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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 16, 1988

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MS. BECHARA SAMAHA

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SUBJECT: REQUESTS A MEETING TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY
FOR A GREATER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN LEBANON
AND THE U.S.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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May 19, 1988

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SCHEDULING OFFICE

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FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. *FOR*
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

Please provide your recommendation on the following scheduling request:

EVENT: For the President or an NSC Representative to meet with Bechara Samaha, President of the Lebanese Student Association to discuss the Lebanese problem.

DATE: May 15 - June 3, 1988.

LOCATION: The White House.

Additional information concerning this event is attached.

YOUR RECOMMENDATION:

May 25, 1988

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If your recommendation is to accept, please cite reasons below:

Robert M. Perito
Robert M. Perito
Deputy Executive Secretary

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May 12, 1988

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Mr. President:

*Receiving
5/15-6/3*

My name is Bechara Samaha and I am the current President of the Lebanese Student Association (LSA). This committee's main objective is to find a solution to the Lebanese problem. This Association is centered in Beirut and is supported by many leaders of the Lebanese people. This Association was created by the former, and now deceased, President-Elect of Lebanon, Bashir Gemayel. In addition to my duties as President of the LSA, I was the Student Governor of East Beirut. I was also an advisor to Bashir Gemayel during his campaign in 1982. Finally, I am a member of a political bureau of the Lebanese forces and I was the director of the Bureau of Information and Orientation of the Phalangist Party. The current President of Lebanon, Amin Gemayel, is a personal friend and our families are tied closely together. I am in Washington, D.C. attending Villanova University's seminar minimester. The reason I am writing you is that I would like to discuss with you the possibilities for a greater understanding between our two countries. I also would like to solicit your opinion on the nature of this problem from an American perspective.

My dream is to foster peace in Lebanon. I believe that this can be realistically accomplished. I wish to promote greater harmony between Lebanese Christians and Muslims. Some of my wishes are to see a new, reformed Lebanese constitution, a modernized secular army, the withdrawal of external forces from my country, and the strengthening and improving of the democratic process, especially with the upcoming elections.

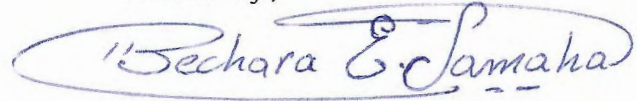
An economically and politically vibrant Lebanon is in the interest of the United States. A healthy Lebanese capitalistic economy will prevent my country from adopting socialism. A strong Lebanese democratic political system will help prevent terrorist actions and could ensure that my country is a land of freedom and security. Strategically, a dynamic Lebanon could be America's Arab liaison in the Middle East. Finally, America's interest will be protected if Lebanon's influence as an Arab country is stabilized.

I will be in Washington, D.C. from May 15 until June 3 and I would like very much to discuss these mutual interests with you. I will

contact your office shortly to arrange for a meeting. Thank you for your time and consideration.

May we be instruments of peace.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bechara E. Samaha". The signature is enclosed in a hand-drawn oval.

Bechara Samaha

If you wish, you may contact me at the following addresses if you have any questions or if you would like to arrange for an appointment.

Permanent

Political Science Department
Villanova University
Villanova, PA 19085
Phone: (215) 645-4968

Temporary

American University
Washington, DC 20016
c/o Dr. Jerry Hanus
Phone: (301) 885-6228 (O)
(301) 762-3714 (H) *university*

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RE LEBANESE PROBLEMS ON 15 MAY - 3 JUN

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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DATE RECEIVED: AUGUST 08, 1988

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. MICHEL K. NAHAS

SUBJECT: WRITES REGARDING THE PLIGHT OF LEBANON AND
ITS WAR BETWEEN THE CHRISTIANS AND MOSLEMS
AND BELIEVES THAT THE U.S. CAN HELP IT OVER-
COME ITS SUFFERING, HE IS A CANDIDATE FOR *

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COMMENTS: * THE PRESIDENCY OF LEBANON FROM THE GREEK
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8823985

Date AUG 24 1988

FOR: Mr. Paul Schott Stevens
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: President Reagan

From: Mr. Michel K. Nahas

Date: August 1, 1988

Subject: Writes regarding plight of Lebanon, its war between
the factions and appeals for U.S. help.

