 8700516

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506
 January 28, 1987

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR FRANK C. CARLUCCI

FROM: THOMAS E. McNAMARA *DM*

SUBJECT: Americans in Beirut

Attached at Tab I is a memo from you to Pat Buchanan forwarding a copy of the statement which the President issued concerning Americans in Lebanon (Tab A). Also, Secretary Shultz will announce shortly that all American passports are invalid for travel to Lebanon unless endorsed to include that country.

Barry Kelly *n/a*, Vince Cannistraro *n/a*, Dennis Ross *DR*, Ron St. Martin *RSM* and Paul Hanley *PH* concur.

RECOMMENDATION

That you initial and forward the memo at Tab I.

Approve *LMF* Disapprove _____

Attachments

Tab I Carlucci Memo to Buchanan
 Tab A Presidential Press Statement dated
 January 26, 1987
 Tab II Buchanan Memo to Carlucci dated
 January 20, 1987

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date:

1/22

TO:

Pat B

FROM: **MARI MASENG**
*Deputy Assistant to the President
and
Director, The Office of Public Liaison*

SUBJECT:

The attached is for:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Information | <input type="checkbox"/> Review & Comment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Direct Response | <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Action |
| <input type="checkbox"/> File | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Per Request |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 20, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR FRANK CARLUCCI, ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR
NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

FROM: PATRICK J. BUCHANAN, ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
AND DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS 

SUBJECT: Americans in Beirut

As we prepare for the probable extradition of Mohammed Ali Hamadi, we should also prepare for the probability that Westerners, and particularly Americans, will once again become targets of terrorists. Although the President has repeatedly warned Americans to stay out of Beirut because we cannot protect them, we are still being held responsible when they are captured or attacked in Beirut.

I suggest the President make a strong statement before the arrival of Hamadi that no Americans should be in Beirut, and that those who stay will remain at their own risk. It is much easier for us to declaim responsibility for these people before they are abducted, rather than after.

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

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.

#

**NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT STAFFING DOCUMENT**

TIME STAMP

SYSTEM LOG NUMBER: 0516

87 JAN 27 10: 29

ACTION OFFICER: KELLY, B DUE: 30 JAN

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare Memo For President | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare Memo Green to Chew |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare Memo For <u>Carlucci / Powell</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare Memo Green to Dolan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare Memo _____ | to _____ |

CONCURRENCES/COMMENTS* PHONE* to action officer at ext. 3334

- | FYI | FYI | FYI |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brooks | <input type="checkbox"/> Kissell | <input type="checkbox"/> Reger |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Burns | <input type="checkbox"/> Kraemer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ross |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cannistraro | <input type="checkbox"/> Lavin | <input type="checkbox"/> Sachs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Childress | <input type="checkbox"/> Lenczowski | <input type="checkbox"/> Saunders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cobb | <input type="checkbox"/> Linhard | <input type="checkbox"/> Sestanovich |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cohn | <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mahley | <input type="checkbox"/> Sommer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Danzansky | <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major | <input type="checkbox"/> Soos |
| <input type="checkbox"/> deGraffenreid | <input type="checkbox"/> Mandel | <input type="checkbox"/> Sorzano |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dobriansky | <input type="checkbox"/> May | <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stark |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donley | <input type="checkbox"/> Mingle | <input type="checkbox"/> Steiner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Douglass | <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oakley | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> St Martin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ermarth | <input type="checkbox"/> Paal | <input type="checkbox"/> Tahir-Kheli |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farrar | <input type="checkbox"/> Perry | <input type="checkbox"/> Thompson |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grimes | <input type="checkbox"/> Platt | <input type="checkbox"/> Tillman |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hanley | <input type="checkbox"/> Pugliaresi | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kelly | <input type="checkbox"/> Raymond | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| INFORMATION <input type="checkbox"/> Green | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pearson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secretariat |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rodman | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cockell | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carlucci (advance) | <input type="checkbox"/> Powell (advance) | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

COMMENTS

Return to Secretariat

484

National Security Council
The White House

87 JAN 28 P 4: 28

System # _____

Package # 0516

DOCLOG 28.6. AIO

	SEQUENCE TO	HAS SEEN	DISPOSITION
Bob Pearson	<u>1</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>A</u>
Grant Green	_____	_____	_____
Colin Powell	_____	_____	_____
Paul Thompson	_____	_____	_____
Frank Carlucci	_____	_____	_____
Situation Room	_____	_____	_____
NSC Secretariat	<u>2</u>	<u>Jan 1/29</u>	<u>J</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

I = Information	<u>A = Action</u>	R = Retain	D = Dispatch ✓	N = No further Action
-----------------	-------------------	------------	----------------	-----------------------

cc: VP Regan Buchanan Other 656

COMMENTS

Should be seen by: _____

(Date/Time)

RECEIVED 27 JAN 87 13

TO CARLUCCI

FROM BUCHANAN, P

DOCDATE 20 JAN 87

MCNAMARA

28 JAN 87

KEYWORDS: LEBANON
TERRORISM

HOSTAGES

SUBJECT: AMERICANS IN BEIRUT

ACTION: PREPARE MEMO FOR CARLUCCI DUE: 30 JAN 87 STATUS X FILES WH

FOR ACTION

FOR CONCURRENCE

FOR INFO

KELLY, B

CANNISTRARO

HANLEY

BURNS

ROSS

ST MARTIN

GRIMES

MAHLEY

MAJOR

OAKLEY

COMMENTS

REF#

LOG

NSCIFID

(AK DR)

ACTION OFFICER (S)

ASSIGNED

ACTION REQUIRED

DUE

COPIES TO
RSM, RWH ✓
WRP, DBK, TEM, DBR ✓

C

1/29

Pearson seg memo

DISPATCH

W/ATTCH

FILE

WH (C) DR

*

WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

8704214

O - OUTGOING

H - INTERNAL

I - INCOMING

Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) 87102117

Name of Correspondent: Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms. R. Keith Parks

MI Mail Report

User Codes: (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

Subject: Requests that the Southern Baptist missionaries serving in Lebanon be exempted from the passport ban

ROUTE TO:

ACTION

DISPOSITION

Office/Agency	(Staff Name)	Action Code	Tracking Date YY/MM/DD	Type of Response	Code	Completion Date YY/MM/DD
	CoCoza	ORIGINATOR	<u>87102117</u>			<u>87103110</u> ^{AB}
<i>* DOS</i>	<u>Att: Overseas Consular's Service</u>	Referral Note:				
	<u>Mr. Di Placido</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>87102118</u>	<u>** A</u>		<u>87103105</u> ^{AB}
		Referral Note:				
			<u>1 1</u>			<u>1 1</u>
		Referral Note:				
			<u>1 1</u>			<u>1 1</u>
		Referral Note:				
			<u>1 1</u>			<u>1 1</u>
		Referral Note:				

ACTION CODES:

- A - Appropriate Action
- C - Comment/Recommendation
- D - Draft Response
- F - Furnish Fact Sheet to be used as Enclosure
- I - Info Copy Only/No Action Necessary
- R - Direct Reply w/Copy
- S - For Signature
- X - Interim Reply

DISPOSITION CODES:

- A - Answered
- B - Non-Special Referral
- C - Completed
- S - Suspended

FOR OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:

- Type of Response = Initials of Signer
- Code = "A"
- Completion Date = Date of Outgoing

Comments: * Would appreciate any consideration that can be given.

** Please show to CoCoza upon return

Keep this worksheet attached to the original incoming letter.
 Send all routing updates to Central Reference (Room 75, OEOB).
 Always return completed correspondence record to Central Files.
 Refer questions about the correspondence tracking system to Central Reference, ext. 2590.

RECORDS MANAGEMENT ONLY

CLASSIFICATION SECTION

No. of Additional Correspondents: _____ Media: 2 Individual Codes: 1.500 _____

Prime Subject Code: C0 086 - _____ Secondary Subject Codes: EO 008-03 Rm D33-D2
Rm _____
EG 011 - _____

PRESIDENTIAL REPLY

Code	Date	Comment	Form
C	_____	Time: _____	P- _____
DSP	_____	Time: _____	Media: _____

SIGNATURE CODES:

- CPn - Presidential Correspondence**
- n - 0 - Unknown
- n - 1 - Ronald Wilson Reagan
- n - 2 - Ronald Reagan
- n - 3 - Ron
- n - 4 - Dutch
- n - 5 - Ron Reagan
- n - 6 - Ronald
- n - 7 - Ronnie

- CLn - First Lady's Correspondence**
- n - 0 - Unknown
- n - 1 - Nancy Reagan
- n - 2 - Nancy
- n - 3 - Mrs. Ronald Reagan

- CBn - Presidential & First Lady's Correspondence**
- n - 1 - Ronald Reagan - Nancy Reagan
- n - 2 - Ron - Nancy

MEDIA CODES:

- B - Box/package
- C - Copy
- D - Official document
- G - Message
- H - Handcarried
- L - Letter
- M - Mailgram
- O - Memo
- P - Photo
- R - Report
- S - Sealed
- T - Telegram
- V - Telephone
- X - Miscellaneous
- Y - Study

0304514

UNCLASSIFIED
(CLASSIFICATION)

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8704214

DATE March 9, 1987

FOR: MR. FRANK C. CARLUCCI
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
THE WHITE HOUSE

REFERENCE:

TO: Charlene Cozart FROM: Mr. R. Keith Parks

DATE: 2/13/87 SUBJECT: Requests that the

Southern Baptist Missionaries serving in Lebanon be exempted
from the passport ban

REFERRAL DATED: 2/18/87 ID# 471239

(IF ANY)

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 (SEE REMARKS).

