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## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

August 26, 1983

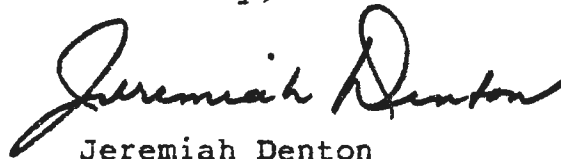
Mr. Kenneth M. Duberstein  
Assistant to the President  
for Congressional Affairs  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ken:

I enclose a copy of a note and a newspaper article from a constituent, Mrs. Virginia Miller of Birmingham, Alabama. She has requested that the article be given to President Reagan.

I appreciate your cooperation, and have advised that you will reply directly to the constituent.

Sincerely,



Jeremiah Denton  
United States Senator

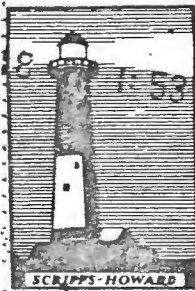
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Enclosure

Wesley Scrivener  
I'm sure you know  
about this clipping  
but will you see it  
gets to Pres. Reagan.  
It makes sense - a  
lot of sense.

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Give light and the people will find their own way

## Birmingham Post-Herald

DAVID W. BROWN  
Editor

KARL SEITZ  
Editorial Page Editor

Monday, August 15, 1983

# Saving Lebanon

The Reagan administration is struggling determinedly to get all foreign troops out of Lebanon and restore that country's sovereignty, but it may be overlooking a useful tool: the United Nations.

So far the United States-brokered agreement between Beirut and Jerusalem for the withdrawal of Israeli troops has been stymied by Syria's stubborn refusal to pull out its forces.

President Reagan's special envoy, Robert McFarlane, has shuttled among Israel, Lebanon, Syria, Saudi Arabia and Jordan without making noticeable progress in getting Syrian dictator Hafez Assad to withdraw his army.

It is unacceptable that Assad should have a veto over peace between Israel and Lebanon and over President Amin Gemayel's efforts to govern his own country.

Instead of sending McFarlane back

for another hat-in-hand visit to Damascus, Reagan should urge Gemayel formally to request Syria to remove its forces, and the United States should back the move openly.

When Assad refuses, as he will, Lebanon and the United States should ask the U.N. Security Council to brand Syria as an occupying power in Lebanon and demand its departure.

The Soviet Union might veto such a resolution on behalf of its Syrian client, but that wouldn't end the matter. The case could then be made in the General Assembly, where there is no veto and much sympathy for Lebanon.

The General Assembly might put enough pressure on Assad to convince him that his ambitions in Lebanon are not worth their price in international opprobrium. It is a strategy that deserves a try.



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THE HONORABLE ROBERT C. BYRD  
TITLE:

ORGANIZATION: UNITED STATES SENATE

STREET:

CITY: WASHINGTON STATE: DC ZIP: 20510  
COUNTRY:

SUBJECT: WRITES CONCERNING THE RECENT TRAGIC EVENTS  
IN LEBANON, REQUESTS A REASSESSMENT OF THE  
CURRENT SITUATION IN LEBANON

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STAFF NAME: PRESIDENT REAGAN MEDIA: L OPID: LW TYPE: IBA  
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Date OCT 06 1983

For: Mr. William P. Clark  
National Security Council  
The White House

Reference:

To: The President From: Robert C. Byrd  
Date: August 31, 1983 Subject: Combat Personnel  
in Lebanon

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\_\_\_\_\_ The attached item was sent directly to the Department of State.

Action Taken:

- \_\_\_\_\_ A draft reply is attached.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A draft reply will be forwarded.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A translation is attached.
- XX \_\_\_\_\_ An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- \_\_\_\_\_ We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Department of State has no objection to the proposed travel.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other.

Remarks:

*Maguy Hill*  
Charles Hill  
Executive Secretary





DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

OCTOBER 8 - 1985

Dear Senator Byrd:

I have been asked to reply to your earlier letter to the President concerning the application of the War Powers Resolution to the continued presence of United States Armed Forces in Lebanon

We believe that the Administration has, throughout the period of the deployment of our forces in Lebanon, acted in a manner fully consistent with the War Powers Resolution. The President reported in writing to the Congress, consistent with Section 4 of the Resolution, on September 29, 1982 when our forces were first introduced, and again on August 30 of this year when the recent round of fighting began. We have consulted frequently with the Congress, and kept the Congress fully informed on this situation as it has developed.

