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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

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[CO 086]

DATE RECEIVED: SEPTEMBER 30, 1986

8633726

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE FRANK A. SALVATORE

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO DO ALL HE CAN AS
QUICKLY AS HE CAN TO FREE JOSEPH J. CICIPPIO
OF NORRISTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, WHO HAS BEEN
HELD HOSTAGE IN BEIRUT SINCE SEP 12

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

November 18, 1986

Dear Mr. Salvatore:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the kidnapping of Joseph Cicippio in Lebanon. We share your concern about his safety and understand your impatience for his return.

The Department of State, our Embassies, and other U.S. Government agencies are continuing intensive efforts and follow every lead to effect the safe release of these Americans. To that end, we remain in close contact with foreign governments. We continue to use every possible channel and follow every lead, through all possible intermediaries, in our efforts to bring all of the Americans held hostage in Lebanon safely home. As you know, these efforts recently resulted in the release of David Jacobsen.

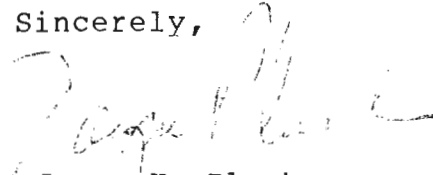
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Frank A. Salvatore
Senator of the State of Pennsylvania,
7711 Castor Avenue,
Philadelphia, PA 19152.

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Sincerely,



Jayne H. Plank
Director, Intergovernmental Affairs
Office Legislative and
Intergovernmental Affairs

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

REFERRAL

OCTOBER 28, 1986

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 428186

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED SEPTEMBER 26, 1986

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: THE HONORABLE FRANK A. SALVATORE
STATE SENATOR
PENNSYLVANIA STATE SENATE
7711 CASTOR AVENUE
PHILADELPHIA PA 19152SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO DO ALL HE CAN AS
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(OR DRAFT) TO:
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DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

8633726

October 24, 1986

Dear Senator Salvatore:

On behalf of the President, I want to thank you for your recent correspondence.

I have forwarded a copy of your comments to the appropriate officials at the Department of State for their review and direct reply.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to the attention of the Administration. If I can be of assistance in the future, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



K. Kae Rairdin
Special Assistant to the President
for Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable Frank Salvatore
Senator of the State of Pennsylvania
7711 Castor Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19152

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8633726

Date November 18, 1986

For: VADM John M. Poindexter
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: President Reagan From: The Honorable Frank A. Salvatore

Date: October 26, 1986 Subject: Urges The President to
Do All He Can as Quickly as He Can to Free Joseph J. Cicippio
of Norristown, Pennsylvania, Who Has Been Held Hostage in
Beirut Since Sep 12

Referral Dated: October 28, 1986 ID# 428186
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Department of State

Action Taken:

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Remarks:

Nicholas Platt
Sir Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

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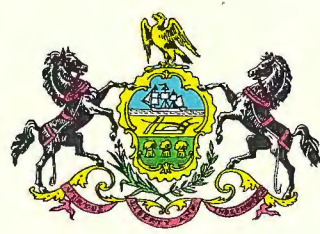
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FRANK SALVATORE
7711 CASTOR AVENUE
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THE STATE CAPITOL
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Senate of Pennsylvania

K. Rardin

September 26, 1986

Ronald Reagan, President
The United States of America
The White House
Washington, District of Columbia

Dear Mr. President:

I write to you to add my name to the many who urge you to do all you can as quickly as you can to free Joseph J. Cicippio of Norristown, Pennsylvania, who has been held hostage in Beirut since September 12.

Mr. Cicippio's brother, Alex, is a constituent of mine in Philadelphia. I, along with many, many others, share with him the anxieties resulting from his brother being taken hostage. I have been urging all my constituents to write to you to express their concern over this outrage and pledge their support for whatever action you deem necessary to bring about the prompt and safe release of not only Mr. Cicippio, but all the hostages currently believed held by Mid East terrorist groups.