WH Referral Dated: 586981

NSC ID# (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:

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Director
Secretariat Staff

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

August 22, 1988

Dear Mr. Nahas:

I have been asked to reply to your letter of August 1 to President Reagan. I was pleased to review the material which you sent concerning Lebanon's strategic position and your personal and political background.

As you know, we are committed to helping the Lebanese elect a consensus candidate who will pursue constitutional reform and national reconciliation. We urge all candidates to work for these goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David G. Newton".

Ambassador David G. Newton
Director
Office of Jordan, Lebanon and
Syrian Affairs

Mr. Michel K. Nahas
Post Office Box 70844,
Antelias,
Beirut, Lebanon.

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AUGUST 9, 1988

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED AUGUST 1, 1988

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. MICHEL K. NAHAS
POST OFFICE BOX 70844
ANTELIAS
BEIRUT LEBANON

SUBJECT: WRITES REGARDING THE PLIGHT OF LEBANON AND
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DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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Michel K. NAHAS
P.O.Box : 70844
Antelias - Beirut
Lebanon

The honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
Washington D.C.

August 1, 1988

My dear Mr. President,

With all respect, I address this letter to you hoping you give it your complete attention .

As you well know, Mr. President, my country, Lebanon, has suffered now for more than thirteen years from a factional war between Maronite Christian extremists on one side, and between all of the Moslem sects on the other .

This war, as well as this situation, is extremely grave, painful, and critical - not only for my country, but above all for the Christian minority that has existed and lived in Lebanon for many generations .

This Christian minority, which is very attached to the West and extremely devoted to the United States of America, finds itself face to face with an overwhelming majority of fanatical Moslems. The latter supported by most of the Moslems countries of the Middle East, are seeking together, and by all means to aid their brothers, the Moslems of Lebanon who, in turn, abhor for the most part all that in western, including the United States .

The Maronite Christians for their part have never ceased to hold, since the independance of my country in 1945 until today all the highest public offices, including the presidential office. Due to the fact that these Christians hold such key positions in government without the legitimate, legal right to do so, has led to extreme hate and jealousy among not only the Moslems, but also non-maronite Christians of Lebanon .

His Beatitude, the Patriarch Maximos V HAKIM, the supreme chief of our Greek Catholic Christian Community has suggested that in order to put an end to his infernal belligerence, one must cast off all of the extremist Maronite Christians and Moslems of all sects and entrust the presidency to an extremely moderate Christian belonging to this Greek Catholic Community .

This suggestion was immediately accepted and greatly appreciated by all Moslems of all sects, including a majority of Christians. Everyone would like to see the end to all the atrocities that have taken place during the war .

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Mr. President,

I have a profound attachment to the West, and above all to the United States of America which I consider my second country. I am convinced that the United States of America through which the free world won both wars 1914 - 1939, could surely help Lebanon to come over his suffering and ensure his destiny through your good self.

Very respectfully Yours,

Michel K. Nahas

Michel K. NAHAS



*His Beatitude Patriarch
Maximos V Hakim*

*Melkite - Greek Catholic Patriarchate
of Antioch and all the East,
of Alexandria and of Jerusalem*

*P. O. Box 50076
Beirut, Lebanon*

Reg. XIX N° 295

Raboueh, Sept. 5th, 1985

To Whom It May Concern.

We Maximos V Hakim, Patriarch of Antioch and all the East, of Alexandria and of Jerusalem, have very well known our beloved son Mr. Michel Nahas of Zahleh and the Bekaa, for a long time. He is a notable Lebanese citizen of great merit.

We know that Mr. Nahas is the only greek.catholic candidate for the presidency of the Lebanese Republic.

Estimating his qualifications of honesty and straight forwardness, in addition to his administrative and commercial capacities, we appreciate his openness towards the neighbouring arab countries and towards other countries of the western world particularly the United States of America and France.

We are glad to express our respect to Mr. Nahas and our full confidence in him and to wish him the best.

With our apostolic blessing.



+Maximos V

+ MAXIMOS V HAKIM,
Patriarch of Antioch and all the East,
of Alexandria and of Jerusalem.