REMARKS:


MELVYN LEVITSKY
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

UNCLASSIFIED
(CLASSIFICATION)

United States Department of State

Washington, D. C. 20520

5 MAR 1987

In reply refer to:
PPT/C - PARKS, R. Keith

Mr. R. Keith Parks
Foreign Mission Board
Southern Baptist Convention
Box 6767
3806 Monument Avenue
Richmond, VA 23230

Dear Mr. Parks:

The President has asked me to reply to your February 13 letter requesting an exception to the restriction on the use of the U.S. passport for travel to Lebanon on behalf of Southern Baptist missionaries serving in that country.

The Secretary of State restricted the use of the passport for travel to Lebanon on January 29, 1987 because he determined that Lebanon is an area "where there is imminent danger to the public health and physical safety of United States travelers" within the meaning of Section 51.72 of of Title 22, Code of Federal Regulations. The criteria for granting exceptions to the passport use restriction are outlined in Section 51.73 of the above regulation (a copy of that regulation is enclosed for your use).

The Department of State appreciates the outstanding contributions made by religious and charitable organizations in Lebanon over the years. We hope that such organizations and their representatives will one day be able to again work there in safety. However, present conditions in Lebanon are so chaotic and dangerous that the granting of an exception to the restriction on the use of the passport to travel there for the purpose set forth in your request would be inconsistent with our responsibility to safeguard the lives of Americans abroad.

I regret that our reply could not have been favorable.

Sincerely,



William B. Wharton, Director
Office of Citizenship Appeals
and Legal Assistance

Enclosure:

As stated.

8704214

T H E W H I T E H O U S E O F F I C E

REFERRAL

FEBRUARY 18, 1987

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

REMARKS: ***ATTN: MR. DI PLACIDO, OVERSEAS CONSULAR'S SERVICE --
WOULD APPRECIATE ANY CONSIDERATION THAT CAN BE GIVEN***

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 471239

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED FEBRUARY 13, 1987

TO: CHARLENE COZART

FROM: MR. R. KEITH PARKS
PRESIDENT
FOREIGN MISSION BOARD OF THE
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
BOX 6767
3806 MONUMENT AVENUE
RICHMOND VA 23230

SUBJECT: REQUESTS THAT THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST
MISSIONARIES SERVING IN IERANON BE
EXEMPTED FROM THE PASSPORT BAN

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
(OR DRAFT) TO:
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE



**Foreign
Mission
Board**

of the Southern Baptist Convention

R. Keith Parks, President • Box 6767 • 3806 Monument Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23230 • (804) 353-0151

471289

8704214

February 13, 1987

Mrs. Charlene Cozart
White House
Room 91, OCE
Agency Liaison
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Cozart:

Dr. Reihold Kerstan has indicated that you would be willing to hand carry and discuss the enclosed letter addressed to President Ronald Reagan requesting that the State Department make an exception allowing the missionaries of the Foreign Mission Board, SBC to remain in Lebanon.

Thank you for your willingness to hand carry and discuss this with the President. We will look forward to a favorable response.

Sincerely yours,

R. Keith Parks

RKP:lc



**Foreign
Mission
Board** of the Southern Baptist Convention

R. Keith Parks, President • Box 6767 • 3806 Monument Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23230 • (804) 353-0151

February 13, 1987

Mr. Ronald Reagan
The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of Southern Baptist missionaries serving in Lebanon and as president of the Foreign Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, I respectfully request that the personnel listed below, representing a portion of our total force, be exempted from the Passport ban recently levied on U. S. citizens regarding travel to and from Lebanon.

We ask for consideration for the following reasons:

- 1) To continue the effective implementation of relief work and humanitarian aid in this time of crisis. We have channeled over \$300,000 for such into Beirut in the past five years. No dollar value can be placed on effectiveness of the Arab-speaking missionaries who totally identify with the victims.
- 2) To enhance future relationships between Lebanon and our country.
- 3) To continue and strengthen the integrated partnership between American and Lebanese personnel working in publications, broadcast media and theological education.
- 4) To guarantee continuity of this base for our work throughout the Middle East.

All personnel would be working within East Beirut.

We understand and appreciate our government's refusal to bargain with terrorists. We understand the desire to remove Americans from this threat. On the other hand, we ask that we not capitulate to their actions and threat by removing people who contribute to good will, reconciliation, education, peace, and to a better future for law abiding Lebanese folk. Our missionaries are helping to strengthen the better elements of the Lebanese populace. Their continued presence would be evidence that the Lebanese people have not been deserted by the entire world.

Mr. Ronald Reagan
Page 2
February 13, 1987

We understand that if our people are granted an exemption and if they choose to remain in Lebanon, they assume a certain amount of risk upon themselves. We request that you allow them to make this choice.

Their names, passport numbers, state and date of birth and issue/expiration dates are:

David Warren King, Z4526221, Michigan 5/3/25, 7/6/84 - 7/5/94
Claudie Maxine King, Z4526222, Texas 4/18/24, 7/6/84 - 7/5/94
William T. Dunn, Z4498478, Alabama 12/11/35, 1/5/83 - 1/4/93
Patricia L. Dunn, Z4498477, Maryland 10/3/37, 1/5/83 - 1/4/93
Ashleigh Ann Dunn, Z4385881, Lebanon 5/29/70, 1/5/83-1/4/88
James Wayne Fuller, G1007247, Minnesota 4/1/29, 11/18/86 - 11/17/96
Frances Marian Fuller, Z4526210, Arkansas 5/16/29, 10/6/83-10/5/93
James Keith Ragland, 080381929, Oklahoma 9/17/24, 7/11/86-7/10/96
Leola Kelley Ragland, Z4996770, Oklahoma 2/24/26, 11/18/85-11/17/95
Emmett Albert Barnes, Z6164105, Missouri 9/30/33, 1/12/87-1/11/97
Effie LaNell Barnes, Z6164104, Arkansas 5/11/34, 1/12/87-1/11/97
James William Trimble, Z4996856, Louisiana 12/20/25, 9/25/86-9/24/96
Vivian Paulk Trimble, Z4996857, Louisiana 12/9/25, 2/25/86-9/24/96
Mabel Summers, Z4982913, Kentucky 2/18/15, 4/2/85-4/1/95

With appreciation for your consideration and with respect for your office, I remain,

Sincerely yours,


R. Keith Parks

RKP:lc

7

Handwritten text at the top right of the page, possibly a title or header, which is mostly illegible due to fading and bleed-through.

471936

ID #

WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

0086
8705464

- O - OUTGOING
 - H - INTERNAL
 - I - INCOMING
- Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) 87102415

Name of Correspondent: Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms. Daniel Ruggiano

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

Subject: Urges the release of Joseph Cicippio and the other hostages in Beirut.

ROUTE TO:

ACTION

DISPOSITION

Office/Agency	(Staff Name)	Action Code	Tracking Date YY/MM/DD	Type of Response	Code	Completion Date YY/MM/DD
<u>J</u>	<u>CoKell</u>	ORIGINATOR	<u>87102425</u>	<u>TR</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>87103109</u> AB
	<u>DOS</u>	Referral Note:	<u>87102426</u>	<u>TR</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>87103108</u> AB
		Referral Note:	<u>1 1</u>			<u>1 1</u>
		Referral Note:	<u>1 1</u>			<u>1 1</u>
		Referral Note:	<u>1 1</u>			<u>1 1</u>

ACTION CODES:

- A - Appropriate Action
- C - Comment/Recommendation
- D - Draft Response
- F - Furnish Fact Sheet to be used as Enclosure

- I - Info Copy Only/No Action Necessary
- R - Direct Reply w/Copy
- S - For Signature
- X - Interim Reply

DISPOSITION CODES:

- A - Answered
- B - Non-Special Referral
- C - Completed
- S - Suspended

FOR OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:

- Type of Response = Initials of Signer
- Code = "A"
- Completion Date = Date of Outgoing

Comments: _____

Keep this worksheet attached to the original incoming letter.
 Send all routing updates to Central Reference (Room 75, OEOB).
 Always return completed correspondence record to Central Files.
 Refer questions about the correspondence tracking system to Central Reference, ext. 2590.