Warm personal regards,

Hank

Frank A. Salvatore

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DATE RECEIVED: SEPTEMBER 30, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE KATIE WOLF

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURES CORRESPONDENCE FROM SEVENTH GRADE
STUDENT MICHAEL TEANY WHO IS CONCERNED ABOUT
THE RELEASE OF THREE AMERICANS HELD HOSTAGE
AND THE FATE OF WILLIAM BUCKLEY

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8633727

Date November 17, 1986

For: VADM John M. Poindexter
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: President Reagan From: The Honorable Katie Wolf

Date: September 24, 1986 Subject: Encloses Correspondence From
Seventh Grade Student Michael Teany who is Concerned About the
Release of Three Americans Held Hostage and the Fate of William
Buckley

Referral Dated: October 28, 1986 ID# 428187
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- _____ Other.

Remarks:

for *Nicholas Platt*
Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

November 14, 1986

Dear Ms. Wolf:

Thank you for your recent inquiry regarding the letter from Michael Teany about the American hostages in Lebanon. We share his concern about their safety and understand his impatience for their return.

The Department of State, our Embassies, and other U.S. Government agencies are continuing intensive efforts and follow every lead to effect the safe release of these Americans. To that end, we remain in close contact with foreign governments. We continue to use every possible channel and follow every lead, through all possible intermediaries, in our efforts to bring all of the Americans held hostage in Lebanon safely home. As you know, these efforts recently resulted in the release of hostage David Jacobsen.

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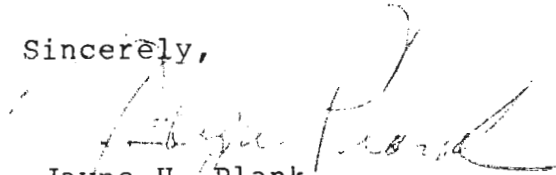
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The Honorable
Katie Wolf,
State of Indiana,
House of Representatives.

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With best wishes,

Sincerely,



Jayne H. Plank
Director, Intergovernmental Affairs
Office of Legislative and
Intergovernmental Affairs

Enclosure:
Correspondence returned.

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

REFERRAL

OCTOBER 28, 1986

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 428187

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED SEPTEMBER 24, 1986

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: THE HONORABLE KATIE WOLF
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
INDIANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THIRD FLOOR STATE HOUSE
INDIANAPOLIS IN 46204

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURES CORRESPONDENCE FROM SEVENTH GRADE
STUDENT MICHAEL TEANY WHO IS CONCERNED ABOUT
THE RELEASE OF THREE AMERICANS HELD HOSTAGE
AND THE FATE OF WILLIAM BUCKLEY

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AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

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PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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October 24, 1986

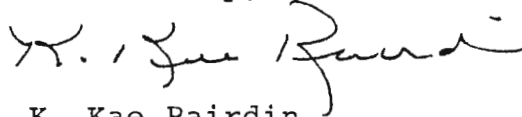
Dear Representative Wolf:

I want to thank you for your recent correspondence which enclosed a letter from Michael Teany concerning the release of the three Americans.

I have forwarded a copy of your comments to the appropriate officials at the Department of State for their review and direct reply.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to the attention of the Administration. If I can be of assistance in the future, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



K. Kae Rairdin
Special Assistant to the President
for Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable Katie Wolf
Member of the House of Representatives
of the State of Indiana
Third Floor State House
Indianapolis, IN 46204

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STATE OF INDIANA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THIRD FLOOR STATE HOUSE,
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204

KATIE L. WOLF
Box 771
MONTICELLO, IN 47960

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September 24, 1986

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

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed please find copy of correspondence from Michael Teany.

Due to the fact this is a federal issue, I would sincerely appreciate
your efforts concerning the release of the three Americans and their
safe return.

Thanking you for your efforts, I remain,

Sincerely,

Katie Wolf

Katie Wolf
State Representative

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Rural Route # 1 Box 257
Oxford, Indiana 47971
United States

Katie Wolf (D) Monticello
Indiana General Assembly
Statehouse, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Representative Wolf:

I am a seventh grader writing to you concerning the release of three Americans held hostage (Terry Anderson, Thomas Sutherland, and David Jacobson) and the fate of William Buckley.

I do not understand why one country would hold another country's people hostage. It doesn't accomplish anything but great amounts of pain.

Those who are holding the Americans hostage are not only hurting the hostages, they are hurting their families as well. They don't even know if their husband or father is still alive. All they can do is hope.