Michel K. NAHAS
P.O.Box : 70844
Antelias - Beirut
Lebanon

My dear Mr. President,

This article appeared in the British magazine "JANE'S"
on May 21st 1988 .

This magazine is specialized in defense issues and
clearly outlines all Syria's actions towards streng-
thening its defense continuously and intensifying its
hostilities against the United States, Israel and
Lebanon, all with Russia's extensive assistance .

Why does Syria have the right to give concessions to
Russia in the form of military bases on its land and
sign political, economic and defensive treaties with
Russia ? Also Syria is purchasing Chinese rockets
capable of carrying nuclear warheads to destroy Israel
and Lebanon, the two U.S. allies .

If I were to be elected to the presidency of the Leba-
nese Republic, I surely shall have the right to ratify
such treaties with the U.S.A. for 50 years or more, or
as long as you see fit, given that I get your full fi-
nancial and political support to win the election for
the presidency in August. I shall tie the destiny of
Lebanon as that of Israel with the United States, and
make the Lebanese pound connected to the U.S. dollar
to ease the way for Lebanon to become the fifty third
state and an additional star on the United States flag.

Sincerely,

Michel K. Nahas

Michel K. NAHAS

Soviets set to expand Tartus base

DIPLOMATIC sources are indicating that the facility at Tartus, on Syria's coast, which has long been used by the Soviet Navy's Mediterranean squadron as a limited repair and maintenance facility, is to be expanded and a permanent base established there.

Analysts are expressing particular concern because the Soviet admiral in charge of the Tartus work is Adm Sidorov, who supervised the development of the Cam Ranh base in Vietnam.

This port has been described by US intelligence as "the largest Soviet naval forward deployment base outside the USSR". Sidorov is officially deputy for 'rear services' for the Soviet Navy.

Other senior Soviet naval figures have been to Syria recently to visit the Tartus base. Adm of the Fleet V N Chernavin, the C-in-C of the Soviet Navy, was there last year, as well as his deputy Adm Grishin. Other high-level visits to the country have been reported (JDW 30 April).

The Soviet Navy began using Tartus in 1969, following the 1967 Arab-Israeli war, but use increased dramatically in 1976 after the expulsion of Soviet advisers and facilities from Egypt.

The Americans noted at the time: "Soviet presence in and additional access to facilities in Syria can restore the USSR's military position on the Mediterranean littoral."

Tartus is the primary maintenance facility for

Soviet submarines operating in the Mediterranean. A submarine tender, a yard oiler and a water tender are stationed there.

In 1987 it was reported that port calls had "increased in frequency", and deployments of Soviet Naval Aviation anti-surface warfare and reconnaissance aircraft have apparently been expanded.

It is thought that Syria has been persuaded to extend greater access to the Soviet Union because of her growing indebtedness. The USSR is paying no rent for the base, and the agreement has no fixed expiry date.

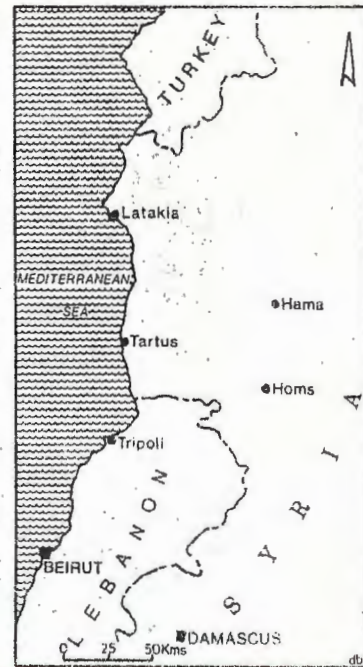
The development at Tartus indicates a consolidation of the Soviet Union's military relationship with its key Middle East ally.

On 17 March, Chairman Gorbachev, during a visit to Yugoslavia, put forward a new arms control proposal involving various measures to restrict naval activities in the Mediterranean. He said: "We are interested in seeing lanes of peace and not routes of war passing here."

His proposal included an offer to "freeze the number of ships and the potential of the naval forces stationed there", from 1 July this year.