We hope that the adoption of the Multinational Force in Lebanon Resolution, together with the recently concluded ceasefire and the initiation of the process of national political reconciliation, will now make it possible for us to make progress toward the achievement of the goals shared by Congress and the Administration with respect to Lebanon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "APD", with a long, sweeping line extending upwards and to the right.

Alvin Paul Drischler  
Acting Assistant Secretary  
Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable  
Robert C. Byrd  
United States Senate.



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DATE: 21 SEP 83

MEMORANDUM FOR: STATE

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TO: PRESIDENT

SOURCE: BYRD, ROBERT C

DATE: 31 AUG 83

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FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

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10/18/83  
United States Senate  
Office of the Democratic Leader  
Washington, D.C. 20510

August 31, 1983

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

Dear Mr. President:

Your report to the Congress yesterday concerning this week's tragic events in Lebanon gives cause for grave concern. These events are redefining the role of the multinational peacekeeping force, and United States participation in that effort. Sectarian violence in that sad country now threatens to rekindle total civil war. The continued presence of Syrian troops further undermines the prospects for peace and stability. In your letter to the Senate of September 29, 1982, you expressed the belief that American Armed Forces "will be needed only for a limited period." Nearly a year later, I am convinced that the increased violence and danger to American personnel require a reassessment of the situation.

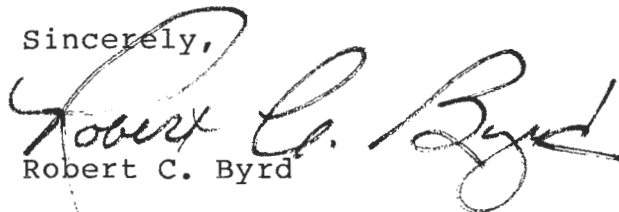
American forces are clearly involved in hostilities within the meaning of Section 4(a)(1) of the War Powers Resolution. Accordingly, I urge that you re-submit notification pursuant to that provision. This will assure the fullest possible cooperation between the Legislative and Executive branches in this important area of international security. As I said in my letter to you of July 14, 1982, we must have a very clear understanding about the nature of United States involvement and the limitations on that involvement.

Your letter does not contain any information about whether or not there is any probability that additional U.S. combat personnel may be needed in the future to augment our present military commitment. To assure that Members of Congress participate in the foreign policy responsibilities assigned by the Constitution, I call your attention to the need for full and timely consultation, as required by Section 3 of the War Powers Resolution. These consultations must not be restricted to notice and reportage, but should involve the Congress in the difficult and crucial decisions that must be made when American Armed Forces are exposed to hazards of war. Any decision to supplement the American contingent in Lebanon requires seeking the advice of Congress to assure the support of the Congress and of the American people.

The President  
August 31, 1983  
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I know you share my concern and sadness at the recent turn of events in Lebanon. I remain hopeful that the United States may play a role in achieving a lasting and stable peace in that country, and in the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert C. Byrd". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Robert C. Byrd

September 13, 1983

Dear Senator Byrd:

The President asked me to thank you for your letter in response to his August 30 notification regarding the situation in Lebanon and application of the War Powers Resolution.

We appreciate hearing from you, and you may be assured that we intend to continue vigorous consultation with the Congress on this matter. Please know that your letter has been referred to the appropriate advisers for their review and further response.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. Duberstein  
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Robert C. Byrd  
Democratic Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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THE HONORABLE HENRY B. GONZALEZ  
TITLE:

(SUFFIX)

ORGANIZATION: U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STREET:

CITY: WASHINGTON STATE: DC ZIP: 20515

COUNTRY:

SUBJECT: WRITES CONCERNING THE UNITED STATES MILITARY  
COMMITMENT IN LEBANON

AGY/OFF ACTION CODE TRACKING DATE  
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STAFF NAME: PRESIDENT REAGAN  
COMMENTS:

MEDIA: L OPID: LW TYPE: IBA

CODES: REPORT INDIV: 1230 USER:



September 12, 1983

Dear Mr. Gonzalez:

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your September 2 letter to the President regarding U.S. military involvement in Lebanon and application of the War Powers Resolution.

Please know that your letter has been brought to the President's attention, and we are preparing a further response in coordination with the appropriate advisers. I assure you that your comments will receive careful review and consideration.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. Duberstein  
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Henry B. Gonzalez  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, D.C. 20515**

September 2, 1983

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

Dear Mr. President:

Last June, I introduced House Joint Resolution 298, which would in effect require a review of the United States military commitment in Lebanon. It was clear to me that sooner or later, our forces would be subject to attack, and that it would be best for the national interest either that Congress would assent to the mission of the Marines in Lebanon, or that those forces be removed before any combat took place. The situation then plainly was subject to the War Powers Resolution, and now, given recent events, application of the Resolution cannot any longer be evaded.