I am hoping that you will do everything in your power to encourage the safe return of the hostages. It would cause less sorrow and more happiness.

Please write to me and update me on what is happening.

Sincerely,

Michael Teany
Michael Teany

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

ID# 428913

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: OCTOBER 08, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE FRED STUDWELL

SUBJECT: SENDS TELEGRAM REGARDING AMERICANS LIVING
IN BEIRUT

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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

MR PRESIDENT:

AFTER THE MARINE BARRACKS WERE BOMBED AND WE HAD TO WITHDRAW, DID NOT THE U.S. TELL AMERICANS IN BEIRUT THEY COULD NOT BE ADEQUATELY PROTECTED AND SHOULD LEAVE. THE HOSTAGES NOT YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR FATE. PLEASE ANSWER BEFORE SUNDAY OCTOBER 5, IN A SESSION IN SACRAMENTO. I WILL BE AT THE BEVERLY GARLAND HOTEL IN SACRAMENTO.

FRED STUDWELL

CALIFORNIA SENIOR ASSEMBLYMAN SANTA CLARITA VALLEY

19813 WEST AVE OF THE OAKS

NEWHALL CA 91321

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 28, 1986

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Dear Tom:

Thank you for your letter of May 28, and apologies for the delay in answering. As you know, there are four Israeli MIA's remaining from the war in Lebanon: Zachary Baumel (a dual U.S./Israel national), Zvi Feldman, and Yehuda Katz, all of whom disappeared during a tank battle with Syrian forces in the Biqa Valley on June 11, 1982; and Samir Asad, and Israeli Druze who disappeared in Lebanon on April 3, 1983. The Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) initially claimed to be holding Asad, but later announced that he was killed in an Israeli air attack in June 1984. We are unable to substantiate these claims.

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I can assure you that the Administration will continue its efforts to pursue the issue of the MIA's fate. We are determined to free all hostages in Lebanon, and we will remain in close touch with all of the concerned parties.

Sincerely,

Mitch

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
Assistant to the President
for Political and Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable Thomas C. Bolan
39 East 68th Street
New York, NY 10021

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

July 25, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR MITCHELL E. DANIELS, JR.
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR POLITICAL AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

FROM: DENNIS ROSS *DR*

SUBJECT: Response to Thomas Bolan on Baumel Case

I would suggest that you respond directly to Bolan. Attached is a draft reply that you may wish to draw upon.

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MD to Bolan -

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DRAFT RESPONSE

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Sincerely,

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 6, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR DENNIS ROSS
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
SENIOR DIRECTOR FOR NEAR EAST AFFAIRS

FROM: MITCHELL E. DANIELS, JR. *MD*
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR POLITICAL AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: Request for letter of response and consideration
of attached case

I would appreciate your assistance in responding to the attached letter and points raised in the brochure regarding Sgt. Zacharia Baumel.

I would like to respond to Thomas Bolan, either directly myself once provided with a draft from your office, or with a letter from you directly, whichever you advise.

Many thanks for your help on this.

THOMAS A. BOLAN, P. C.

COUNSELLOR AT LAW

39 EAST 68TH STREET

NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10021

(212) 472-1400

*Ceci - Can someone
at NSC advise re
best reply?*

May 28, 1986

Hon. Mitchell Daniels, Jr.
Assistant to the President for
Political and Inter-Governmental Affairs
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mitch:

With reference to our discussion in Washington last Wednesday evening, I am enclosing herewith a brochure concerning Zacharia Baumel. Needless to say, this would appear to be a situation in which the Administration should do everything it can possibly do to rectify this terrible injustice.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,