▲ Adm of the Fleet Chernavin... "in Tartus last year"



Soviet space: reconnaissance problems remain

● Troubles continue to plague the Soviet advanced high resolution photographic reconnaissance programme. Kosmos 1935 was launched on 24 March, a month after its predecessor, Kosmos 1916, had to be destroyed in orbit following a malfunction.

During 1-3 April Kosmos 1935 adjusted its orbit several times to set up a series of passes over the eastern section of Afghanistan near the Pakistan border in the late morning hours at an altitude of only 170 km. For five days the spy satellite lingered over the area on its daily passes as details of the withdrawal of Soviet troops were being completed. However, when this portion of its mission was over and the satellite should have been reboosted to continue its flight, the satellite unexpectedly returned to Earth on 8 April, completing only 15 days of an anticipated 50-60 day mission.

● During April, Kosmos 1936 assumed the duties of the USSR's only long duration photographic reconnaissance capability, having replaced Kosmos 1881 within hours of the latter's re-entry on 30 March after a flight of 201 days.

● On 26 April Kosmos 1900 appeared to become the longest lived radar ocean reconnaissance satellite (RORSAT) after

surpassing the 136-day record of Kosmos 1866 in 1982. However, on 13 April Kosmos 1900 failed to make a regular orbit correction and continued to slowly lose altitude. By the end of April the nuclear-powered spacecraft had dropped to the lower altitude of its sister, RORSAT, Kosmos 1932. Since Kosmos 1900 has an orbital profile slightly different from that of any previous RORSAT, the motivation for this recent behaviour is not yet clear.

● With the launch of an apparently new generation remote sensing satellite on 26 April, the Soviet demonstrated a new geostationary launch profile of significance both to the rapid replacement of military satellites and to the potential

commercial launch service customers. For 14 years all Soviet geostationary satellites have been inserted into high-equatorial orbits near 90° east. From here they had to drift east or west to their assigned positions, sometimes for several weeks.

Kosmos 1940 was allowed to remain in a low altitude parking orbit for an extra six hours, permitting a direct insertion in the Western Hemisphere near 15° west within 12 and a half hours of launch. By contrast, Gorizont 15, launched on 31 March, took two weeks to reach the same location. The new technique greatly enhances the Soviet capability to rapidly replenish high-altitude satellite constellations.

APRIL SOVIET MILITARY SPACE FLIGHTS

Name	Date	Launch site	Launch vehicle	Mission
Kosmos 1937	5th	PL	SL-8	Tactical communications
Kosmos 1938	11th	PL	SL-4	Spot photographic reconnaissance
Kosmos 1941	27th	TT	SL-4	Spot photographic reconnaissance

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MARY ANNE FACKELMAN-MINER—THE WHITE HOUSE
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join the swelling chorus of Republicans urging Bush to choose Dole as his running mate. Dole appears presidential, appeals to Democrats and—with wife, Liddy—could help narrow Bush's gender gap. Bush aides say a recent rapprochement between the former foes could lead to a Bush-Dole ticket, but some wonder if the acerbic Kansas senator can "attack on command and sit on command as well."

Confrontation

When Angolan rebel leader Jonas Savimbi comes to the United States next week, he can look forward to a warm meeting with President Reagan and a fierce confrontation with black leaders. Among those protesting Savimbi's South African connections are NAACP leader Benjamin Hooks, the Rev. Joseph Lowery of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, National Education Association president Mary Futrell and Baltimore Mayor Kurt Schmoke. Jesse

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Missile 'Crisis'

It will be the worst crisis in U.S.-Chinese relations in 10 years," predicts a Reagan administration official. Despite warnings from Washington, China is about to sell its newest shorter-range missile, the M-9, to Syria. "If they haven't signed already, it's only days away," says a senior U.S. official. Although Syria now has missiles capable of striking much of Israel, the Chinese deal is expected to cause a furor on Capitol Hill—with outraged protests from the U.S. Israeli lobby

and supporters of Taiwan.

A mobile, solid-fuel missile with high accuracy and at least a 600-kilometer range, the M-9 is 20 years more advanced than the Silkworm missiles China sold to Iran or the Chinese DF-3 medium-range missiles bought by the Saudis. It is thought to be the first Chinese missile made specifically for export.