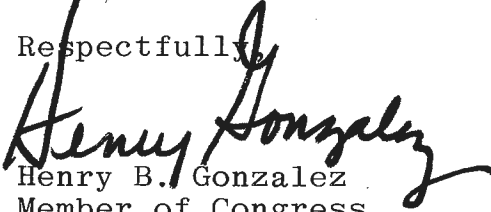
The Resolution specifies that when in the absence of a declaration of war, members of the United States Armed Forces are introduced into hostilities, or even if such forces enter a foreign territory "equipped for combat" (except for training purposes), or if existing commitments are enlarged, such deployments are limited to 60 days, unless Congress declares war or grants an extension of time.

The facts are that our Marines are in a hostile area; they are not only subject to attack, but have been attacked. Our forces are equipped for combat; and you have just ordered substantial additional forces to stand by off the coast of Lebanon. These circumstances each fit precisely the letter and intent of Section 4 of the War Powers Resolution. The semantic evasions of the Secretary of State do not change the facts, nor relieve the Administration of its clear obligation to comply with the Resolution.

Thoughtful observers throughout the country are calling for a fresh evaluation of the Lebanon adventure. Not only is it clear that the passage of a year's military presence has failed to secure peace in that troubled country, the situation now is more tangled than ever. Syria is intransigent; Israel is consolidating its positions in Lebanon; United States mediation efforts are rebuffed; and renewed fighting by Lebanese factions shows that their arms supply is replenished, their ardor to kill other Lebanese undiminished. In these conditions, it is not only prudent, but absolutely necessary, to ask what the further risk of our young men can accomplish, what our interests are, and whether or not change in policy are warranted. Your compliance with the War Powers Resolution would make such a needed evaluation possible.

The purpose of the Resolution is to preserve the Constitutional prerogative of Congress with respect to the war power. But it is also to ensure that this country does not become entangled in endless, hopeless military adventures that cost vast amounts of life and treasure in causes that American people neither understand nor support. It may well be that there is a case for the continuing the mission of our forces in Lebanon; but that case has yet to be made, and the need for review is urgent. That is why I asked for a review of the situation, through consideration of House Resolution 298, even before blood was spilled. Any fair reading of the law now makes clear that such a review is mandatory, and I urge that you cease the evasions of the past few days, and make a straightforward report to the Congress as required by law, so that the American people can have a fair opportunity to know what our forces are doing, what their mission is, what the cost may be, and whether there is credible evidence to support continuation of existing policy in light of events and circumstances that have transpired in the months since the Marines landed in Lebanon. The law is clear on this matter, and your compliance with it would be the best course for the country.

Respectfully,

  
Henry B. Gonzalez  
Member of Congress

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MR. SAMI MERHI  
TITLE: PRESIDENT

(SUFFIX)

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ORGANIZATION: AMERICAN DRUZE SOCIETY

STREET: 541 OTTO PLACE

CITY: PARAMUS

STATE: NJ ZIP: 07652

COUNTRY:

SUBJECT: REQUESTS THAT THE MULTI-NATIONAL FORCES BE  
MOVED IN TO THE SHOUF AND ALEY REGIONS OF  
LEBANON TO END THE INHUMANE BLOODSHED

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*P. MERHI*

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DATE October 21, 1983

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT  
TRANSMITTAL FORM

FOR: Mr. Robert McFarlane  
National Security Council  
The White House

REFERENCE:

TO: President Reagan      FROM: Mr. Sami Merhi  
DATE: September 6, 1983      SUBJECT: Lebanon's Druze

WHITE HOUSE REFERRAL DATED: September 14, 1983 NSC # 161513

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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- We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below
- Other

REMARKS:

*Charles Hill*  
Charles Hill  
Executive Secretary





DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

21 OCT 1983

Dear Mr. Merhi:

I am replying to your mailgram to President Reagan regarding Lebanon's Druze community. We understand your concerns in this issue. I regret the delay in this response.

As you know, the main objectives of U.S. policy toward Lebanon are the departure of all external forces and Lebanese Government recovery of full authority over its entire territory. To these ends we participated in negotiations for the departure of Israeli forces from Lebanon and we are supporting Lebanese authorities in their efforts to arrange for the departure of Syrian and Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) forces. We believe this policy offers the best hope for peace in Lebanon and of security, justice, and equality for all Lebanese citizens.