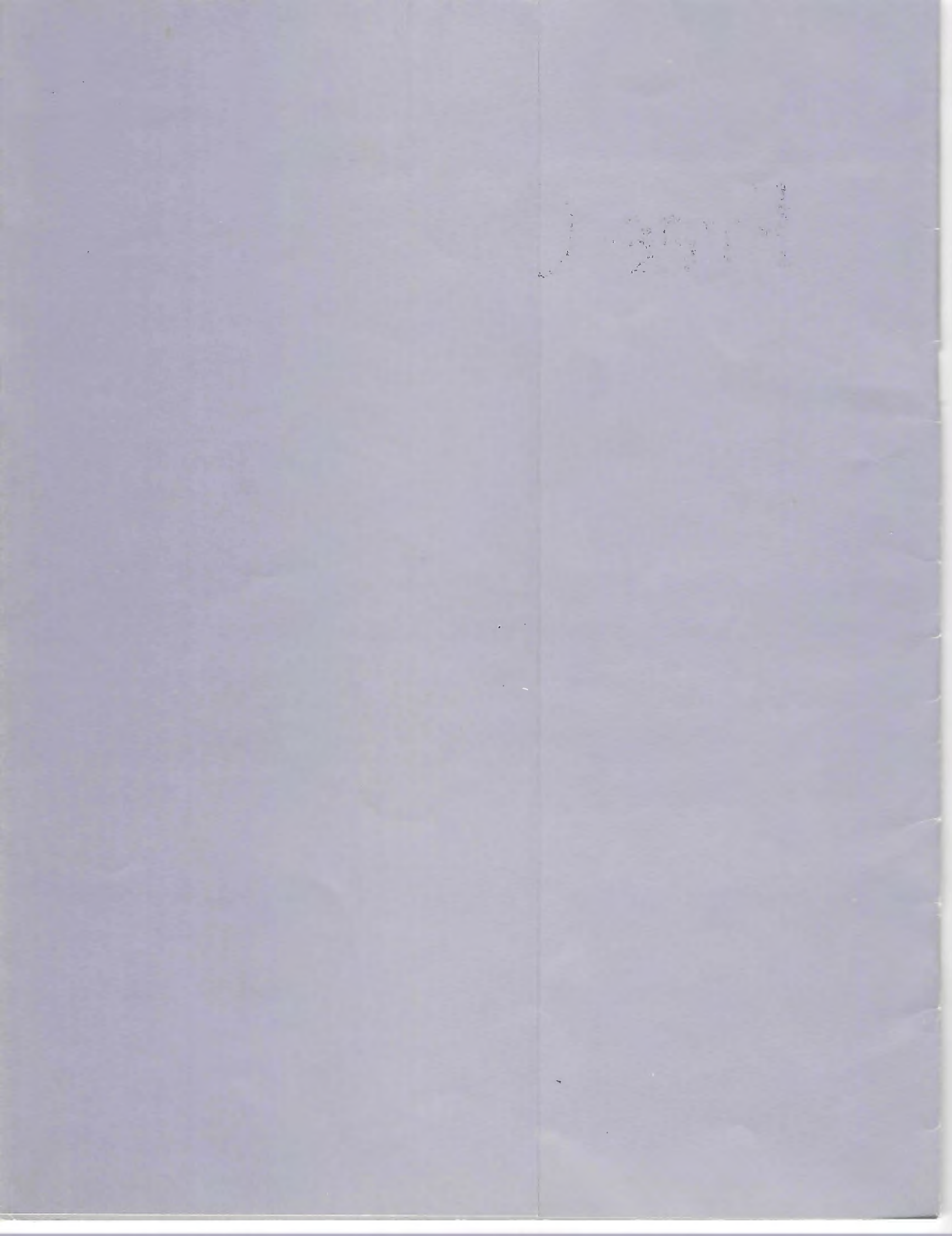
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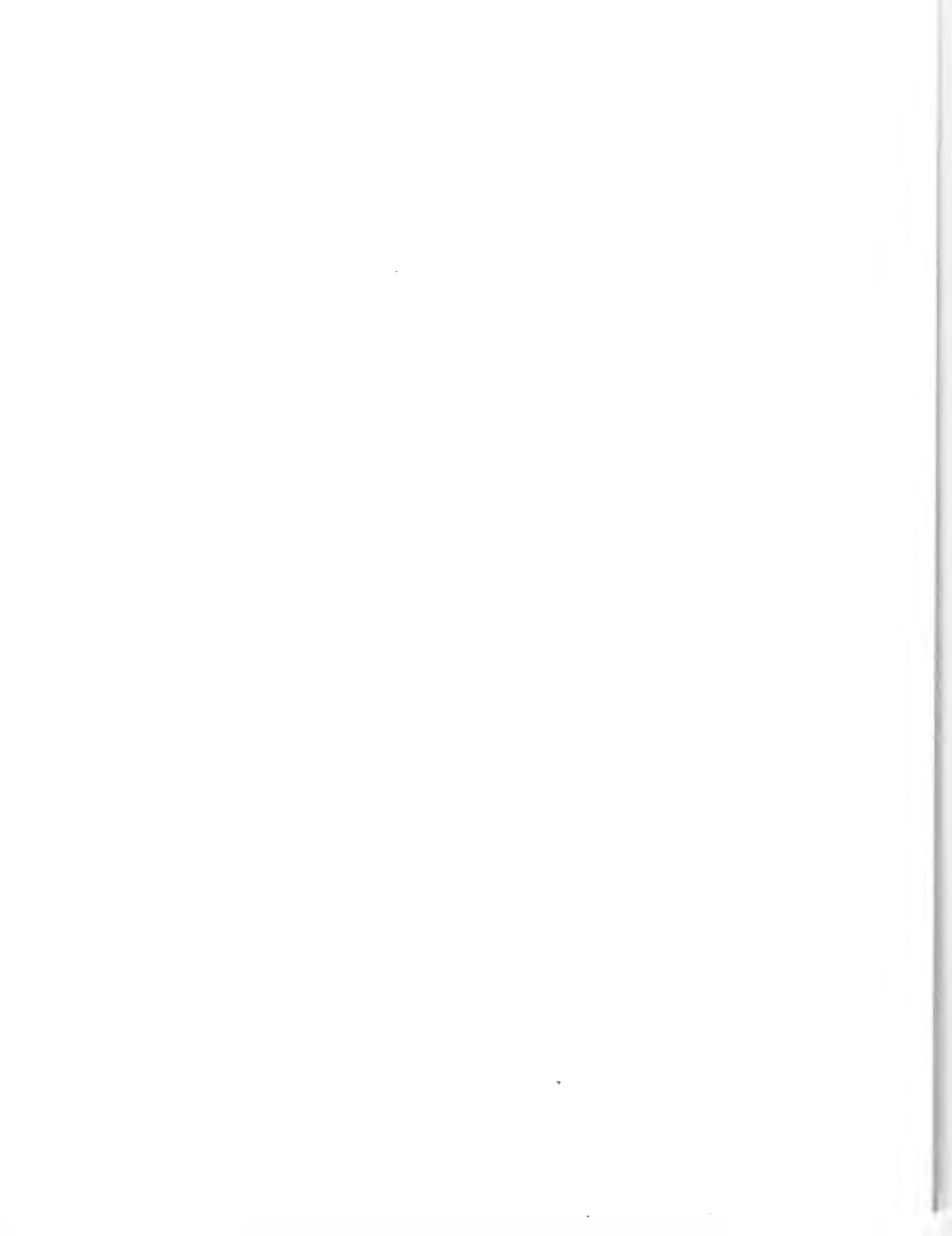
