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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: DECEMBER 05, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MISS SARA SHERMAN

SUBJECT: ENCLOSES COPY OF LETTER FROM MIRIAM BAUMEL,  
MOTHER OF ZACHARY BAUMEL, AN AMERICAN CITIZEN  
BEINGHELD CAPTIVE IN SYRIA AND REQUESTS A  
RESPONSE IN REGARD TO THE MATTER

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT  
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8637887

Date December 16, 1986

For: Dr. Alton G. Keel, Jr.  
National Security Council  
The White House

Reference:

To: President Reagan From: Miss Sara Sherman

Date: 12/2/86 Subject: Re: Zachary Baumel

WH Referral Dated: 12/1186 NSC ID# 446683

       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:

*Nicholas Platt*  
Nicholas Platt  
Executive Secretary

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

December 16, 1986

Ms. Sara Sherman, President  
Association of Orthodox Jewish Teachers  
of the New York City Public Schools  
1577 Coney Island Avenue  
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11230

Dear Ms. Sherman:

I am replying to your letter to the President of December 2, 1986, concerning a member of the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF), Zachary Baumel, who has been missing in action (MIA) since the fighting in Lebanon in June 1982.

We fully share the concern of the families of those members of the IDF who remain missing in action. The U.S. Government continues to take an active interest in the status of the POWs and MIAs resulting from the conflict in Lebanon. Working with the ICRC and other organizations, we have made extensive efforts to locate those still unaccounted for.

Despite these efforts, however, the fate of Zachary Baumel and the other MIAs is still unknown. In pursuing all available leads, we have never received confirmation that Mr. Baumel or the other two MIAs are being held in Syria or anywhere else. Reports alluding to their possible whereabouts have never been substantiated.

I regret that we cannot be more optimistic regarding the fate of Zachary Baumel. Nevertheless, we continue to hope that his status will ultimately be favorably resolved.

Sincerely,

  
Douglas C. Greene  
Country Officer for Syria

8637887

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

DECEMBER 11, 1986

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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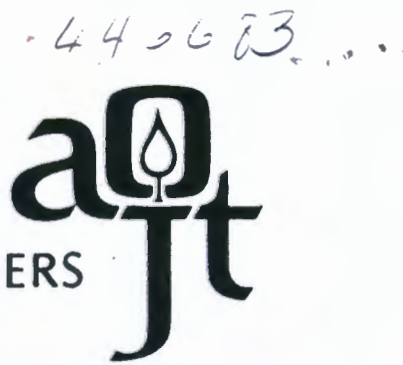
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TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN  
FROM: MISS SARA SHERMAN  
PRESIDENT  
ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODOX JEWISH  
TEACHERS OF NY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
1577 CONEY ISLAND AVENUE  
BROOKLYN NY 11230

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURES COPY OF LETTER FROM MIRIAM BAUMEL,  
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BEING HELD CAPTIVE IN SYRIA AND REQUESTS A  
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DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON  
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*M Green*

December 2, 1986

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

Dear Mr. President:

The enclosed letter refers to Zachary Baumel, an American citizen being held captive in Syria. We know that you are familiar with the case.

Since the U.S.A. and other countries are currently taking steps to deal with Syria's role in "world terrorism", perhaps this item may also be put on the table as another example of Syria's flagrant violation of human rights and the Geneva Convention of 1949.

We would appreciate hearing from you in regard to this matter.

Respectfully yours,  
*Sara Sherman*  
Sara Sherman  
President

*Philip Kipust*  
Dr. Philip Kipust  
Honorary President

Enc.  
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22/6 Bayit Vegan Street  
Jerusalem

September 1986 - Elul 5746

Dear friends,

We would like to share the good news with you that progress is steadily being made in determining the disposition and location of our son, Zachary, and the other MIA's from the Lebanon War.

My husband and our American-Israeli attorney, Newton Frohlich, recently returned from a country hostile to Israel where they met with an Arab who testified in front of U. S. diplomatic personnel that he had seen Zachary in captivity. The place was eastern Lebanon, very close to the Syrian border (an area constantly under Syrian control), and the time was December 1982. He also stated that, in May 1985 (time of the last prisoner exchange), he had verified that Zachary was still alive and well. When queried about the other prisoners, this witness maintained that there were one or two others being held with Zachary but refused to specify, claiming he was authorized to discuss our son alone.

This trip was only made possible by the active cooperation of Assistant Secretary of State Murphy, the approval of Defense Minister Rabin, and the tacit approval of the "host" country. And, frankly, this resulted only after we ourselves had personally enlisted some contacts in the U. S. to press for some positive action on the part of the State Department.