Nothing could be more destructive of Lebanon and Lebanese hope for the future than continued sectarian strife, as typified by that in the Shouf area. For this reason, we have consistently deplored intercommunal violence and continually urged all Lebanese parties to engage in a process of national reconciliation.

We believe that our efforts, together with those of friendly governments, to help Lebanon rid itself of foreign forces and establish its authority, hold the best hope for the future security and welfare of the various communities which make up Lebanon, including the Druze. Please be assured that we will continue to follow the situation closely.

Sincerely,

/s/  
John Hughes  
Assistant Secretary  
for Public Affairs and  
Department Spokesman

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

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TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. SAMI MERHI  
PRESIDENT  
AMERICAN DRUZE SOCIETY  
541 OTTO PLACE  
PARAMUS NJ 07652

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PRESIDENT REAGAN  
WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON DC 20500

ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN DRUZE SOCIETY, I URGE YOU TO USE THE POWER AND INFLUENCE OF YOUR OFFICE TO PUT AN END TO THE HOLOCAUST OF THE DRUZE PEOPLE OF LEBANON.

ON SEPTEMBER 5 1983 THE LEBANESE FORCES (PHALANGISTS), A RENEGADE MILITIA, UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE LEBANESE ARMY, BRUTALLY MURDERED OVER 100 MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN THE VILLAGE OF KFAR MATTA. THIS IS THE LATEST IN A SERIES OF UNPROVCKED ATTACKS AGAINST OUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS IN THE SHOUF AND ALEY REGIONS OF LEBANON.

FOR OVER A YEAR, THESE LEBANESE FORCES, AN ILLEGAL ARMY FROM BEIRUT, HAVE INVADED THE LANDS OF OUR FAMILIES AND HAD THEM UNDERSEIZED. THE DRUZE WERE NEVER THE AGGRESSOR, THE DRUZE TRADITIONALLY ARE PEACE LOVING AND LAW ABIDING CITIZENS OF LEBANON. NOW THEY ARE FIGHTING FOR THEIR EXISTENCE, THEIR COUNTRY, AND THE LIVES OF THEIR CHILDREN.

WE OF THE AMERICAN DRUZE SOCIETY IMPLORE YOU TO PROTECT THE DRUZE OF LEBANON FROM FURTHER MASSACRES BY MOVING THE MULTI-NATIONAL FORCES INTO THE REGION TO PREVENT ADDITIONAL INHUMANE BLOODSHED.

SAMI MERHI PRESIDENT AMERICAN DRUZE SOCIETY

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TRANSMITTAL FORM

FOR: Mr. Robert C. McFarlane  
National Security Council  
The White House

REFERENCE:

TO: President Reagan      FROM: Archbishop Francis Zayek  
DATE: September 3, 1983      SUBJECT: Support of Lebanon


WHITE HOUSE REFERRAL DATED: September 14, 1983 NSC # 161726

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ACTION TAKEN:

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REMARKS:

  
Charles Hill  
Executive Secretary

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

19 OCT 1983

Dear Archbishop Zayek:

Thank you for the kind mailgram you sent to President Reagan. We very much appreciate your words of support for our efforts to help bring peace to Lebanon.

It was good of you to express your condolences on the death of our Marines in Lebanon. We hope that the efforts of all those who seek an end to the violence and destruction in Lebanon will succeed. A sovereign and peaceful Lebanon would truly be a fitting testimony to those who have sacrificed so much for Lebanon's future.

With our best wishes,

Sincerely,

*JS*  
John Hughes  
Assistant Secretary  
for Public Affairs and  
Department Spokesman

Archbishop Francis Zayek,  
Bishop of Saint Maron,  
8070 Harbor View Terrace,  
Brooklyn, New York 11209.

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

REFERRAL

SEPTEMBER 14, 1983

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 161726

MEDIA: MAILGRAM, DATED SEPTEMBER 3, 1983

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS ZAYEK  
BISHOP OF SAINT MARON  
8070 HARBOR VIEW TERRACE  
BROOKLYN NY 11209

SUBJECT: TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT SUPPORT OF LEBANON

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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN  
WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON DC 20500

*John M. ...*

DEAR MR PRESIDENT:

ON BEHALF OF THE LEBANESE AMERICANS IN THIS COUNTRY I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED AND DELIBERATE EFFORTS TO SUPPORT THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT WITH MILITARY ASSISTANCE. LEBANON AND LEBANESE AMERICANS WILL BE FOREVER GRATEFUL FOR THE SACRIFICES THE UNITED STATES HAS MADE.