■ The Soviets also appear worried by China's expanded missile sales. Little noticed in the Moscow summit communiqué was a line signaling their concern by agreeing to U.S.-Soviet talks on curtailing the international missile market.

CAMPAIGN '88

Conventional-Wisdom Watch

Howard Baker's no fool. Eight months ago he was a CW goat: Bork had been defeated, Ginsburg (remember him?) had withdrawn. The Dow had collapsed. Baker's White House was in disarray, the CW said.

Now, Reagan's enjoying a mild summit high, and Baker quit while his CW was up... Democratic Sen. Wyche Fowler of Georgia went in and out of the vice presidential CW so fast he didn't even make this chart.

DEMOCRATS

Conventional Wisdom

PRESIDENT

Dukakis



Bad luck: Sam Donaldson assigned to his campaign. Wright affair starting to smell.

VICE PRESIDENT

Glenn



Practically a fait accompli, to hear some CW-ers talk. His state (Ohio) looming as crucial.

Bradley



Says he's not interested. CW translation: Make me an offer.

Nunn



Says he's not interested. CW translation: I'll take it, I'll take it.

Jackson



Is he playing poker or is he just indecisive? Gossip about his private life revives.

REPUBLICANS

PRESIDENT

Bush



CW realizing what a hapless campaigner he is. Pentagon scandal, North trial will hurt.

VICE PRESIDENT

Saudi and UK in al-Yamamah talks

SAUDI DEFENCE Minister Prince Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz al-Saud, who is to visit the UK in the next two weeks, is expected to try and iron out differences between the UK and Saudi Arabia over the £5 billion (\$US9 billion) al-Yamamah project, under which the Royal Saudi Air Force is to be supplied with 72 Panavia Tornados, 30 BAe Hawks and 30 Pilatus PC-9s.

The problems centre on arrangements for UK offset investment in Saudi Arabia which was the subject of a memorandum of understanding signed last year.

Under the agreement, the UK will reinvest in Saudi Arabia a sum equivalent to a third of the value of the UK's share in the project's technical content, ie the aircraft and weapon sales but excluding training.

There have, however, been delays in reaching agreement over the precise arrangements for carrying out the £5-600 million investment and the Saudis have yet to respond to UK proposals tabled several months ago.

Unlike the offset deal between Boeing and Saudi Arabia connected with the Peace Shield programme, offset was not originally part of the

al-Yamamah contract and therefore no UK company is currently under any contractual obligation to invest in Saudi Arabia.

UK companies are at present competing for a number of new defence contracts with Saudi Arabia, most notably Vosper Thornycroft's submission of a version of its Sandown class single role minehunter to fulfil a Saudi requirement for new mine warfare forces. Other contenders are the Franco-Belgian-Dutch Tripartite minehunter and Italy's *Leici* design.

As well as the industrial offset dimension of the al-Yamamah project, about 50% of the cost is being met through oil revenue.

Shell and BP are lifting oil for the contract, which totalled 300 000 barrels a day when the deal was signed and, following subsequent

fluctuations in the price of oil, is currently standing at 400 000 barrels a day.

According to a London-based oil analyst, a pricing disagreement suspended lifting during February, but work was back on course by the end of March. He also noted that some technical problems may possibly disrupt lifting this month.

As far as aircraft deliveries are concerned, a BAe spokesman said that they are on course with 20 IDS Tornados having been received by Saudi to date.

No Tornados are now scheduled for delivery until spring 1989 when the company will begin supplying the ADV version of the aircraft. BAe is currently working on fulfilling the Hawk aircraft portion of the contract.

Japanese companies to study V-22 potential

TWO JAPANESE trading companies, Mitsui and C.Itoh, have teamed and forged an agreement with Bell-Boeing to study the potential for the V-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft within the Japanese Defence Agency's inventory.

The two-year study will look at all the roles that the V-22 could perform within the Japanese military, including long-range search and rescue, anti-submarine warfare, surface surveillance and movement of land forces.

Bell's international tilt-rotor business development manager, Warren 'Sandy' Samouce, told *JDW* he had just returned from

By Karen Walker

to be reached.