RECORDS MANAGEMENT ONLY

CLASSIFICATION SECTION

No. of Additional Correspondents: _____ Media: L Individual Codes: 4800 _____

Prime Subject Code: 20086 Secondary Subject Codes: TL 003.03 _____

PRESIDENTIAL REPLY

Code	Date	Comment	Form
C	_____	Time: _____	P- _____
DSP	_____	Time: _____	Media: _____

SIGNATURE CODES:

- CPn - Presidential Correspondence**
- n - 0 - Unknown
- n - 1 - Ronald Wilson Reagan
- n - 2 - Ronald Reagan
- n - 3 - Ron
- n - 4 - Dutch
- n - 5 - Ron Reagan
- n - 6 - Ronald
- n - 7 - Ronnie

- CLn - First Lady's Correspondence**
- n - 0 - Unknown
- n - 1 - Nancy Reagan
- n - 2 - Nancy
- n - 3 - Mrs. Ronald Reagan

- CBn - Presidential & First Lady's Correspondence**
- n - 1 - Ronald Reagan - Nancy Reagan
- n - 2 - Ron - Nancy

MEDIA CODES:

- B - Box/package
- C - Copy
- D - Official document
- G - Message
- H - Handcarried
- L - Letter
- M - Mailgram
- O - Memo
- P - Photo
- R - Report
- S - Sealed
- T - Telegram
- V - Telephone
- X - Miscellaneous
- Y - Study

3107087

UNCLASSIFIED
(CLASSIFICATION)

S/S # 8705464

DATE: March 6, 1987

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

FOR: Mr. Frank C. Carlucci
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

TO: President Reagan FROM: Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Ruggiano

DATE: February 12, 1987 SUBJECT: Americans held in Lebanon

WHITE HOUSE REFERRAL DATED: February 12, 1987 NSC# 471936

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

XXXXX An information copy of a direct reply is attached

_____ We believe no response is necessary for the reason
cited below

_____ Other

REMARKS:


Melvyn Levitsky
Executive Secretary

UNCLASSIFIED
(CLASSIFICATION)



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Ruggiano
Norris Hills/Roberts Park
Civic Association
1709 North Hill Drive
Norristown, Pennsylvania 19401

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Ruggiano:

I am replying to your message to President Reagan concerning the Americans still missing in Lebanon, especially Joseph Cicippio.

We are concerned about the safety of the Americans and understand the impatience for their return. The Department of State, our Embassies, and other U.S. Government agencies are continuing intensive efforts to effect the safe release of these Americans. We will continue these efforts until all of the hostages have returned home safely. As a practical matter, however, there are severe constraints on what the U.S. Government can do to secure the safe release of Americans kidnapped in Lebanon. Our ability to secure their release is limited both by the chaos in Lebanon and our responsibility to protect broader U.S. national interests, including avoiding actions which might encourage future acts of terrorism.

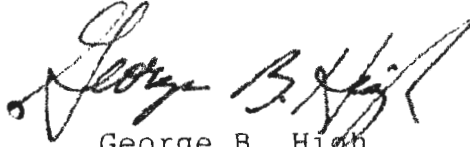
After reviewing the situation in Lebanon and because of our concern for the safety of Americans, the Department of State determined that Lebanon has become so dangerous that no U.S. citizen can be considered safe from terrorist acts. In light of this, the Secretary of State exercised his authority to invalidate U.S. passports for travel to, in, and through Lebanon. The U.S. Government has warned against travel to Lebanon for the past twelve years. Our repeated requests, each more emphatic than the last, failed to convince some people that they were in imminent danger because of their presence in Lebanon.

On the general issue of international terrorism, Secretary Shultz reiterated U.S. counter-terrorism policy in his testimony before the House Foreign Affairs Committee on December 8. He stated:

"....[W]e must continue to speak out and take action against all acts of terrorism. However much we share the anguish of the families involved, we must oppose concessions or ransom for the release of hostages. To do otherwise would encourage the taking of additional hostages and would raise the value in the eyes of the hostage-takers of those already held. And we must continue to strengthen our efforts with friends and allies in such areas as intelligence exchange and security measures to thwart terrorism and its attendant violence and to isolate states which sponsor and support terrorism."

The Department continues to be in frequent contact with family members of the kidnapped Americans and we remain deeply concerned for the safety of their loved ones. As President Reagan has said, we have not forgotten those who are being held.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "George B. High". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

George B. High
Senior Deputy Assistant
Secretary for Public Affairs

8705464

T H E W H I T E H O U S E O F F I C E

REFERRAL

FEBRUARY 27, 1987

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 471936

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED FEBRUARY 12, 1987

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. AND MRS. DANIEL RUGGIANO

*From: Mr. Daniel Ruggiano's Pen
Civic Association*
1709 NORTH HILL DRIVE

NORRISTOWN PA 19401

SUBJECT: URGES THE RELEASE OF JOSEPH CICIPPPIO AND THE
OTHER HOSTAGES IN BEIRUT

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

(OR DRAFT) TO:

AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Serving Norris Hills & Roberts Park
NORRIS HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION
NORRISTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA
19401

471936

President Ronald Reagan
White House
Washington, DC 20515

Dear President Reagan:

Presently five (5) Americans are still being held hostage after the unwarranted, violent kidnapping of these American citizens in Beirut, Lebanon.

As a member of the Norris Hills/Roberts Park Civic Association of Norristown, Pennsylvania, I implore you to do everything in your power to seek the release of one of our own, Joseph Cicippio of Norristown, Pennsylvania kidnapped in Beirut, Lebanon on September 12, 1986.

I am sure Joseph Cicippio, Terry Anderson, Thomas Sutherland, Frank Reed and Edward Tracey have faith in you as President of the United States and realize that the strength of our country will seek their release and bring them home to their families and friends.

As Americans, we are standing united with the hope that you as our President will find a way to end this terror and violence by intervening in any way possible to insure the safe release of our neighbor, Joseph Cicippio as well as the safe release of Terry Anderson, Thomas Sutherland, Frank Reed and Edward Tracey.

Please act now before more terror and violence is inflicted on yet another innocent American.

Sincerely,

Mr & Mrs Daniel M. Ruggiero
Norris Hills/Roberts Park
Civic Association

nla

DOS

S. Kelley

Name	Date
Chas. F. ...	1-5-88

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

ID# 472780 8708771
CO 086

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MARCH 25, 1987

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. WILLIAM BRADFORD

SUBJECT: REQUESTS ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING SPECIAL
EXEMPTION FOR REVEREND DENNIS HILGENDORF TO
TRAVEL OR LIVE IN LEBANON

ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY (STAFF NAME)	ACTION		DISPOSITION	
	ACT CODE	DATE YY/MM/DD	TYPE RESP	C COMPLETED D YY/MM/DD
HOWARD BAKER DEPARTMENT OF STATE	ORG RAR PSA	87/03/25 30 87/03/25		C 87/03/25 A 87/04/10
REFERRAL NOTE:				
REFERRAL NOTE:				
REFERRAL NOTE:				
REFERRAL NOTE:				
REFERRAL NOTE:				

COMMENTS:

ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENTS: MEDIA:L INDIVIDUAL CODES: _____

CS MAIL USER CODES: (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

- *****
- | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---|
| *ACTION CODES: | *DISPOSITION | *OUTGOING | * |
| * | * | *CORRESPONDENCE: | * |
| *A-APPROPRIATE ACTION | *A-ANSWERED | *TYPE RESP=INITIALS | * |
| *C-COMMENT/RECOM | *B-NON-SPEC-REFERRAL | * OF SIGNER | * |
| *D-DRAFT RESPONSE | *C-COMPLETED | * CODE = A | * |
| *F-FURNISH FACT SHEET | *S-SUSPENDED | *COMPLETED = DATE OF | * |
| *I-INFO COPY/NO ACT NEC* | | * OUTGOING | * |
| *R-DIRECT REPLY W/COPY * | | | * |
| *S-FOR-SIGNATURE * | | | * |
| *X-INTERIM REPLY * | | | * |
- *****

REFER QUESTIONS AND ROUTING UPDATES TO CENTRAL REFERENCE
(ROOM 75, OEOB) EXT-2590
KEEP THIS WORKSHEET ATTACHED TO THE ORIGINAL INCOMING
LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS
MANAGEMENT.

UNCLASSIFIED

(CLASSIFICATION)

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8708771

DATE 16 April 1987

FOR: MR. FRANK C. CARLUCCI
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
THE WHITE HOUSE

REFERENCE:

TO: Howard Baker FROM: William Bradford

DATE: 3/9/87 SUBJECT: Requests assistance

in obtaining special exemption for Rev. Hilgendorf to travel to Lebanon

REFERRAL DATED: 3/30/87 ID# 472780
(IF ANY)

_____ 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.
- _____ THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE
PROPOSED TRAVEL.
- _____ OTHER (SEE REMARKS).

REMARKS:

Melvyn Levitsky
MELVYN LEVITSKY
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

UNCLASSIFIED

(CLASSIFICATION)

United States Department of State

Washington, D. C. 20520

APR 10 1987

In reply refer to:
PPT/C - HILGENDORF, Dennis

William Bradford
1408 Barcelona Drive
Knoxville, TN 37923

Dear Mr. Bradford:

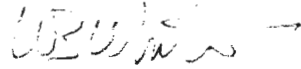
I am replying to your letter of March 9 to White House Chief of Staff Howard Baker, concerning an exception to the passport restriction for travel to Lebanon for Rev. Dennis Hilgendorf.

The Secretary of State restricted the use of the passport for travel to Lebanon on January 29, 1987 because he determined that Lebanon is an area "where there is imminent danger to the public health and physical safety of United States travelers" within the meaning of Section 51.72 of Title 22, Code of Federal Regulations. Since conditions in Lebanon are so chaotic and dangerous at present, the granting of an exception to the restriction on the use of the passport to Rev. Hilgendorf for the purpose set forth in your letter, would be inconsistent with our responsibility to safeguard the lives of Americans abroad.