ON BEHALF OF THE CLERGY AND FAITHFUL OF THE DICCESE OF SAINT MARON, I WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY PROFOUND CONDOLENCES ON THE OCCASION OF THE DEATH OF TWO AMERICAN SOLDIERS IN LEBANON. I SHALL PRAY FOR THEM AT THE DIVINE LITURGY TOMORROW IN MY CATHEDRAL.

GOD BLESS YOU AS YOU WORK TO BRING A LASTING PEACE TO A SOVERGN AND INDEPENDENT LEBANON.

ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS ZAYEK  
BISHOP OF SAINT MARON

17:48 EST

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*The Most Reverend Francis Zayek*



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Date Correspondence received (YY/MM/DD) 83, 09/12

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: Elie M. Dick

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

SUBJECT: U.S. Support of Lebanon Gov.

| ROUTE TO:                  | ACTION                | DISPOSITION               |
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| <b>ACTION CODES:</b><br>A - Appropriate Action<br>C - Comment/Recommendation<br>D - Draft Response<br>F - Furnish Fact Sheet to be | I - Info Copy Only/No Action Necessary<br>R - Direct Reply w/Copy<br>S - For Signature<br>X - Interim Reply | <b>DISPOSITION CODES:</b><br>A - Answered<br>B - Non-Special Referral<br>C - Completed<br>S - Suspended | <b>FOR OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:</b><br>Type of Response = Initials of Signer<br>Code = "A"<br>Completion Date = Date of Outgoing |
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EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT  
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8327978

Date October 19, 1983

For: Mr. Robert C. McFarlane  
National Security Council  
The White House

Reference:

To: The President From: Elie M. Dick

Date: September 05, 1983 Subject: U.S. Support of Lebanon  
Government

WH Referral Dated: September 14, 1983 NSC ID# 161727  
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\_\_\_\_\_ The attached item was sent directly to the  
Department of State.

Action Taken:

\_\_\_\_\_ A draft reply is attached.

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

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

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

Remarks:

*As Kristie A. Kenney*  
Charles Hill  
Executive Secretary

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

October 11, 1983

Mr. Elie M. Dick  
President  
American Lebanese League of Minnesota  
1953 Fox Ridge Road  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55119

Dear Mr. Dick:

I am replying to your telegram to President Reagan concerning U.S. policy toward Lebanon.

The main objectives of U.S. policy are the departure of all external forces and Lebanese Government recovery of full control over its entire territory. To these ends we participated in negotiations for the departure of Israeli forces from Lebanon and we are working with the Lebanese authorities to arrange for the departure of Syrian and Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) forces.

In order to help make the Lebanese Government capable of exercising authority over the whole country, including territory to be evacuated by external forces, the United States is contributing to an accelerated effort to expand, equip, and train the Lebanese Armed Forces. While this task is underway, U.S. Marines and forces from France, Italy, and Great Britain are stationed in the Beirut area as a Multinational Force (MNF). This international military presence is to contribute to Lebanon's stability and thereby facilitate the establishment of effective central government control where it had previously been lacking.


The Administration is concerned by the heavy Soviet rearming of the Syrians, and we have made our views known to both the Syrian and Soviet Governments, particularly with regard to the introduction of the Soviet SA-5 surface-to-air missile into Syria. This long range weapon, which could hit airborne targets over Jordan, Israel, Lebanon, and the eastern Mediterranean, where our own military aircraft operate in support of the U.S. Marine contingent of the MNF, represents a new and destabilizing element in an already volatile military situation. We have also warned Syria of the dangers inherent in provocative movements or reinforcements of their forces in Lebanon.

The United States has remained deeply committed to Israel's security and well-being since the creation of Israel in 1948, in which the United States played a key supporting role. President Reagan is aware of the danger posed to Israel by increasing Soviet arms supplies to Syria, and has committed the United States to maintaining Israel's qualitative edge in the regional military balance. The President's decision to release technology for the Lavi Fighter and to notify Congress of our intent to go

ahead with with the sale of F-16s to Israel was a reaffirmation of this policy. Our substantial economic and technological assistance to Israel further strengthens its position in the Middle East and underscores the breadth and depth of our relationship.