Similar study agreements have already been formed by Bell-Boeing with British Aerospace, which is almost half way through its study, and with Dornier of West Germany, which is still finalising its agreement with the US Defense Department.

● On the civil side, the Pentagon and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) are expected to sign a memorandum of agreement to provide the agency with engineering, test and other information from the V-22 programme.

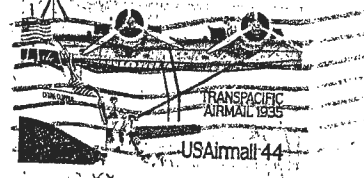
Plessey delivers Trident suites early

PLESSEY NAVAL Systems has responded to the UK MoD's repeated call for value for money in defence procurement by delivering equipment for the Trident submarine programme 13 weeks ahead of schedule.

Under a £250 million (\$US400 million)

*The Honorable
Senators and congressmen
Please
Attention, Attention! ---
It is necessary for us the Americans
to protect the economical welfare of the
United States of America and from any
outside competition even if it was a
friendly nation namely the United
Kingdom*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON



Mr. Michel K. Nahas
Post office Box 70844
antelias, Beirut
Lebanon



Nancy and I are deeply touched by the way so many people have reached out to us during these days. My recovery has been hastened and my spirits uplifted by the many good wishes that have come my way from friends like you. From the bottom of my heart, thank you and God bless you.

Ronald Reagan

We pray to the Almighty to keep you and
your family and bless the United States and
her people

Michel K. Nahas





With my good friend Mr. President Jimmy Carter



On behalf of Florida Mayors, Mr. Larry Kelly, Daytona Beach mayor, celebrated with Florida Citizens an honor party for Mr. Michel Nahas. They presented Mr. Nahas with the Key of the City as an Honorary Citizen.

- The biggest part of the members of my family immigrated to the U.S.A.
in the beginning of the 20th Century, with the time they
have changed their name from " Nahas " to " Nash ", At present
there are about 700 persons of them, all honest and devoted
U. S. A. citizens, and many of them have served in the U. S.
army and fought the two great world's wars - 1914 and 1939
- I, also, at present, am an honorary citizen of The U.S.A. and hold the
keys of the city of Daytona Beach Florida,

- *I don't speak english. I speak french*



Mr. Michel Nahas
Post Office Box 42
Zahle, Lebanon



JIMMY CARTER

October 30, 1984

To Josephine Nahas

Rosalynn and I are grateful for your expression of thoughtfulness. We appreciate your many kindnesses on our behalf, and are glad to know we can always count on you.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Josephine Nahas
Post Office Box 42
Zahle, Lebanon

*yes Mr. President
Certainly you can always
count on us
The united States it is ours
second homeland
Josephine and Michel*

The City of Daytona Beach

Bestows

Honorary Citizenship

upon

MICHEL K. NAHAS

on this 4TH day of JANUARY, 1982



Lawrence Hall
Mayor

March 22, 1982

Senator Jesse Helms
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Helms:

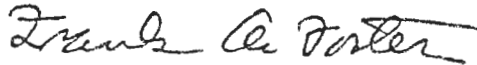
I would like to introduce to you Mr. Michel K. Nahas of Zahle, Lebanon.

Mr. Nahas is scheduled to discuss the Middle East and particularly Lebanon with President Reagan's Middle East Advisory Committee this week.

Since you are a very influential member of the Senate and share Mr. Nahas's concern for a Pro-American Force in a peaceful solution to the Lebanon Civil Strife, I believe you should arrange to meet and talk with him.

Mr. Nahas was referred to me by Neil Joseph of Goldsboro, North Carolina, who is Honorary Counsel to Lebanon. Mr. Joseph was also another loyal supporter of yours and Senator East.

Sincerely,



Frank A. Foster, CLU
Past Chairman,
Wayne County Republican Party

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First Baptist Church of Daytona Beach

118 N. Palmetto Avenue / Daytona Beach, Florida 32014 / (904) 253-5691

Bobby Welch, Pastor

February 7, 1985

My Dear Mr. President,

Allow this note to convey our deep affection for our mutual friend, Mr. Michel Nahas of Lebanon.

Mr. Nahas has been such an interested and committed brother in Christ while he has stayed in our city and has been an inspiration to many in our entire area. He regularly attends our church and is considered a member when he is in the country.