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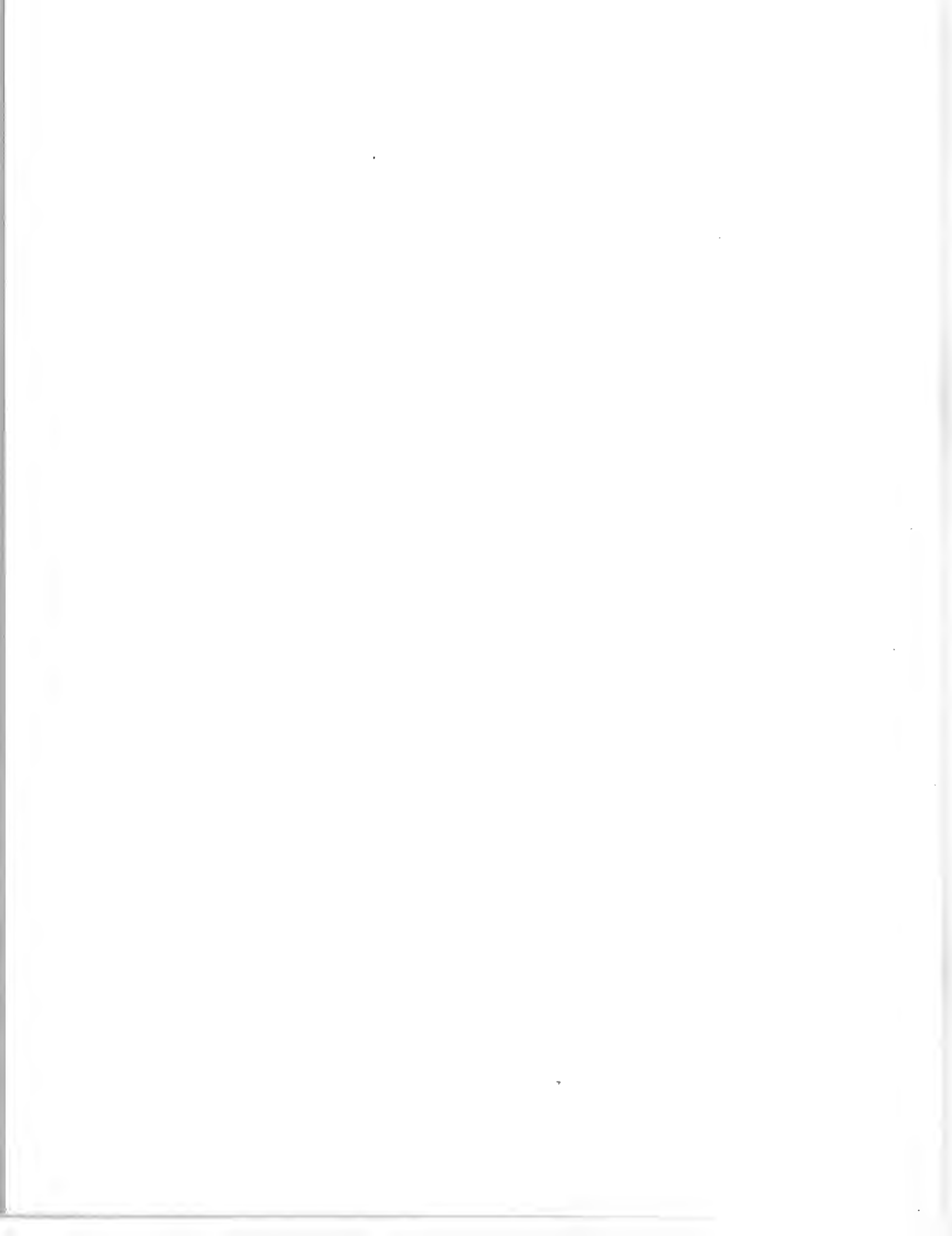
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cc: Leon H. Charney, Esq.