The Department of State appreciates the outstanding contributions made by religious and charitable organizations in Lebanon over the years. We hope that such organizations and their representatives will one day be able to again work there in safety. However, present conditions in Lebanon are so chaotic and dangerous that the granting of an exception to the restriction on the use of the passport to travel there for the purpose set forth in your request would be inconsistent with our responsibility to safeguard the lives of Americans abroad.

I regret that our reply could not have been favorable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. B. Wharton", followed by a horizontal line.

William B. Wharton, Director
Office of Citizenship Appeals
and Legal Assistance

8708771

T H E W H I T E H O U S E O F F I C E

REFERRAL

MARCH 30, 1987

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:
DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 472780

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MARCH 9, 1987

TO: HOWARD BAKER

FROM: MR. WILLIAM BRADFORD
1408 BARCELONA DRIVE
KNOXVILLE TN 37923

SUBJECT: REQUESTS ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING SPECIAL
EXEMPTION FOR REVEREND DENNIS HILGENDORF TO
TRAVEL OR LIVE IN LEBANON

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
(OR DRAFT) TO:
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

472 780

DOS

1408 Barcelona Drive
Knoxville, TN 37923
March 9, 1987

The Honorable Howard Baker
Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Baker:

First, I would like to congratulate you on your many long-demonstrated superb abilities that made you so perfect a choice for President Reagan to select to restore credibility and respect to his Administration at its lowest point. I have followed your career for many years, first in Kentucky and then since moving to Knoxville in 1978. I was proud to have you as my U.S. Senator and still would very much like to see you elected President, which I know would be one of the best things that could happen to this country.

At present, however, I have a more immediate concern, one that you are uniquely constituted to appreciate and positioned to help. I have a close friend, the Rev. Dennis Hilgendorf, who has devoted virtually his entire professional life, nearly 25 years, to ministering to the multitudes of suffering people in the Middle East and, more specifically, Lebanon. Although he was sent to Beirut by the Lutheran Church, the Rev. Mr. Hilgendorf's mission there has been humanitarian, rather than sectarian, since even before the brutal civil war broke out there so many years ago. I was living in Beirut myself, working as wire editor of a local English-language newspaper, The Daily Star, when Dennis arrived there. I share his affection for the Lebanese people although obviously his love far surpasses mine since his commitment so far exceeds mine.

For many years now, his mission has been to obtain funds for, recruit and train a Lebanese staff and to operate a Control Resource Center to assist the hosts of Lebanese who have been left orphaned, handicapped, homeless and impoverished by the fighting in Lebanon. His services are needed in Lebanon now more than they ever have been. To continue that service, however, he now needs a special exemption from the Administration's ban against Americans traveling to or living in Lebanon. I earnestly urge and pray for you to do whatever you can to help him obtain that exemption. You may contact him through his American support group: Control Resource Center, 2703 North Sherman Blvd., Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53210.

As much as I would like to see Dennis out of harm's way elsewhere, I know his heart and whole life are enmersed in Lebanon. The good he is doing there is unbelievable and must continue. As much as it pains me to acknowledge it, I also know he would not want the U.S. government to feel obligated to assist him if he were to be kidnapped. In fact, he was kidnapped once but was allowed to "escape" when his captors realized the kind of person he is and the nature of his work there. Please help him.

Sincerely,

William Bradford
William Bradford

6

ID # 475820

WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

C0086

O - OUTGOING

H - INTERNAL

I - INCOMING

Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) 87 10 8 2

Name of Correspondent: Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms.

Joseph De Armas, Jr.

MI Mail Report

User Codes: (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

Subject:

Second letter concerning

Proposed Beirut Memorial Monument

ROUTE TO:

ACTION

DISPOSITION

Office/Agency	(Staff Name)	Action Code	Tracking Date YY/MM/DD	Type of Response	Code	Completion Date YY/MM/DD
	<u>Co Dono</u> Collyde	ORIGINATOR	87 10 29	AH	A	87 11 17
	<u>DoD</u>	Referral Note: C	87 10 02	TR	C	87 10 27
		Referral Note:	/ /			/ /
		Referral Note:	/ /			/ /
		Referral Note:	/ /			/ /
		Referral Note:	/ /			/ /

ACTION CODES:

- A - Appropriate Action
- C - Comment/Recommendation
- D - Draft Response
- F - Furnish Fact Sheet to be used as Enclosure

- I - Info Copy Only/No Action Necessary
- R - Direct Reply w/Copy
- S - For Signature
- X - Interim Reply

DISPOSITION CODES:

- A - Answered
- B - Non-Special Referral
- C - Completed
- S - Suspended

FOR OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:

- Type of Response = Initials of Signer
- Code = "A"
- Completion Date = Date of Outgoing

Comments: _____

Keep this worksheet attached to the original incoming letter.
 Send all routing updates to Central Reference (Room 75, OEOB).
 Always return completed correspondence record to Central Files.
 Refer questions about the correspondence tracking system to Central Reference, ext. 2590.

RECORDS MANAGEMENT ONLY

CLASSIFICATION SECTION

No. of Additional Correspondents: _____ Media: L Individual Codes: 4800 _____

Prime Subject Code: C0086 Secondary Subject Codes: PA002 _____

PRESIDENTIAL REPLY

Code	Date	Comment	Form
C	_____	Time: _____	P- _____
DSP	_____	Time: _____	Media: _____

SIGNATURE CODES:

- CPn - Presidential Correspondence**
- n - 0 - Unknown
- n - 1 - Ronald Wilson Reagan
- n - 2 - Ronald Reagan
- n - 3 - Ron
- n - 4 - Dutch
- n - 5 - Ron Reagan
- n - 6 - Ronald
- n - 7 - Ronnie

- CLn - First Lady's Correspondence**
- n - 0 - Unknown
- n - 1 - Nancy Reagan
- n - 2 - Nancy
- n - 3 - Mrs. Ronald Reagan

- CBn - Presidential & First Lady's Correspondence**
- n - 1 - Ronald Reagan - Nancy Reagan
- n - 2 - Ron - Nancy

MEDIA CODES:

- B - Box/package
- C - Copy
- D - Official document
- G - Message
- H - Handcarried
- L - Letter
- M - Mailgram
- O - Memo
- P - Photo
- R - Report
- S - Sealed
- T - Telegram
- V - Telephone
- X - Miscellaneous
- Y - Study

November 17, 1987

Dear Mr. De Armas:

Thank you for your letter of August 22 to President Reagan informing him about your project to erect a memorial in honor of the 241 men who lost their lives in the 1983 bombing of Marine Corps barracks in Beirut. I regret the delay in this response to your letters.

Your desire to pay tribute to the memory of these fine men, 27 of whom were from the State of Florida, is understood. The President has been very proud to learn of the efforts undertaken in many areas of the country to commemorate their courage and sacrifice. He recognizes the special bonds of friendship and memory which exist among the families of the U.S. servicemen who were killed or wounded in Beirut. The following addresses may be useful to you and your associates in seeing your project through to completion:

Editor
Marine Corps Gazette
and Leatherneck
Box 1775
Quantico, VA 22134

Editor
Navy Times
475 School Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20024

For assistance in generating publicity for the project at key milestones along the way to its completion, write to:

Commandant of the Marine Corps
Headquarters Marine Corps (PAC)
Washington, D.C. 20380-0001
(202) 694-4080

For details on the efforts which led to the successful creation of the Jacksonville, North Carolina/Camp LeJeune Beirut Memorial, contact:

Mr. Abe Rosen
Beirut Memorial Committee Chairman
Beirut Memorial Fund
Post Office Box 128
Jacksonville, NC 28540
(919) 347-3244

For information on other memorials to the men lost in Beirut,
please contact:

Mrs. Judy Young
324 Center Street
Moorestown, NJ 08057

Mrs. Young is former editor of the newspaper, Beirut Connection.

You may also be able to obtain personnel assistance in your
project by contacting the following:

Director
Headquarters 6th Marine
Recruiting District
1365 Peachtree Street, N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30309
(404) 347-7550

Mr. Charles B. Reinges
Director
Young Marines Organization
Post Office Box 72
Ada, MI 49301

I hope you find this information helpful. If the White House
can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to
write.

With the President's warm best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anne Higgins
Special Assistant to the President
and Director of Correspondence

Mr. Joseph De Armas, Jr.
President
Beirut Memorial Fund
Post Office Box 559002
Miami, Florida 33255

AVH/CAD/AVH/jz (11AVH)



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE


WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

23 OCT 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, WHITE HOUSE MILITARY OFFICE

SUBJECT: OSD White House Case W18703

Attached as requested are comments and recommendations for use in replying to a letter from Mr. Joseph De Armas, Jr. who wrote the President concerning support for the Dade County Beirut Memorial Fund.


William M. Matz, Jr.
Executive Secretary

Attachment

COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RESPONSE TO MR. DEARMAS

Comment - It is understood that the President, by virtue of his office, does not personally endorse/support private organizations or fund raising campaigns.