Never have I seen a man anymore committed to his country as well as our beloved U.S.A. I know your interest in him and world peace will continue to be a great help and encouragement to him. So may I just say "Thank you" for all your support of this dear brother.

With You In His Certain Victory!!

Bobby Welch

Bobby H. Welch
Pastor

BHW/ph

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

CO 086

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: AUGUST 10, 1988

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. JOSEPH L. BOOHAKER

8825241

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN, ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN-
LEBANESE COMMUNITY, THAT SYRIA WILL ATTEMPT
TO MOVE DECISIVELY AGAINST THE LAST FREE AREA
OF LEBANON, CHRISTIAN EAST BEIRUT

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8825241
Date August 31, 1988

FOR: Mr. Paul Schott Stevens
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: President Reagan
From: J.L. Boohaker, American Lebanese League
Date: June 29, 1988; received August 10, 1988
Subject: U.S. Involvement in Lebanon; the elections in
Lebanon and Syrian Involvement in Lebanon

WH Referral Dated: 587075
NSC ID# (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:

Philip Zelikow
Director
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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

August 25, 1988

Dear Mr. Boohaker:

Thank you for your letter of June 29, 1988 to President Reagan about the Lebanese presidential election. The President has asked me to reply.

The United States government shares your deep concern about the Lebanese election. The election is important to the process of restoring Lebanon's unity and stability. Accordingly, the election must proceed constitutionally and in a peaceful and orderly manner, so that a smooth, legitimate transition can occur.

The choice of a new president is for the Lebanese themselves to make. The new president must represent all the Lebanese people so that he can build on the efforts that already have been made to promote national reconciliation and to reform the Lebanese constitution.

We, too, want a free, democratic, and independent Lebanon and will continue our efforts to help the Lebanese achieve this goal.

Sincerely,

Edward S. Walker
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Bureau of Near Eastern and
South Asian Affairs

Mr. Joseph L. Boohaker,
President,
American Lebanese League,
National Press Building, Suite 1185,
Washington, D. C. 20005.

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American Lebanese League

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June 29, 1988

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

Dear Mr. President:

The American-Lebanese community is urgently and gravely concerned that Syria will attempt, in the next several days and weeks, to move decisively against the last free area of Lebanon, Christian East Beirut, in a cynical attempt to control the upcoming Lebanese Presidential election by crushing the last stronghold of Lebanese national opposition to Syrian

American-Lebanese across the U.S., told daily by their anguished relatives in Lebanon about the increasing Syrian stronghold of the Lebanese population, are deeply disappointed over official U.S. reaction, which seems to endorse Syrian behavior and moves as being constructive.

We are gratified that many of our elected United States Senators and Representatives share our dismay over statements made in Lebanon and in Washington by State Department officials who seem to support the elimination of any Lebanese national resistance to Syrian control prior to the withdrawal of the 40,000-strong Syrian Army which still illegally occupies or controls most of Lebanon.

This dismay has been deepened by Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy's statement of 27 July, 1988 before the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East. If followed, Secretary Murphy's advice could inadvertently guarantee that Syria would, in the next several weeks, finally capture Lebanese sovereignty by installing a pro-Syrian puppet Lebanese president, by first removing the Lebanese nationalistic counterweight to Syrian army presence.

We realize that the State Department statements are in disagreement with your personal, often stated policy that all foreign forces must first be removed and that only the Lebanese people themselves should make their own political decisions without foreign influence or control.

Therefore, we urgently request that you and Secretary Shultz immediately correct these misleading statements. Otherwise, American-Lebanese here in the U.S., and our beleaguered relatives in Lebanon, believe that Syria and her paid political allies in Lebanon are convinced that the U.S. will tacitly support any Syrian move against Christian East Beirut, a miscalculation that would cause great bloodshed and loss of innocent lives, cost Lebanon its freedom and sovereignty, and for which the American-Lebanese community will hold this administration responsible.