Due to the delicate nature of the behind-the-scenes negotiations, this information should not reach the media. However, we urgently require the continued support of the State Department. And so, we turn to you at this crucial time to utilize any and all influence you may have in political and diplomatic spheres (e. g., governors, mayors, Republican Party and community leaders) and request that the State Department expedite whatever activities are necessary, indicating that many U. S. citizens are interested and concerned about this matter.

Reports now continuously confirm that there are prisoners still being held hidden, despite Syrian disclaimers of knowledge. No matter who is actually holding them, Syria is legally and morally responsible for the welfare of these prisoners of war, they last having been seen publicly in Damascus. The fact that prisoners were displayed there on June 11th, 1982 was announced by the media internationally, including Radio Monte Carlo. Syria must, therefore, be pressed by all civilized nations of the world to reveal their whereabouts to the Red Cross, as set out by the Geneva Convention of 1949. There are countries with close ties to Syria whom the U. S. could request to use their diplomatic and commercial conduits to influence better Syrian cooperation.

Any ideas or suggestions you may have would be most welcome. The families join me in thanking you for past and future endeavors on behalf of their loved ones. With best wishes to you and yours for the New Year,

Sincerely yours,

*Miriam*

Miriam Baumel



THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: JANUARY 23, 1987

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE MATTHEW F. MCHUGH

8703003

SUBJECT: REQUESTS ASSISTANCE IN SECURING THE RELEASE  
OF ZVI FELDMAN, YEHUDAH KATZ, AND ZACHARY  
BAUMEL (A U.S. CITIZEN), THE 3 ISRAELI  
SOLDIERS CAPTURED IN JUN 82 AND HELD BY SYRIA

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT  
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8703003

Date April 14, 1987

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

REFERENCE:

To: President Reagan

From: Honorable Matthew F. McHugh

Date: January 20, 1987

Subject: Release of Zvi Feldman, Yehudah Katz, and Zachary Baumel

WH Referral Dated: February 3, 1987

NSC ID# (if any): 458165

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Department of State.

ACTION TAKEN:

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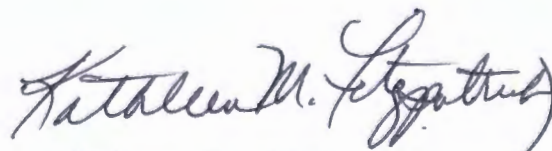
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travel.

       Other (see remarks).

REMARKS:

  
Melvyn Levitsky  
Executive Secretary  
*for*

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

APR 9 1987

Dear Mr. McHugh:

I am replying to your letter of January 20, 1987, concerning members of the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF), particularly Zachary Baumel, who have been missing in action (MIA) since the fighting in Lebanon in June 1982.

We fully share the concern of the families of those members of the IDF who remain missing in action. The U.S. Government continues to take an active interest in the status of the POWs and MIAs resulting from the conflict in Lebanon. Working with the ICRC and other organizations, we have made extensive efforts to locate those still unaccounted for.

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With best wishes,

Sincerely,

*EF*  
J. Edward Fox  
Assistant Secretary  
Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable  
Matthew F. McHugh,  
House of Representatives.



8703003

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

REFERRAL

FEBRUARY 3, 1987

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
ATTN: ED FOX

ACTION REQUESTED:  
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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 458165  
MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JANUARY 20, 1987  
TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN  
FROM: THE HONORABLE MATTHEW F. MCHUGH  
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON DC 20515

SUBJECT: REQUESTS ASSISTANCE IN SECURING THE RELEASE  
OF ZVI FELDMAN, YEHUDAH KATZ, AND ZACHARY  
BAUMEL (A U.S. CITIZEN), THE 3 ISRAELI  
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AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

SALLY KELLEY  
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON  
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE



January 28, 1987

Dear Matt:

Thank you for your January 20 letter to the President seeking assistance on behalf of Evi Feldman, Yehudah Katz and Zachary Baumel, three Israeli soldiers captured during the Lebanese conflict.

We can appreciate your concern for the welfare of Messrs. Feldman, Katz, and Baumel and will communicate to the appropriate advisers your recommendation for obtaining news about their whereabouts. As soon as we have additional information to relay, we will be in further contact with you.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

William L. Ball, III  
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Matthew F. McHugh  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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MATTHEW MCHUGH  
28TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK

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January 20, 1987

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

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to ask for your help and assistance in securing freedom for Zvi Feldman, Yehudah Katz, and Zachary Baumel.