The tragic sequence of events in Lebanon highlights the urgency of resolving the larger Arab-Israeli conflict. On September 1, 1982, President Reagan outlined an initiative which recognizes the legitimate rights and just requirements of the Palestinian people and ensures the security of Israel. The United States can play a major role in seeking to expand negotiations under the Camp David framework to include the Palestinians and those Arab states prepared to pursue the cause of peace through negotiations. Support for the President's initiative will be important as we work to end the cycle of violence in the Middle East.

Sincerely,

  
Alan D. Romberg  
Acting Assistant Secretary  
for Public Affairs  
and Department Spokesman

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## REFERRAL

SEPTEMBER 14, 1983

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

## ACTION REQUESTED:

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## DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 161727

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED SEPTEMBER 5, 1983

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MS. ELIE M. DICK  
PRESIDENT  
AMERICAN LEBANESE LEAGUE OF  
MINNESOTA  
1953 FOX RIDGE ROAD  
ST. PAUL MN 55119

SUBJECT: U. S. SUPPORT OF LEBANON GOVERNMENT

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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN RPT DLY MGM

WHITE HOUSE DC

ONCE AGAIN THE SYRIAN TROOPS AND THEIR LEFTIST ALLIES ARE TERRORIZING THE CIVILIAN POPULATION IN LEBANON. THEY ARE KILLING INOCENT, MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN. TOGETHER WITH THEIR SOVIET MASTERS ARE DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO UNDERMIND THE PRO WESTERN GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON. WE URGE YOU AND THE US ADMINISTRATION TO SUPPORT LEBANON'S GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO REPULSE THIS PRO COMMUNISTIC INVATION.

ELIE M DICK PRESIDENT AMERICAN LEBANESE LEAGUE OF MINNEOSATA

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Date October 12, 1983

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT  
TRANSMITTAL FORM

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WHITE HOUSE  
SITUATION ROOM

FOR: Mr. William P. Clark  
National Security Council  
The White House

REFERENCE:

TO: President Reagan FROM: Havi Schieber  
DATE: 9/8/83 SUBJECT: U.S. support of  
Lebanon

WHITE HOUSE REFERRAL DATED: 9/14/83 NSC#

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REMARKS:

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*Margery Lambson*

Charles Hill  
Executive Secretary

Washington, D.C. 20520

October 5, 1983

Mr. Havi Schieber  
Chairman  
Holy Land State Committee USA  
Post Office Box 272  
Fairfax, Virginia 22030

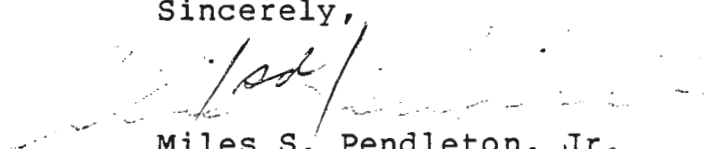
Dear Mr. Schieber:

Your recent mailgram to the President urging, inter alia, that the United States exert pressure on Israel to withdraw its forces from Lebanon has been referred to this office for reply.

The main objectives of U.S. policy with regard to Lebanon are the departure of all external forces and Lebanese Government recovery of full control over its entire territory. To these ends we participated in negotiating the May 17 agreement between Israel and Lebanon that provides for the withdrawal of Israeli troops. As you no doubt are aware, it was envisaged that such a move on Israel's part would be reciprocated in the same timeframe by the other parties concerned. Unfortunately, Syria, for its part, has made it clear that it has no intention of following through on its earlier public indications to remove its forces along with Israel's.

The President is determined to resolve the situation in Lebanon as a matter of the greatest urgency. His personal Middle East envoy, Ambassador McFarlane, is now in the region working on a negotiated settlement. It remains our hope that a way can be found to facilitate the withdrawal of all foreign forces -- those belonging to Syria and the PLO as well as Israel -- so that Lebanese sovereignty can be fully restored.

Sincerely,

  
Miles S. Pendleton, Jr.  
Director  
Office of Israel and  
Arab-Israeli Affairs

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SEPTEMBER 14, 1983

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 161731

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED SEPTEMBER 8, 1983

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. HAVI SCHIEBER  
CHAIRMAN  
HOLY LAND STATE COMMITTEE USA  
POST OFFICE BOX 272  
FAIRFAX VA 22030

SUBJECT: U. S. SUPPORT OF LEBANON

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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN  
1600 PENNSYLVANIA AVE  
WASHINGTON DC 20500