Recommendations:

- For publicity support in raising funds refer him to:

Editor, <u>Marine Corps Gazette</u>	Editor, <u>Navy Times</u>
and <u>Leatherneck</u>	475 School Street S.W.
Box 1775	Washington, D.C. 20024
Quantico, VA 22134	

- For publicity coverage of key milestones during project refer him to: Commandant of the Marine Corps, Headquarters Marine Corps (PAC), Washington, D.C. 20380-0001 (202) 694-4080

- For details on coordination of Jacksonville, NC/ Camp Lejeune Beirut Memorial refer him to: Mr. Abe Rosen, Beirut Memorial Committee Chairman, Beirut Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 128, Jacksonville, NC 28540 (919) 347-3244

- For information on other Beirut memorials refer him to: Mrs. Judy Young, 324 Center Street, Moorestown, NJ 08057 - former editor of the newspaper, Beirut Connection

- For potential personnel assistance refer him to: Director, Headquarters 6th Marine Corps Recruiting District, 1365 Peachtree Street N.E., Atlanta, GA 30309 (404) 347-7550 or Mr. Charles B. Reinges, Director of Young Marines Organization, P.O. Box 72, Ada, MI 49301

87 OCT -5 AM 9:06

OSD
WHITE HOUSE LIAISON

T H E W H I T E H O U S E O F F I C E

REFERRAL

OCTOBER 2, 1987

TO: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

ACTION REQUESTED:

COMMENT / RECOMMENDATION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 475820

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED APRIL 3, 1987

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. JOSEPH DEARMAS JR.
VICE PRESIDENT
BEIRUT MEMORIAL FUND
POST OFFICE BOX 559002
MIAMI FL 33255

SUBJECT: REQUESTS SUPPORT FOR THE BEIRUT MEMORIAL FUND
WHICH PLANS TO CONSTRUCT A MONUMENT IN HONOR
OF THE 241 AMERICAN SERVICEMEN WHO LOST THEIR
LIVES ON OCT 23 83 IN THE BEIRUT TRAGEDY
IN THE AMELIA EARHART AND PARK IN DADE
COUNTY, FLORIDA

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
(OR DRAFT) TO:
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

W18708

(2nd 4v) E
NO RECORD - 27112
BEIRUIT MEMORIAL FUND

P.O. Box 559002 • Miami, Florida 33255 • (305) 662-0512

754-0510

CAD

President Ronald Reagan
President of the United
States of America
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC

August 22, 1987

Sally -
Send to Dad
for comments/
recommendation. I
don't have the
previous. ~~com~~

Dear Mr. President:

A letter was sent to you on April 2, 1987, informing you about a Project that is in progress in Florida. I have not heard from your office, perhaps the letter never reach your office.

We can never forget October 23, 1983, a day that 241 servicemen were killed in a senseless bombing. My son was there, he survived but two days later a mortar round hit outside his bunker and he was slightly wounded, for this he was awarded a Purple Heart. (Better him receiving than me) thank God.

I became very much involved with the families here in Miami when the tragedy happened. Our sons were in Beirut and we spent many hours and days awaiting news of them, five of our Dade Countians were killed, My son was alive. Thank God.

From that day on a concernment overcame me, what I'm trying to do is not easy, but I have all the faith in God to guide me in this endeavor. Alone no one can do it.

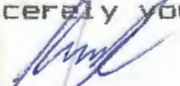
A Memorial will be built and dedicated in their memory, we lost 27 Floridians.

I'm enclosing a package for your information, your interest in this Project would mean a lot for the families. Our sons went to Beirut on a Mission of Peace, Two-hundred forty-one never made it back. We must never forget them. We, the families, want you to help us make this Memorial a reality. Please help us.

We realize that you have a busy schedule, so did our Men in Beirut, but they went believing and protecting for what we cherish....FREEDOM....PEACE.

Thanking you for your consideration and support. I am, my very dear Mr. President,

Sincerely yours,


Mr. Joseph De Armas Jr.
President
Beirut Memorial Fund, Inc.

Amy -
need file
check
Tx

BEIRUT MEMORIAL FUND

P.O. Box 559002 • Miami, Florida 33255 • (305) 662-0642

Dear Friends:

On October 23, 1983, in Beirut, Lebanon, two hundred and forty-one of our American Military Servicemen were killed in a senseless, and unforgivable terrorist bombing. Twenty-seven of these young Americans were from the State of Florida. Twenty five were U.S. Marines and Two were U.S. Navy Corpsmen.

The BEIRUT MEMORIAL FUND INC., has been created for the purpose of building a suitable memorial on a portion of Florida soil as a lasting tribute to the supreme sacrifice made by these brave men. This memorial will be built and officially dedicated to their everlasting memory in Dade County at Amelia Earhart Park.

These dedicated Servicemen went to BEIRUT on a Mission of Peace for You, for Us, and for Freedom. Let's not forget them. Your DONATION and SUPPORT is needed NOW. Please GIVE, and be an eternal part of this memorial.

" BLESSED ARE THE PEACEKEEPERS "

Thank You.

God Bless You.

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY:

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE FL. * PARALYZED VETERANS ASSOC. OF FLORIDA * VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS FL. * VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA OF FLORIDA * AMERICAN LEGION OF FLORIDA * JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF FLORIDA * AMVETS DEPT OF FLORIDA * DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS OF FLORIDA *

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

Joseph De Armas Jr

VICE PRESIDENT

Patrick O N Birch

SECRETARY

Bro. B.R. Phelix
C.F.C. Ed D.

TREASURER

Steven Friedman

New Phone 305 754-0510

DEARMAS.871110

AVA/COO/ [Signature] [Initials]

Thank you for your letter of August 22 to President Reagan informing him about your project to erect a memorial in honor of the 241 men who lost their lives in the 1983 bombing of Marine Corps barracks in Beirut. I regret the delay in this response to your letters.

Your desire to pay tribute to the memory of these fine men, 27 of whom were from the State of Florida, is understood. The President has been very proud to learn of the efforts undertaken in many areas of the country to commemorate their courage and sacrifice. He recognizes the special bonds of friendship and memory which exist among the families of the U.S. servicemen who were killed or wounded in Beirut. The following addresses may be useful to you and your associates in seeing your project through to completion:

Editor
Marine Corps Gazette
and Leatherneck
Box 1775
Quantico, VA 22134

Editor
Navy Times
475 School Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20024

For assistance in generating publicity for the project at key milestones along the way to its completion, write to:

Commandant of the Marine Corps
Headquarters Marine Corps (PAC)

Washington, DC 20380-0001

(202) 694-4080

For details on the efforts which led to the successful creation of the Jacksonville, North Carolina/Camp LeJeune Beirut Memorial, contact:

Mr. Abe Rosen

Beirut Memorial Committee Chairman

Beirut Memorial Fund

P.O. Box 128

Jacksonville, NC 28540

(919) 347-3244

For information on other memorials to the men lost in Beirut, please contact:

Mrs. Judy Young

324 Center Street

Moorestown, NJ 08057

Mrs. Young is former editor of the newspaper, Beirut Connection.

You may also be able to obtain personnel assistance in your project by contacting the following:

Director
Headquarters 6th Marine
Recruiting District
1365 Peachtree Street, N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30309
(404) 347-7550

Mr. Charles B. Reinges
Director
Young Marines Organization
P.O. Box 72
Ada, MI 49301

I hope you find this information helpful. If the White House can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to write.