As you know, these three young Israeli soldiers were captured during the Lebanese conflict and reportedly paraded through the streets of Damascus in June, 1982. In spite of this, the Syrian government denies having any knowledge about their whereabouts.

Recognizing our own limited influence with the Syrian government, I believe the United States should be actively pressing the Syrians to be more forthcoming about the fate of Feldman, Katz, and Baumel. For one thing, it is my understanding that Zachary Baumel is an American citizen. Moreover, just as you asked Israel for its help and assistance in securing the release of Americans held hostage in Lebanon, I believe our government should be prepared to do everything it can to help Israel secure the release of its own young men.

Consequently, I hope you will direct the State Department and other agencies of the United States government to lend all possible assistance in locating and securing the release of these young men, and to provide any information that we have about their fate to the Israeli government.

Your assistance in this matter will be deeply appreciated.

With best regards.

Sincerely,



Matthew F. McHugh

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BRITISH EMBASSY,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

TELEPHONE: (202) 462-1340

The Honorable  
Frank C Carlucci  
Assistant to the President  
for National Security Affairs  
The White House G/WW  
Washington DC 20503

26 June 1987

Dear Frank,

I should be grateful for your help in passing to the President  
the enclosed message from the Prime Minister.

Sincerely  
Antony

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Antony Acland

REFERRAL

DATE: 26 JUN 87

MEMORANDUM FOR: EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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TO: PRESIDENT

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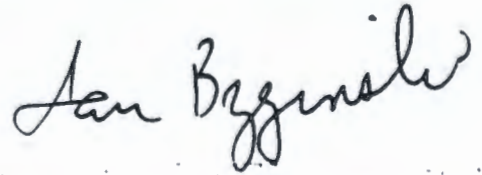
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SUBJ: PM THATCHER LTR RE SYRIA & ABU NIDHAL

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FOR GRANT S. GREEN, JR.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



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FROM THE AMBASSADOR

2 May 1987

The Honorable  
Frank C Carlucci  
Assistant to the President  
for National Security Affairs  
The White House G/WW  
Washington DC 20503

*Dear Mr Carlucci,*

In the Ambassador's absence from Washington this morning I enclose a message from the Prime Minister to President Reagan. I would be grateful for your help in transmitting it to the President.

*Your sincerely,  
Roger Bone*

Roger B Bone  
Head of Chancery

Original to President Sat. (minus cover sheet)

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FROM THE AMBASSADOR

2 May 1987

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Frank C Carlucci  
Assistant to the President  
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The White House G/WW  
Washington DC 20503

*Dear Mr. Carlucci,*

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*Yours sincerely,  
Roger Bone*

Roger B Bone  
Head of Chancery

FWD to Pres  
this weekend  
per SDO



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TO: PRESIDENT

SOURCE: THATCHER, MARGARET

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KEYWORDS: GREAT BRITAIN

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SUBJ: LTR TO PRES FM THATCHER RE US RELATIONS W/ SYRIA

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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

CO 153

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: JULY 25, 1988

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MISS DEBORAH KLEIN

SUBJECT: APPEALS TO THE PRESIDENT TO USE HIS MORAL  
PERSUASION WITH THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT TO  
PERMIT THE EMIGRATION OF ITS SMALL REMAINING  
JEWISH POPULATION

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 1, 1988

Dear Mrs. Klein:

The President has asked me to respond to your letter dated July 21 appealing to him to use the U.S. Government's moral suasion with the Government of Syria to permit the emigration of its small remaining Jewish population and to release those Jews in prison due to their ethnicity.

As your letter correctly notes, the difficulty experienced by Syrian Jews obtaining permission to emigrate freely, in violation of international standards of human rights, is one regularly faced by members of that small community.

The U.S. Government, often at the highest level, is urging the Syrians to abide by their international obligations not to impede travel or hinder the right of emigration. We recognize that Syrian Government's response has not always been forthcoming, though we believe our approaches and interest have helped to resolve a number of individual cases.

In closing, let me assure you that our interest in human rights conditions among the Syrian Jewish community is an important aspect of U.S.-Syrian relations. We will continue to call public attention to the problems facing Syrian Jews, as we do in the Department of State's annual report to the Congress of human rights, and make this subject a prominent part of our diplomatic dialogue with Syria.

Thank you for your interest in this matter and L'Shannah Tovah Tikasaivu V'Tchasaim, may you and your family be written and sealed in the Book of Life for a good year.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Waldman  
Associate Director  
Office of Public Liaison

Mrs. Deborah Klein Davis, Esq.  
President,  
Jewish Community Relations Council  
of Southern New Jersey  
2393 W. Marlton Pike  
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

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Remarks

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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August 15, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR SALLY KELLEY

FROM: PAUL SCHOTT STEVENS *PS*

SUBJECT: Response to Letter on Emigration of  
Syrian Jews

The NSC staff approves the attached draft response.