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DEAR MR PRESIDENT

IN 1976 THE GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON AND THE ARAB LEAGUE INVITED SYRIA TO STOP THE CIVIL WAR IN LEBANON ISRAEL DESTROYED THIS EFFORT BY USING QUISLINGS CONSPIRACY AND OPEN ATTACKS FROM LAND SEA AND AIR INCLUDING LAST YEARS DETRACTION OF LEBANON AND MASS KILLINGS OF PALESTINES AND LEBANESE ARABS. TODAY MR PRESIDENT ISRAELI'S POLICY IS TO ADD TO HER VICTIMS OF JEWS ARABS AMERICANS AND OTHER PEACE KEEPING FORCES, HER AIM IS ALSO TO BRING THE WESTERN POWERS ESPECIALLY THE UNITED STATES TO A DOUBLE CONFRONTATION WITH THE ARAB WORLD AND THE SOVIET UNION WHICH WILL BENEFIT POLITICALLY AND PSYCHOLOGICALLY ALSO IF MOSCOW WILL DECIDE THAT THE TIME IS RIGHT FOR THE MILITARY TAKE OVER OF THE MIDDLE EAST SHE WILL USE ARABS IN THE FIRST STAGE AND ISRAEL IN THE SECOND STAGE. MR PRESIDENT YOU CAN OUTFLANK THE TELAVIV MOSCOW CONSPIRACY BY URGING THE PEACE KEEPING NATIONS IN LEBANON TO INVITE SYRIA TO FINISH HER PEACE KEEPING MISSION AND THE UNIFICATION OF LEBANON AND LIKE PRESIDENT EISENHOWER IN 1956 ORDER THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL ISRAELI FORCES INCLUDING HER QUISLINGS. AT THIS STAGE IN LEBANON HISTORY ONLY YOU MR PRESIDENT CAN INITIATE THIS STEP WITH YOUR EUROPEAN PARTNERS YOU WILL BE APPLAUDED AT HOME AND ALL OVER THE FREE WORLD. YOUR INITIATIVE IN THIS DIRECTION WILL CONVINCE ISRAEL TO RESOLVE THE PRINCIPAL ISSUE WHICH HAS BLOCKED PEACE FOR 35 YEARS AND WILL ACCEPT YOUR PLAN FOR PEACE GOD BLESS YOU  
HAVI SCHIEBER CHAIRMAN HOLY LAND STATE COMMITTEE USA

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Date Correspondence received (YY/MM/DD) 83109112

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: Archbishop Philip Saliba

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

SUBJECT: Lebanon Situation

| ROUTE TO:                  | ACTION                | DISPOSITION            |                  |          |                          |
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DATE October 21, 1983

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT  
TRANSMITTAL FORM

**FOR:** Mr. Robert C. McFarlane  
National Security Council  
The White House

**REFERENCE:**

**TO:** Faith Whittlesey      **FROM:** Archbishop Saliba  
**DATE:** September 9, 1983      **SUBJECT:** Lebanon Situation

**WHITE HOUSE REFERRAL DATED:** September 14, 1983, NSC # 161735

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**REMARKS:**

*Charles Hill*  
Charles Hill  
Executive Secretary

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

21 OCT 1983

Dear Archbishop Saliba:

I am replying to your message to Ms. Whittlesey concerning U.S. policy toward Lebanon. I regret the delay in this response.

Nothing could be more destructive of Lebanon and Lebanese hope for the future than continued sectarian strife, as typified by that in the Shouf area. For this reason, we have consistently deplored intercommunal violence and continually urged all Lebanese parties to engage in a process of national reconciliation.

We believe that our efforts, together with those of friendly governments, to help Lebanon rid itself of foreign forces and establish its authority, hold the best hope for the future security and welfare of the various communities which make up Lebanon, including the Druze. Please be assured that we will continue to follow the situation closely.

The United States can be justly proud of our forces and the important role they are playing to achieve security for the Lebanese people. The role of the U.S. Marines concerns us too, and it is important to remember they are part of a larger multinational force (MNF). Our allies in the MNF - the British, French, and Italians - share our fundamental goals in Lebanon. Committed to a strong Lebanon, we are supporting the constitutionally elected government.

In order to help make the Lebanese Government capable of exercising authority over the whole country, including territory to be evacuated by external forces, the United States is contributing to an accelerated effort to expand, equip, and train the Lebanese Armed Forces. While this task is underway, at Lebanon's request, the MNF is stationed in the Beirut area. This international military presence contributes to Lebanon's stability and thereby facilitates the establishment of effective central government control where it had previously been lacking. The MNF provides great psychological support for the Lebanese Government and its armed forces, besides contributing to the greater security of Beirut.