Free Our Sons







WHERE ARE THEY?

On June 11, 1982 a battle raged between an Israeli tank unit and a Syrian armoured unit in the Bekaa Valley in North Eastern Lebanon. As a result of this battle 3 Israeli soldiers, First Sergeant Zvi Feldman, Sergeant Zecharia Baumel, and Corporal Yehuda Katz were reported missing and are still missing to this day.

In April 1983, in the Sidon area, an Israeli soldier, Sergeant Samir Assad was captured by forces of The Democratic Front, led by Naif Hawatme. The Front publicly announced his capture.

Ever since these events took place, the Government of Israel has spared no effort, and through international committee of the Red Cross and other international bodies has done and is doing everything possible to obtain any information on the fate of the missing four. Three of the missing men vanished after the battle in an area which was and still is under Syrian control. The fourth was held in a Syrian controlled area by his captors, from Hawatme's Front whose headquarters are in Damascus. The main address for queries about the fate of the missing is therefore the Syrian Government.

Israel has approached the Syrian authorities time and again and demanded information about the fate of the missing. International bodies and world leaders have also called on Syrian President Assad on this matter and he has promised to reply. No reply has, however been forthcoming, and Syria consistently refuses to reveal what has happened to the missing four.

We, the parents and members of the families of those missing Israeli soldiers, continue to call upon all those with a conscience everywhere with the simple request, to which President Assad has sealed his heart and ears: Return Our Sons!