Attachment

Tab A State Transmittal Memo dtd 8/11/88  
w/attachments



DRAFT REPLY

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Miss Deborah Klein

President,

Jewish Community Relations Council

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2393 West Marlton Pike,

Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08002



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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
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August 15, 1988

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR PAUL SCHOTT STEVENS

FROM: ROBERT B. OAKLEY *RBO*SUBJECT: Response to Letter on Emigration of  
Syrian Jews

The attached draft response looks fine.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I for Sally Kelley.

Approve *RBO*

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

## Attachments

Tab I Stevens Memo to Kelley  
Tab A State Transmittal Memo dtd 8/11/88  
w/attachments

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8823888

Date August 11, 1988

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

REFERENCE:

To: President Reagan

From: Miss Deborah Klein, Jewish Community Relations Council

Date: July 21, 1988

Subject: Appeals to the President to use his Moral Persuasion with the  
Syrian Government to Permit the Emigration of Syrian Jews

WH Referral Dated: August 8, 1988

NSC ID# (if any): 584950

         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:

*Melvin R. Engle*

Director  
Secretariat Staff

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AUGUST 8, 1988

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

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WHITE HOUSE STAFF MEMBER

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 584950

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JULY 21, 1988

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MISS DEBORAH KLEIN  
PRESIDENT  
JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL  
OF SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY  
2393 WEST MARLTON PIKE  
CHERRY HILL NJ 08002

SUBJECT: APPEALS TO THE PRESIDENT TO USE HIS MORAL  
PERSUASION WITH THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT TO  
PERMIT THE EMIGRATION OF ITS SMALL REMAINING  
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SUBJECT: LTR RE PRES TO USE HIS MORAL PERSUASION W/ SYRIAN GOVT TO PERMIT  
EMIGRATION OF SYRIAN JEWS

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: SEPTEMBER 22, 1988

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. JOSEPH I. BOOHAKER

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURES COPY OF HIS LETTER TO AMBASSADOR  
RICHARD W. MURPHY, PROTESTING HIS ACTIONS IN  
SYRIA, REGARDING THE LEBANESE ELECTIONS

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S/S 8828625

Date October 12, 1988

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

REFERENCE:

To: President Reagan

From: Joseph I. Boohaker, President, American Lebanese League

Date: September 19, 1988

Subject: Letter of Protest regarding A/S Murphy's trip to  
Syria; the Lebanese elections

WH Referral Dated: 592658

NSC ID# (if any): September 28, 1988

\_\_\_\_\_ 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: Assistant Secretary Murphy personally met with  
Mr. Boohaker and other American Lebanese League members since  
receipt of this letter.

*Philip Zelikow*  
for

Director  
Secretariat Staff

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SEPTEMBER 28, 1988

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. JOSEPH I. BOOHAKER  
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NATIONAL OFFICE  
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BIRMINGHAM AL 35203

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*Rudy Beserra*

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September 19, 1988

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

Dear Mr. President,

I have on this day conveyed the enclosed letter to Ambassador Murphy to protest his actions in Syria, whereby the U.S. position on the Lebanese election was totally abandoned and the Syrian position adopted in toto.

How, Mr. President, can the Administration point with pride to its various accomplishments in the area of foreign affairs while Lebanon and her people are allowed to be made the exceptions to the rule of international law and of simple human rights? How can we, with any degree of pride, point to our victory in Grenada, or the rising democratic tide in South America and China, or to the treaties with the Soviets, if we are willing to barter away the democracy and rights of self determination and freedom of the brave people of Lebanon?

Ambassador Murphy's sell out of the Lebanese at the bargaining table in Damascus is totally reprehensible and repugnant to all that America stands for. The Lebanese People, both Christian and Moslem are being locked out of their own presidential selection process by this Murphy/Assad accord. The Lebanese had trusted the Representative of the Leader of the Free World, the Champion of the under dog and the Champion of the human rights of people around the globe, to stand up to their occupier. They trusted the U.S. Representative to use the moral and material might of the United States to force the illegitimate occupier to let up from its strangle hold on the Lebanese body politic long enough to allow its constitutional process to work.



For their trust in the United States, what have the Lebanese received, Mr. President? The Champion of Freedom has used its might to bolster the demands of the foes to Lebanese freedom. The Champion of Freedom has not drowned out the Syrian demand of continued illicit domination of Lebanon, but has amplified it and made it the policy of the United States Government which you lead.

