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NATIONAL SECURITY DECISION  
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Lebanon

The situation in Lebanon is fluid. The USMNF will complete redeployment on February 26, 1984. Damascus has proposed an agreement with the GOL in which the GOL will abrogate the May 17 agreement, and in return for which Syria would support a government of national unification and would guarantee a cease fire in Lebanon. However, to date a cease fire has not occurred, and no announcement of the GOL/Syrian agreement has been made. Therefore, we should remain flexible to cope with changes in the situation as they occur. With this objective, the following decisions are approved:

o Tenure of Military Training Teams (MTT)

The U.S. military personnel assigned to MTTs with the Lebanese Armed Force will not be redeployed from Lebanon at this time.

o Conditions for the Delivery of U.S. Military Equipment

Military equipment ordered and paid for by the government of Lebanon will continue to be delivered so long as we can be certain the materials remain in friendly hands. No new shipments will be dispatched pending clarification of the situation. Items now en route should proceed and further guidance sought closer to the time of arrival. For as long as there is the prospect of a cooperative relationship with the GOL, deliveries will be approved. In the event that these conditions do not obtain, appropriate steps will be taken to prevent delivery and seek to compensate the appropriate Lebanese authorities for costs already incurred.

o Protection of Civilian Population

It is clear that those who have assumed control of the various areas in Lebanon have responsibility for the security of the people in those areas. We must consider appropriate actions the United States would take if large-scale killing of civilians takes place. The Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, is requested to develop plans for such a contingency.

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o Rules of Engagement

The Rules of Engagement (ROE) governing the defense of the official American presence in Lebanon will remain in effect. Specifically, U.S. Naval and tactical air power will be employed to destroy sources of hostile fire directed at the American Embassy compound, the Ambassador's residence and other U.S. personnel or facilities in Lebanon. As in previous practice, fire will be returned at organizationally associated targets if response to the source of fire is precluded. In view of the sudden and proximate threat to the Ambassador's residence which would be posed by a breakthrough at Suk al Gharb, the ROE for support to the LAF at that point is reaffirmed.

To permit effective and timely responses to hostile fire in the situations described above, the Secretary of Defense will ensure that adequate technical means are available so as to determine the source of hostile fire directed at American personnel in greater Beirut.

o Steps to Bolster Confidence in U.S. Commitments in the Middle East

In view of the serious developments in Lebanon and the perceived erosion of U.S. credibility, we need to review on an urgent basis steps we can take to bolster confidence in U.S. commitments to Israel and our Arab friends.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MC FARLANE

FROM: WALTER RAYMOND, JR. *WR*

SUBJECT: Public Diplomacy on Lebanon

At your request, the Department of State has prepared a brief memorandum to ensure short-term public diplomacy actions to support the Presidential speech on Lebanon (Tabs I and II). The attached paper is being implemented.

A detailed plan is in preparation and will be available for SPG review immediately after your return from Asia.

Attachment

Tab I Memo fr Hill, Oct 27, 83  
II Memo fr Hill, Nov 2, 83



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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

November 2, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE ROBERT C. MCFARLANE  
CHAIRMAN, SPECIAL PLANNING GROUP

SUBJECT: Public Diplomacy Strategy for the Middle East

Your memorandum of October 26 requested the IPC to develop a short-term public diplomacy strategy on Lebanon, and a longer term strategy on the Middle East as a whole.

The short-term Lebanon strategy was sent to you on October 27. On October 31, an interagency working group was convened by the IPC to develop an overall public diplomacy strategy for the Middle East, including Lebanon. Tasks were assigned to participants. A first draft will be circulated on November 7, with the final version to be completed by November 14. Thereafter, the SPG should consider discussion of the subject and approval of the paper.

*Thomas McKauley*  
for Charles Hill  
Executive Secretary

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE ROBERT C. MCFARLANE  
CHAIRMAN, SPECIAL PLANNING GROUP

SUBJECT: Public Affairs and Public Diplomacy Strategies  
for Lebanon and the Middle East

In response to your memorandum of October 26, we have developed the following short-term public diplomacy strategy on the Lebanon portion of the President's speech this evening:

-- For Thursday evening and Friday morning interviews, we will identify departmental principles who can address both the Lebanon and Grenadian parts of the speech;

-- For interviews dealing only with Lebanon, we will make available Deputy Assistant Secretaries Pelletreau and Nassif, Ambassadors Fairbanks and Dillon.

-- On Friday, PA will be putting editorial boards and radio stations around the country in touch with departmental officials down to the country director level. This should give us regional impact.

-- We are asking USIA to set-up briefings at the Foreign Press Center and to coordinate those briefings with whatever is going on involving Grenada.

-- PA will also be arranging for senior officials to make speeches around the country next week. We are developing sample statements and themes for their use. Phil Habib already has organized a heavy speaking schedule for himself.

Charles Hill  
Executive Secretary

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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October 26, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE LAWRENCE S. EAGLEBURGER  
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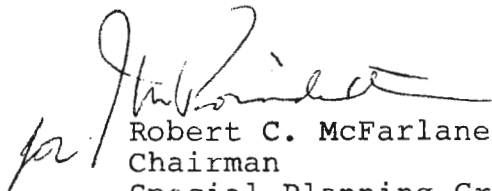
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Robert C. McFarlane  
Chairman  
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cc: Secretary of Defense  
Director, USIA  
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

October 26, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

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FROM: ROBERT B. SIMS *MS*  
WALTER RAYMOND, JR. *w*

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SUBJECT: Public Affairs/Public Diplomacy:  
Lebanon and Middle East

At Tab I is a memo to George Shultz, copy to Cap Weinberger, Charlie Wick and Ken Tomlinson requesting short and long term strategies.