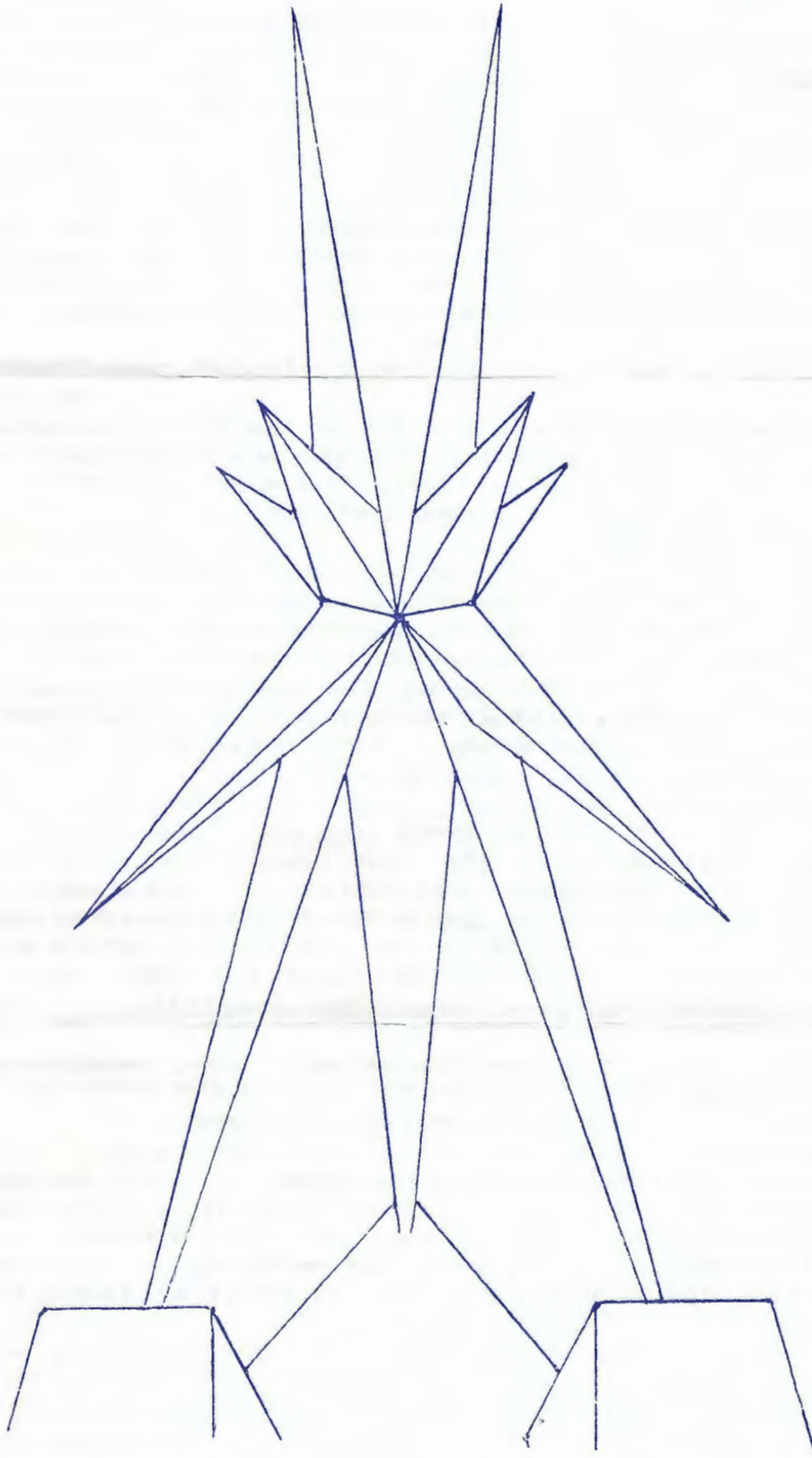
With the President's warm best wishes,

$\frac{5}{\text{and}}$

and

BEIRUT MEMORIAL FUND

Miami, Florida



PRESIDENT

JOSEPH DE ARMAS, JR.

VICE PRESIDENT

PATRICK O.M. BIRCH

SECRETARY

BRO. B.R. PHELIX, CFC, Ed D

TREASURER

STEVEN FRIEDMAN

THE BEIRUT TRAGEDY MONUMENT

On October 23, 1983, we lost 241 American Military men in a senseless bombing in Beirut, Lebanon. It was early Sunday morning when Florida found out that 27 of our sons were killed in that disaster, five of them from Dade County alone. That's when Joe De Armas, through help of the media, feverishly began contacting other Dade County families as they waited to hear the fate of their children. It was a day Joe will never forget, when on Wednesday Oct 27, he saw his son, Kenny, alive, well and waving on TV. His excitement did not keep him from his commitment to comfort the Rodriguez family and wait with them during those anxious hours, hoping they would be as fortunate as he. Unfortunately, Sgt. Juan Carlos Rodriguez did not make it home.

During the anxious weeks ahead, Joe continued his unofficial job as local family coordinator. For this he was eventually honored by the PFC Bruce W. Carter detachment of the Marine Corps League, Miami, Fl., for his unselfish efforts. However Joe did not stop there. He began an effort to have a memorial built for these men, so that Florida would never forget the untimely death of our youths in this disaster.

Sometime in early 1984, Joe's urge to build a memorial became stronger and stronger. He began his search for guidance and help from the PFC. Bruce W. Carter detachment which, within a short time, initiated and formed a committee to incorporate the Beirut Memorial Fund Inc., Patrick O.M. Birch, Commandant of the League detachment, was voted President / Joe De Armas, Vice President / Sylvia M.O'Brien, Treasurer, and Frank Kovacks Jr., Secretary. With officially recognized support of a Veterans Organization, Joe began to envision his dream turning into reality.

A meeting was arraigned with the Dade County Parks and recreation Department's Assistant Director and Chief of Operations, Charles W. Pezoldt, Ph.D At this meeting the project was explained, and we agreed to comply with the County's desire for a structure which would blend in with the particular park's theme: nothing too militaristic nor resembling a cemetery-type stone. The committee then began meeting with various sculptors but just couldn't find themselves comfortable with any designs until one day Dr. Salvador Lew, owner of a Miami Hispanic Radio Station, WHRC, introduced Joe and the memorial committee to a sculptor friend of his, Rafael Consuegra, who expressed his delight in designing a memorial befitting their cause. Keeping all the requirements and desires of the committee in mind, Rafael set out to design the sculptor, assisted by his good friend Me, Jose A. Aguero P.E., a consulting engineer. They willingly donated their time and efforts to this worthy cause. The monument which will have a pyramid base representing the Middle East, will support a celestial starburst.

As time went on, the Beirut Memorial Fund Inc. and the memorial began gaining more and more attention. Through the local media and local memorial services, and through Joe De Armas dedication to the project, various Veterans organization started contacting the committee and asking what they could do to help. The list grew, first of course was the PFC. Bruce W. Carter detachment, Marine Corps league, then came the

Veterans of Foreign Wars, initiated through Post 10212, Miami, Fla. who adopted a resolution then had it passed at Florida State convention June, 1986 . to support the memorial . The Paralyzed Veterans Association of Florida, Amvets of Fl, The American Legion of Fl., The Jewish War Veterans, the Disabled American Veterans, Vietnam Veterans of America, as well as others.

The Beirut Memorial is (projected) to be dedicated later this year or early part of next. at a site in Dade County's new Amelia Earhart Park. This was made a reality through the help of Dade County Park and Recreation Director, Mr Bill Bird.

Mr. Bird was impressed with its design and concept, also offered the committee this site and assisted in securing the necessary approval required by the Dade County Commissioners.

South Florida State Senator, Dexter W. Lehtinen, a former Green Beret, who was himself wounded in Vietnam, is the legal advisor for the Beirut Memorial Fund. Just as enthusiasm has been growing among the Veteran organizations so has it begun to find roots in Florida's political community as well.

The committee feels that it is only fitting that the this Memorial be dedicated in the memory of the Two-hundred forty-one young men who lost their lives for our great country, and especially the Twenty-seven Floridians. We wish that they never be forgotten and that they be an everlasting reminder to all of us of the sacrifices made by the proud men women of this great country, Just as we have memorials dedicated to war heroes of all previous conflicts such as the American revolution, the Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam, LET US ALSO HAVE A BEIRUT MEMORIAL OF FLORIDA.

"MAY NO AMERICAN EVER FORGET THOSE WHO HAVE SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES
SO THAT WE MAY CONTINUE TO BE THE GREATEST COUNTRY ON EARTH"

Your DONATION and SUPPORT is needed NOW. They went there on a Mission of Peace, for YOU, for US, for FREEDOM. Let's NOT forget them

God Bless You

" BLESSED ARE THE PEACEKEEPERS "

If you wish to help or participate, please feel free to write or call for information.

Joseph De Armas Jr.
41 N. E. 173 Street.
North Miami Beach, FL
33162

← send mail Here

Phone: (305) 754-0510
(NEW NUMBER)

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEKEEPERS

FLORIDA HONOR ROLL

CPL	CLEMON ALEXANDER	MONTICELLO
CPL	BRETT CROFT	LAKELAND
HN USN	JESSE W. BEAMON	HAINES CITY
LCPL	JOHN WILLIAM BLOCKER	YULEE
PFC	JUAN MIGUEL COMAS	HIALEAH
SGT	ROBERT ALLEN CONLEY	ORLANDO
HM3 USN	JAMES E. FAULK	PANAMA CITY
CPL	WILLIAM R. GAINES JR.	PORT CHARLOTTE
PFC	JEFFREY T. HATHAWAY	PENSACOLA
LCPL	FERRANDY D. HENDERSON	TAMPA
LCPL	RODOLFO HERNANDEZ	COCOA BEACH
GYSGT	DONALD WAYNE HILDRETH	CLERMONT
PFC	NATHANIEL WALTER JENKINS	DAYTONA BEACH
CPL	FREAS HENRY KREISCHER III	INDIALANTIC
SGT	MICHAEL SCOTT LARIVIERE	PERRY
CPL	PAUL D. LYON JR.	MILTON
PFC	JACK LEE MARTIN	SANFORD
1st LT.	DAVID JOHNS NAIRN	OCOEE
1st LT.	CLYDE WAYNE PLYMEL	MERRIT ISLAND
SGT	PATRICK KERRY PRINDEVILLE	GAINESVILLE
SGT	JUAN CARLOS RODRIGUEZ	MIAMI
CPL	GUILLERMO SAN PEDRO	HIALEAH
CPL	KIRK HALL SMITH	MIAMI
CPL	STEPHEN EUGENE SPENCER	MARY ESTHER
SSGT	JOHN RICHARD HEYL	LARGO
CPL	RODNEY JAY WILLIAMS	OPA LOCKA
MAJOR	WILLIAM ELLIS WINTER	PENSACOLA

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

87. 870529.1
DEARMAS

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 08, 1987

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. JOSEPH DEARMAS JR.