Ambassador Murphy should be reprimanded and removed from this position of responsibility before there is any further desertion and deviation from American policy and standards. His caving in to Syrian demands to dominate its neighbor deserve a Senate investigation.

In light of the fact that Syria has overseen the unprecedented expansion of heroin and hashish cultivation of the Bekaa Valley; in light of the fact that much of that product, which has a \$30 billion street value, reaches illegal American markets and is the object of gang wars that are turning U.S. cities into multiple West Beiruts, why is our Ambassador appeasing Syria? Why is our Ambassador contributing to the creation in Lebanon of another drug lord armed with the full authority of the State?

The Reagan Doctrine, implemented in Grenada, Afganistan and Nicaragua, states that the U.S. will come to the assistance of any people who request help in securing democratic rule and self determination for themselves and their country. Are the Lebanese not such a People? Is their fight for freedom from Syrian occupation any different than that of the Contra fight against the Sandinista's; the mujahadin struggle against the Soviet imposed puppet regime; or the struggle of the Grenadians against Cuban occupation?

Given the developments of the past 24 hours in Damascus, the Lebanese and Americans of Lebanese Heritage can only question whether the State Department takes the Reagan Doctrine seriously as the policy of the United States Government.

In 14 years of war, much has been taken from the Lebanese. Their symbol of hope, their symbol of national unity and the light that can lead them back from the chaos to sanity has been the continuity of the Office of the President of the Republic. He has always been theirs.

The Murphy/Assad accord threatens to removes this hope.



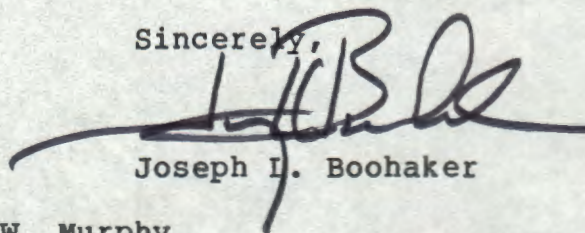
The likelihood of an election now is quite remote. The Lebanese are united in their conviction not to fill the sacred office of President of the Republic with a foreign imposed puppet. As Patriarch Sfeir told Ambassador Murphy, even during the days of the Ottoman Empire, before Lebanese Independence, the Turkish sultan did not try impose a ruler in the way that Ambassador Murphy has.

At this time of crisis, we ask for resolve, not from the State Department, but from you, Mr. President. As the the Leader of the Free World, we ask that you stand tall and walk tall on the side of right, not on the side of might.

We call upon you, Mr. President, to personally invoke and implement the Reagan Doctrine for the Lebanese Freedom Fighters. We ask you to publicly renounce the State Department doctrine of creating stability at all costs, even at the cost of freedom.

The Lebanese, as well as we American Lebanese, still consider the Office of the President of the United States, as the appeal of last resort for a people fighting the chains of an unwanted occupation in pursuit of freedom.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Boohaker', written over a horizontal line.

Joseph L. Boohaker

cc: Ambassador Richard W. Murphy





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September 19, 1988

Ambassador Richard W. Murphy  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs  
Department of State  
2201 C. Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20520

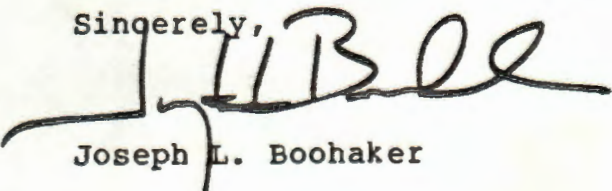
Dear Ambassador Murphy,

In light of the announced U.S. Policy regarding the Lebanese Presidential Elections, and statements made by Mr. Kattouf of your office, that the purpose of your mission to Damascus this past week was to "get the Syrians to back off", we are in a state of shock and dismay at the revelation of the outcome of your meetings with President Assad.

I had read your words that "The choice of the new President is for the Lebanese themselves to make . . . the new President must represent all of the Lebanese people", and he "must promote national reconciliation" in Lebanon. I can not square such statements with your action of not only accepting the Syrian selection, but also conveying that demand to the Lebanese and insisting that he, and he alone, be elected. Though you were to consult with the Lebanese, the Syrian choice was adopted without your having consulted with the Lebanese. This is an outrage. It is a 180 degree deviation from stated policy and assurances given from your office.

We are very deeply disappointed by your actions. We shall have our disappointment in you and in the State Department's handling of the entire election process in Lebanon made known to the President and to the Members of Congress.

Sincerely,



Joseph L. Boohaker

cc: President Ronald Reagan  
Senator John F. Kerry