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Dave Gergen and Geoff Kemp *gk* concur.

Recommendation

That you sign Tab I.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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SUBJECT: Public Affairs and Public Diplomacy Strategies  
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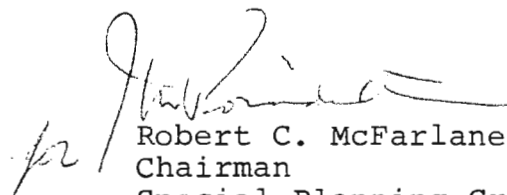
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cc: Secretary of Defense  
Director, USIA  
Director, VOA

We should include in our overall strategy and action plan the following sections:

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- Summary of current public opinion.
- Themes and facts to highlight (domestic and foreign).
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Bob Kinnitt,

I think the thought  
and tasking are  
appropriate but let's  
keep it in the Public  
Diplomacy organization  
that we so laboriously  
set up. The memo  
should be from Bud  
to the appropriate Public  
Diplomacy organization  
assigning appropriate lead  
organizations. Raymond

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Bob Kinnitt

— Your office typed this  
for me overnight (thanks!)

— It must be signed  
out and dispatched immediately,  
but should be read by Bud —  
since it in no uncertain terms  
tasks State to take action  
on a crash basis.

— Please help us get  
this to John + Bud's attention  
this morning.

Bob  
Sims

→ John P

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we need the second page; which Walt  
could pass to his counterparts.

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Thanks -  
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Presidential Remarks

PRESIDENT GEMAYEL OF LEBANON DEPARTURE

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IT HAS BEEN MY GREAT PLEASURE TO ONCE AGAIN WELCOME OUR FRIEND, PRESIDENT GEMAYEL, TO WASHINGTON. PRESIDENT GEMAYEL SYMBOLIZES LEBANON'S HOPES FOR UNITY, PEACE AND STABILITY --- GOALS FOR WHICH ALL OF US ARE WORKING SO HARD --- AND FOR WHICH MANY AMERICANS AND MANY MORE LEBANESE HAVE SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES.

WE ADMIRE PRESIDENT GEMAYEL'S PERSONAL COURAGE. WE APPLAUD HIS DETERMINATION TO FREE HIS COUNTRY OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES AND TO REUNITE THE LEBANESE PEOPLE. LEBANON ONCE SHINED LIKE A JEWEL IN THE SUN AND AMERICA WILL DO WHAT IT CAN TO SUPPORT LEBANON'S EFFORTS TO RESTORE HER TRANQUILITY AND INDEPENDENCE. TO THIS END, WE STAND BY THE MAY 17 AGREEMENT AS THE BEST AND MOST VIABLE BASIS FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI FORCES FROM LEBANON.

ONCE AGAIN, I APPEAL TO THE OTHER EXTERNAL FORCES TO LEAVE LEBANON.

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I WAS PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED BY THE INITIATIVE PRESIDENT GEMAYEL TOOK IN CALLING FOR NATIONAL DIALOGUE. TODAY, HE AND I DISCUSSED HIS PROGRAM FOR NATIONAL UNITY.

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MR. PRESIDENT, YOUR EFFORTS TO BROADEN THE BASE OF YOUR GOVERNMENT, BRINGING IN LEBANON'S MANY COMMUNITIES, WILL DO MUCH TO REBUILD A STABLE AND PROSPEROUS LEBANON. IT WILL DO MUCH TO RESTORE CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE. IT WILL DO MUCH TO STOP THE LOSS OF SO MANY INNOCENT LIVES.

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PRESIDENT GEMAYEL HAS ALREADY ACHIEVED A MEASURE OF SUCCESS THROUGH THE EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP HE DEMONSTRATED DURING THE FIRST ROUND OF RECONCILIATION TALKS IN GENEVA. YET, THERE IS STILL A LONG WAY TO GO, AND LEBANON CAN COUNT ON OUR HELP.

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OUR MARINES, ALONG WITH OUR ALLIES IN THE  
MULTINATIONAL FORCE, ARE IN BEIRUT TO  
DEMONSTRATE THE STRENGTH OF OUR COMMITMENT  
TO PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I KNOW YOU  
AGREE WITH ME, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT THE  
AMERICAN PEOPLE CAN BE PROUD OF THE JOB OUR  
MARINES ARE DOING. THEIR PRESENCE IS MAKING  
IT POSSIBLE FOR REASON TO TRIUMPH OVER THE  
FORCES OF VIOLENCE, HATRED AND INTIMIDATION.

MY SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE  
MIDDLE EAST, DON RUMSFELD, RETURNED RECENTLY  
FROM HIS FIRST ROUND OF MEETINGS IN THE  
REGION. HE WILL BE RETURNING TO THE AREA  
SOON AND WILL BE WORKING DIRECTLY WITH  
PRESIDENT GEMAYEL TO ARRANGE FOREIGN TROOP  
WITHDRAWALS AND TO PURSUE LEBANESE NATIONAL  
RECONCILIATION.

WE WERE DELIGHTED TO HAVE YOU WITH US  
TODAY, MR. PRESIDENT, WE WISH YOU GODSPEED  
ON YOUR RETURN HOME.

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