ASAP/OCT
C6086

SUBJECT: REQUESTS SUPPORT FOR THE BEIRUT MEMORIAL FUND WHICH PLANS TO CONSTRUCT A MONUMENT IN HONOR OF THE 241 AMERICAN SERVICEMEN WHO LOST THEIR LIVES ON OCT 23 83 IN THE BEIRUT TRAGEDY *

ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY (STAFF NAME)		ACT CODE	DATE YY/MM/DD	TYPE RESP	C D	COMPLETED YY/MM/DD
CHUCK DONOVAN		ORG	87/04/08			C 87/04/08
REFERRAL NOTE: <i>[Signature]</i>						
REFERRAL NOTE: <i>[Signature]</i>						
REFERRAL NOTE: <i>Dunde Watson pmwats</i>		A	87/04/08			C 87/10/30 <i>[initials]</i>
REFERRAL NOTE:						
REFERRAL NOTE:						
REFERRAL NOTE:						

COMMENTS: * IN THE AMELIA EARHART PARK IN DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
event rescheduled - instructed writer to resubmit request in 1988

ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENTS: MEDIA:L INDIVIDUAL CODES: _____

MI MAIL USER CODES: (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

- *****
- | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---|
| *ACTION CODES: | *DISPOSITION | *OUTGOING | * |
| * | * | *CORRESPONDENCE: | * |
| *A-APPROPRIATE ACTION | *A-ANSWERED | *TYPE RESP=INITIALS | * |
| *C-COMMENT/RECOM | *B-NON-SPEC-REFERRAL | * OF SIGNER | * |
| *D-DRAFT RESPONSE | *C-COMPLETED | * CODE = A | * |
| *F-FURNISH FACT SHEET | *S-SUSPENDED | *COMPLETED = DATE OF | * |
| *I-INFO COPY/NO ACT NEC* | | * OUTGOING | * |
| *R-DIRECT REPLY W/COPY * | | | * |
| *S-FOR-SIGNATURE * | | | * |
| *X-INTERIM REPLY * | | | * |
- *****

REFER QUESTIONS AND ROUTING UPDATES TO CENTRAL REFERENCE (ROOM 75, OEOB) EXT-2590
KEEP THIS WORKSHEET ATTACHED TO THE ORIGINAL INCOMING LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS MANAGEMENT.

Laura,

Please call
to verify date of
event - Oct. 23/24
Carolyn has tried 10/2 + 10/5
no answer -
Let me know what
happens. Thank,
L. Watson

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

file Oct. 1 -

Projected date for
dedication of memorial
is Oct. 24 - Call Oct. 1
to verify dedication
date.

L. Watson
9/1/87 -

Called 10-2 No
answer

10-5 No
answer

10-6 NO Answer

Anne/Chuck.

~~SLR~~
(SLR)

I think Mr. DeLuca is expecting a donation from the President.

Don't you have a hand down letter for that?

Although the President has done more than necessary following this tragedy - perhaps a message at the time of the dedication would be appreciated.

John

Manner -

Does your firm want to
keep the. tc

BEIRUT MEMORIAL FUND, INC.
P.O. Box 559002 ■ Miami, FL 33255 ■ (305) 662-0642

“BLESSED ARE THE PEACEKEEPERS”

Beirut

Proudly Supported By



**MONUMENT
OF FLORIDA**



AMELIA EARHART PARK
Miami Florida

BEIRUT MEMORIAL FUND INC.

"BLESSED ARE THE PEACEKEEPERS"

JOSEPH DE ARMAS, JR.
VICE PRESIDENT
CHAIRMAN FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

P.O. Box 559002 Miami, Florida 33255
(305) 662-0642



**DONATION FORM:
BEIRUT MEMORIAL FUND**

PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED, MY / OUR DONATION
CREDIT MY VET ORGANIZATION (VFW, MCL, ETC.)

PLEASE ACCEPT MY DONATION: \$ _____



NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

ADDRESS

City State Zip

CHECK / MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO:
BEIRUT MEMORIAL FUND

475820

BEIRUT MEMORIAL FUND

P.O. Box 559002 • Miami, Florida 33255 • (305) 662-0642

CAD

April 3, 1987

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

PRESIDENT
PATRICK OM BIRCH, MCL

VICE PRESIDENT
CHAIRMAN - FUND RAISING
COMMITTEE
JOSEPH DEARMAS, JR. MCL, VFW

SECRETARY
FRANK J. KOVACS, JR., MCL

TREASURER
SYLVIA M. O'BRIEN, MCL

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

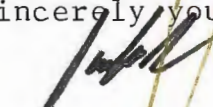
Since that tragic date of October 23, 1983, when 241 American servicemen lost their lives in the tragedy of Beirut, we in South Florida have been working over the past two years on the Beirut Memorial Fund with plans to construct a monument in their honor in Amelia Earhart Park in Dade County, Florida.

I have been incontact with the families of the 27 young servicemen who lost their lives, as well as with newscasters from both radio and television, and have just completed the mailing for the first time of the enclosed materials which I am forwarding to you.

Any support which you may be able to give to this project would be greatly appreciated. We are envisioning October of 1987 for the dedication of this lasting tribute to the Floridians who lost their lives, as well as for the other young men who tragically lost their lives.

Thanking you for your consideration of this material, I am, my very dear Mr. President,

Sincerely yours,


Mr. Joseph DeArmas, Jr.
Vice-President
Chair of Fundraising
Beirut Memorial Fund, Inc.

JDA: brp

P.S. - God bless you in your work.

305 - 754 - 0510

BEIRUT MEMORIAL FUND

P.O. Box 559002 • Miami, Florida 33255 • (305) 662-0642

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

PRESIDENT
PATRICK OM BIRCH, MCL

VICE PRESIDENT
CHAIRMAN - FUND RAISING
COMMITTEE
JOSEPH DEARMAS, JR. MCL, VFW

SECRETARY
FRANK J. KOVACS, JR., MCL

TREASURER
SYLVIA M. O'BRIEN, MCL

Dear Friend:

On October 23, 1983, in Beirut, Lebanon, two hundred and forty-one of our American Military Servicemen were killed in a senseless, and unforgivable terrorist bombing. Twenty seven of these young Americans were from the State of Florida. Twenty five were U.S. Marines and two were U.S. Navy Corpsmen.

The BEIRUT MEMORIAL FUND, INC., has been created for the purpose of building a suitable monument on a portion of Florida soil as a lasting tribute to the supreme sacrifice made by these brave men. This monument will be built and officially dedicated to their everlasting memory in Dade County, Florida's Amelia Earhart Park. (Projected dedication date is Saturday, October 24, 1987).

These dedicated servicemen went to BEIRUT on a mission of peace. We will never forget them. Through your support and help, you can proudly be an eternal part of this monument.


For your convenience we are enclosing your contribution form and a complimentary bumper decal for your support.

Thank You.

God Bless You.



Patrick O.M. Birch
President

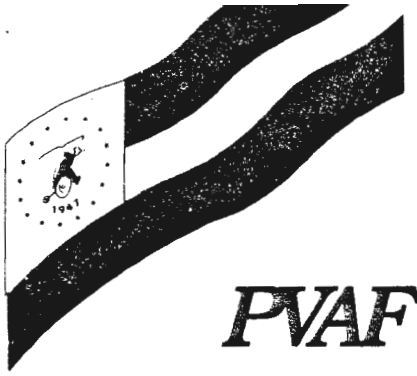


Joseph DeArmas, Jr.
Vice President

Chairman: Fund Raising
Committee

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY:

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE, PARALYZED VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF FL,
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS, VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA,
AMVETS, RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF FL



**Paralyzed Veterans
Association
of Florida, Inc.**

March 1987

Dear Members & Friends:

The Paralyzed Veterans Association Of Florida has joined with the Veterans Of Foreign Wars, Vietnam Veterans Of America, Amvets, Marine Corps League, and the Reserve Officers Association of Florida in support of the BEIRUT MEMORIAL FUND.

This fund was created to raise money to build a suitable monument in lasting tribute to those 241 servicemen killed in Lebanon, on October 23, 1983 in a terrorist attack.