Asking your favorable consideration, we are



Adel Honein
Chairman of the Board

Respectfully yours,



Joseph L. Boohaker
President

[Handwritten signature]

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

CO 086

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: AUGUST 17, 1988

8825237

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. ADEL HONEIN

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN ON THE EVENTUAL ELECTION OF SYRIAN BACKED CANDIDATES IN LEBANON AND URGES INTERVENTION BY THE PRESIDENT

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S/S 8825237

Date August 31, 1988

FOR: Mr. Paul Schott Stevens
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: President Reagan

From: Mr. Adel Honein

Date: August 16, 1988

Subject: U.S. Involvement in Lebanon/Lebanese Election
and Syrian Involvement in Same

WH Referral Dated: 587235

NSC ID# (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.

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cited below.

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

_____ Other (see remarks).

REMARKS:

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

August 25, 1988

Dear Mr. Honein:

Thank you for your correspondence of August 16 to President Reagan about the Lebanese presidential election. The President has asked me to reply.

The United States government shares your deep concern about the Lebanese election. The election is important to the process of restoring Lebanon's unity and stability. Accordingly, the election must proceed constitutionally and in a peaceful and orderly manner, so that a smooth, legitimate transition can occur.

The choice of a new president is for the Lebanese themselves to make. The new president must represent all the Lebanese people so that he can build on the efforts that already have been made to promote national reconciliation and to reform the Lebanese constitution.

We, too, want a free, democratic, and independent Lebanon and will continue our efforts to help the Lebanese achieve this goal.

Sincerely,

Edward S. Walker
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Bureau of Near Eastern and
South Asian Affairs

Mr. Adel Honein
National Chairman,
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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN
WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON DC 20500

WE COME ONCE AGAIN TO IMPLORE YOU TO INTERVENE IN FAVOR OF LEBANON.
YOUR SUPPORT TO OUR MOTHERLAND HAS ALWAYS BEEN SPONTANEOUS, THIS TIME
WE ARE URGING YOU TO IMMEDIATELY INTERVENE AS LEBANON IS IN GREAT
DANGER. THE EVENTUAL ELECTION OF SYRIAN BACKED CANDIDATES WILL MARK
THE END OF LEBANON AS AN INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATIC FREE COUNTRY,
FRIENDLY WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, YOUR INTERVENTION WILL
SPARE THE LEBANESE ANOTHER TRAGEDY.

NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF THE AMERICAN LEBANESE LEAGUE /MR ADEL HONEIN/50
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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: AUGUST 17, 1988

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. ELIA SARKIS

8825238

SUBJECT: REQUESTS INTERVENTION IN THE PRESIDENTIAL
ELECTION IN LEBANON TO SAVE IT FROM ANY AND
ALL OUTSIDE INTERFERENCES

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S/S 8825238

Date August 31, 1988

FOR: Mr. Paul Schott Stevens
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: President Reagan
From: Mr. Elia Sarkis, American Lebanese League
Date: August 16, 1988
Subject: U.S. Involvement in Lebanon and the Lebanese
Election

WH Referral Dated: 587246
NSC ID# (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:

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

August 25, 1988

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Dear Mr. Sarkis:

Thank you for your correspondence of August 16 to President Reagan about the Lebanese presidential election. The President has asked me to reply.

The United States government shares your deep concern about the Lebanese election. The election is important to the process of restoring Lebanon's unity and stability. Accordingly, the election must proceed constitutionally and in a peaceful and orderly manner, so that a smooth, legitimate transition can occur.

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Sincerely,

Edward S. Walker
Deputy Assistant Secretary
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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

AS WE WATCHED WITH ADMIRATION AND RESPECT YOUR FAREWELL SPEECH TO THE
REPUBLICAN PARTY IN NEW ORLEANS AND IN VIEW OF YOUR STEADFAST STAND
FOR FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY AND INDEPENDENCE, WE AT THE LEBANESE AMERICAN
KATEIB OF MASSACHUSETTS STRONGLY URGE YOU TO INTERVENE AT THIS
CRUCIAL MOMENT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN LEBANON TO SAVE
LEBANON FROM ANY AND ALL OUTSIDE INTERFERENCES AND THUS ENSURE A
FREE, DEMOCRATIC AND INDEPENDENT LEBANON.

ELIA SARKIS,

PRES. LEBANESE AMERICAN KATEIB OF MASS.

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