Archbishop Philip Saliba, Primate,  
Antiochian Orthodox Christian,  
Archdiocese of North America,  
358 Mountain Road,  
Englewood, New Jersey 07631.

The decision to respond positively to the Lebanese request for U.S. forces was not made lightly. However, the United States has a clear interest in achieving peace in the Middle East, and a sovereign, unified Lebanon, free of external forces, is part of the equation. Because the restoration and reconstruction of Lebanon is important for the future of the Middle East, the premise under which the MNF was deployed to Beirut remains valid. President Reagan is determined to take every possible measure to defend our contingent. We increased our offshore number of Naval and Marine forces in the area, and the former have taken direct action to protect our forces in Beirut.

While saddened by the casualties suffered by our Marines and the other MNF forces, we also recognize that their presence in Lebanon has been the crucial factor in providing an opportunity for the return to normality for that strife-torn land. The Lebanese Armed Forces are performing better than some had predicted. The rebuilt Lebanese Armed Forces have successfully carried out their duties in defending the national government, which is an important development and may mean that at long last the Lebanese can begin the process of national reconciliation.

Lebanon thrived for many years because political rivalries were overcome and a delicate balance was maintained. We hope to work constructively with all the Lebanese to make a better future.

Sincerely,

*151*  
John Hughes  
Assistant Secretary  
for Public Affairs and  
Department Spokesman

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REFERRAL

SEPTEMBER 14, 1983

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DRAFT REPLY FOR SIGNATURE OF WHITE HOUSE STAFF MEMBER

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 161735

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED SEPTEMBER 9, 1983

TO: FAITH WHITTLESEY

FROM: ARCHBISHOP PHILIP SALIBA PRIMATE  
ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN  
ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA  
358 MOUNTAIN ROAD  
ENGLEWOOD NJ 07631

SUBJECT: LEBANON SITUATION

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FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY  
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR PUBLIC LIASON  
WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON DC 20500

DEAR MS WHITTLESEY

IT WAS VERY PLEASANT MAKING YOUR ACQUAINTANCE DURING MY VISIT TO THE PRESIDENT ON APRIL 7 AND JUST BEFORE LEAVING FOR LEBANON ON A HUMANITARIAN TRIP. PLEASE CONVEY TO HIM AND JUDGE CLARK MY OBJECTIVE VIEWS ON THE ONGOING PRICES IN LEBANON.

1. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT OUR MARINES SHOULD GET INVOLVED IN THE FACTIONAL FIGHTING IN LEBANON. THIS WILL HURT OUR AMERICAN IMAGE IN LEBANON AND IN THE ARAB AND MOSLEM WORLD.
2. THE PHALAGIST MILITIA SHOULD GET OUT OF THE SHUF MOUNTAIN AREA. THIS WILL ELIMINATE THE TENSION WHICH EXISTS BETWEEN THE DRUSE AND THE MARONITES.
3. PRESIDENT GEMAYEL SHOULD TRY HIS BEST TO MAKE PEACE WITH THE VARICUS RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL GROUPS IN THAT COUNTRY. LEBANON HAS NEVER BEEN RULED BY ONE POLITICAL PARTY OR ONE RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION. THE LEBANESE NEED A COOLITION GOVERNMENT WHICH REPRESENTS ALL WARRING GROUPS. OTHERWISE THE WAR WILL CONTINUE WHICH WILL RESULT IN A DIVIDED LEBANON. AN IN DEPTH STUDY OF THE ENTIRE SITUATION IN LEBANON IS IMPERATIVE

ARCHBISHOP PHILIP SALIBA PRIMATE  
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TO: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.  
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FROM: JOHN M. POINDEXTER <sup>PMIC</sup>  
<sub>for</sub>

REQUEST: NSPG Meeting on Lebanon

PURPOSE: To review our policy on Lebanon and make decisions as may be required.

BACKGROUND: Per your NSDD of September 10, interagency work has been completed which reviews our policy options. Paper will be provided.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: Frequently.

DATE AND TIME: September 27 or September 28, 1983.

DURATION: One hour.

LOCATION: White House Situation Room.

PARTICIPANTS: Vice President, William P. Clark, Secretaries of State and Defense, Director of Central Intelligence, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Director of Office Management and Budget

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: Meeting.

REMARKS REQUIRED: None.

MEDIA COVERAGE: None.

RECOMMENDED BY: William P. Clark.

PROJECT OFFICER: Phil Dur and Howard Teicher

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