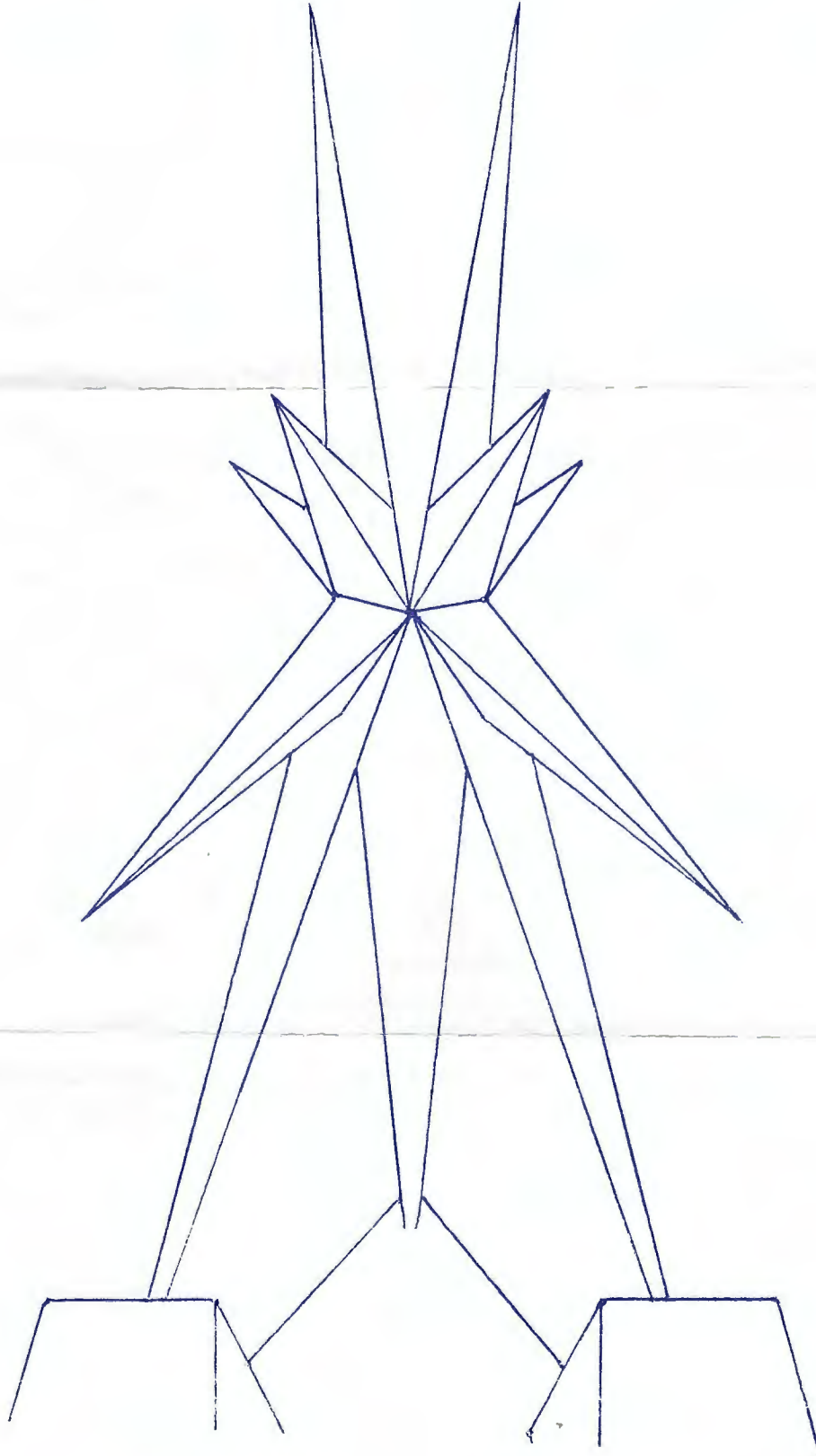
We hope you will review the enclosed material and support this project.

PVAF, Inc.



BEIRUT MEMORIAL FUND.

P.O. Box 559002 • Miami, Florida 33255 • (305) 662-0642



PRESIDENT
PATRICK OM BIRCH, MCL

VICE PRESIDENT
CHAIRMAN — FUND RAISING
COMMITTEE
JOSEPH DE ARMAS, JR. MCL, VFW

SECRETARY
FRANK J. KOVACS, JR, MCL

TREASURER
SYLVIA M. O'BRIEN, MCL

THE BEIRUT TRAGEDY MONUMENT

On October 23, 1983, we lost 241 American Military men in a senseless bombing in Beirut, Lebanon. It was early Sunday morning when Florida found out that 27 of our sons were killed in that disaster, five of them from Dade County alone. That's when Joe DeArmas, through help of the media, feverishly began contacting other Dade County families as they waited to hear the fate of their children. It was a day Joe DeArmas will never forget, when on Wednesday, Oct. 27th, he saw his son, Kenny, alive, well and waving on TV. His excitement did not keep him from his commitment to comfort the Rodriguez family and wait with them during those anxious hours, hoping they would be as fortunate as he. Unfortunately, Sgt. Juan Carlos Rodriguez did not make it home. He was one of the casualties.

During the anxious weeks ahead, Joe DeArmas continued his unofficial job as local family coordinator. For this was eventually honored by the PFC Bruce W. Carter detachment of the Marine Corps League, Miami, Florida, for his unselfish efforts. However Joe did not stop there. He single-handedly began an effort to have a monument for these men, so that Florida would never forget the untimely death of our youths in this disaster. From Dade County alone, the following Marines lost their lives: Sgt. Juan Carlos Rodriguez; Cpl. Billy San Pedro; Pfc. Juan Comas; Cpl. Kirk Smith; and Cpl. Rodney Williams.

Sometime in Early 1984, Joe's urge to build a monument became stronger and stronger. He began his search for guidance and help from the PFC. Bruce W. Carter detachment which, within a short time, initiated and formed a committee to incorporate the Beirut Memorial Fund. Inc. Patrick O. M. Birch, commandant of the league detachment, was voted President, Joe DeArmas, Vice President, Sylvia M. O'Brien, Treasurer, and Frank Kovacs Jr., Secretary. With officially recognized support of a Veteran's Organization, Joe began to envision his dream turning into reality.

A meeting was arranged with the Dade County Park and Recreation Department's Assistant Director and Chief of Operations, Charles W. Pezoldt, Ph.D. At this meeting the project was explained, and we agreed to comply with the county's desire for a structure which would blend in with the particular park's theme: nothing too militaristic nor resembling a cemetery-type stone. The committee then began meeting with various sculptors but just couldn't find themselves comfortable with any designs until one day Dr. Salvador Lew, owner of a Miami Hispanic Radio Station, WHRC, introduced Joe and the monument committee to a sculptor friend of his, Rafael Consuegra, who expressed his delight in designing a memorial befitting their cause. Keeping all the requirements in mind, and the desires of the committee, Rafael Consuegra set out to design the sculpture, assisted by his good friend Mr. Jose A. Aguero P.E., a consulting engineer. They willingly donated their time and efforts to this worthy cause. The monument which will have a pyramid base, representing the Middle East, will support a celestial starburst.

As time went on, the Beirut Memorial Fund and the monument began gaining more and more attention. Through local media, local memorial services, and through Joe DeArmas dedication to the project, various veterans organizations started contacting the committee and asking what they could do to help. The list grew. First, of course, was PFC Bruce W. Carter, detachment, Marine Corps League. Then came The Veterans Of Foreign Wars, initiated through Jose Marti Post 10212, Miami, Fl. who passed a resolution supporting the monument, the Paralyzed Veterans Association of Florida, Disabled American Veterans, Jewish War Veterans, Fleet Reserves Association, and Vietnam Veterans of America, as well as others.

The monument is (projected) to be dedicated ,on Saturday, October 24, 1987, at a site in Dade County's new Amelia Earhart Park. This was made a reality through the help of the Dade County Park and Recreation Director, Mr. Bill Bird.

Mr. Bill Bird was impressed with its design and concept. Mr. Bird also offered the committee this site and assisted in securing the necessary approval required by the Dade County Commissioners. The date is very special because it is within one day of the fourth anniversary of the Beirut bombing which occurred on October 23, 1983, the committee chose a Saturday, one day later to accommodate those who would be more likely to attend.

South Florida State Senator Dexter W. Lehtinen, a former Green Beret, who was himself wounded in Vietnam, is the official legal advisor for the Beirut Memorial Fund. Just as enthusiasm has been growing among the veterans organizations, so has it begun to find roots in Florida's political community as well.

The committee feels that it is only fitting that this monument be dedicated in the memory of the two hundred forty-one young men who lost their lives for our great country, and especially the twenty-seven Floridians from our State. We wish that they never be forgotten and that they be an everlasting reminder to all of us of the sacrifices made by the proud men and women of this great country. Just as we have memorials dedicated to war heroes of all preceding conflicts such as the American Revolution, the Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and Vietnam, LET US HAVE A BEIRUT MEMORIAL FOR FLORIDA.

"MAY NO AMERICAN EVER FORGET THOSE WHO HAVE SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES
SO THAT WE MAY CONTINUE TO BE THE GREATEST COUNTRY ON EARTH."

The business of the hour is at hand. Funds must be collected before any ground-breaking can be done. Either the monies must be collected in full, or a bond must be posted to guarantee the Monument's construction.

"BLESSED ARE THE PEACEKEEPERS"

Please contact Joseph De Armas for additional information at 41 N.E. 173rd Street North Miami Beach, Florida 33162, Telephone (305) 662-0642.

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEKEEPERS

FLORIDA HONOR ROLL

CPL CLEMON ALEXANDER
* USN JESSE W. BEAMON
LCPL JOHN W. BLOCKER
PFC JUAN COMAS
SGT ROBERT A. CONLEY
CPL BRETT A. CROFT
* USN JAMES E. FAULK
CPL WILLIAM R. GAINES
PFC JEFFREY T. HATTAWAY
LCPL FERRANDY D. HENDERSON
LCPL RUDOLFO HERNANDEZ
SSGT DONALD W. HILDRETH
PFC NATHANIEL W. JENKINS
CPL FREAS H. KREISCHER, 111
SGT MICHAEL S. LARIVIERE
CPL PAUL D. LYON, JR.
PFC JACK L. MARTIN
LT DAVID J. NAIRN
LT C. WAYNE PLYMEL
SGT PATRICK PRINDEVILLE
SGT JUAN CARLOS RODRIGUEZ
CPL GUILLERMO SAN PEDRO, JR.
CPL KIRK H. SMITH
CPL STEPHEN E. SPENCER
SSGT JOHN R. WEYL
CPL RODNEY J. WILLIAMS
MAJ WILLIAMS E. WINTER

AMELIA EARHART PARK
MIAMI, FLORIDA