THE MISSING SOLDIERS FROM THE BATTLE OF SULTAN YAKOUB

During the battle against the Syrians, two tanks were hit, one under the command of the late Captain Zohar Lipschitz and the second commanded by First Sergeant Hezi Shai.

The Tank under the Command of Hezi Shai

The tank had a four man crew. The commander, First Sergeant Hezi Shai, was caught by members of the Popular Front, General Command led by Ahmad Jibril and kept concealed for two years in Damascus, without indicating that he is in their hands. Only after Israel received information of his captivity from various sources and strong international pressure was exerted, did it force Jibril to admit that he was holding the Israeli soldier. First Sergeant Hezi Shai was returned to Israel on May 20, under the prisoner exchange involved with the PFLP/GC.

A second member of the tank crew, First Sergeant Ariel Lieberman, was taken prisoner in Syria, a day after the battle and kept in Syria until his return under the prisoner exchange with Syria on June 28, 1984. Zvi Feldman and Zacharia Baumel, the two remaining members of the crew, were reported alive according to witnesses' statements which Israel possesses. The statements point to the fact that the two missing soldiers escaped from the tank alive and remained at the scene after the battle.

The Tank under the Command of the Late Zohar Lipschitz

The late Zohar Lipschitz was killed in battle and buried on July 4, 1982 in the Jewish cemetery in Damascus.

Only after a year of international pressure and personal contacts with President Assad, did the Syrian authorities allow the International Committee of the Red Cross access to the body for identification. The final identification was confirmed only after the return of the body on June 24, 1984.

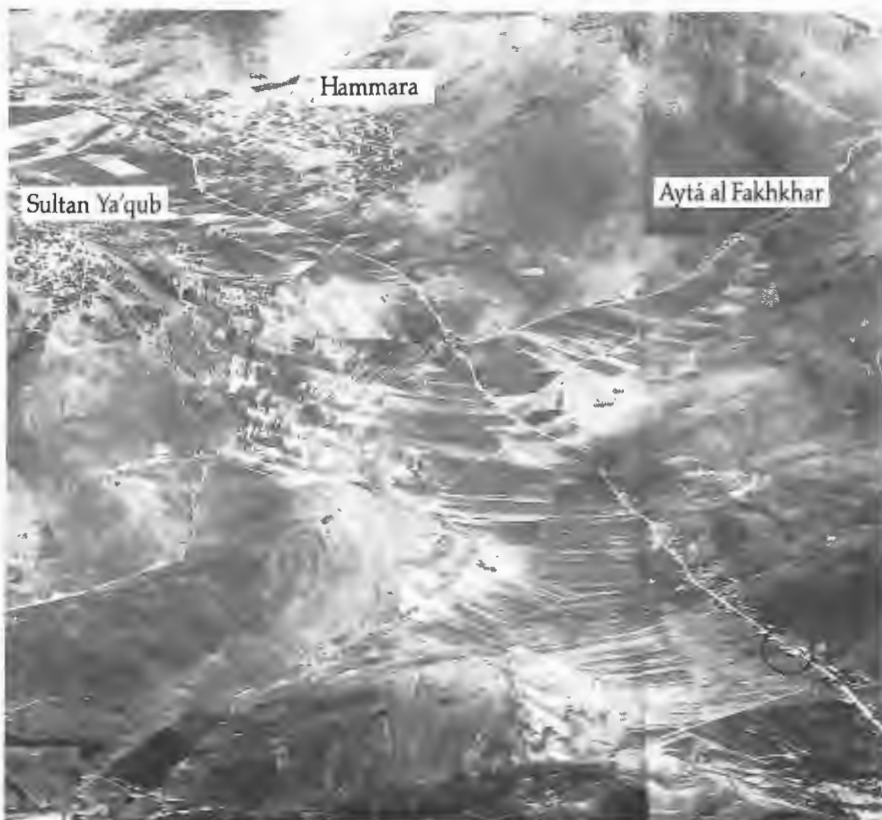
Two other crew members of the tank managed to escape, and are both now in Israel. The fourth crew member, is Corporal Yehuda Katz, remained in the battle field.



The tank was left on the main road, south of Sultan Yakoub, and was taken away by Syrian forces on June 14, 1982, after the cease-fire was declared.

It is known to Israel, from Israeli soldiers who witnessed the battle, that as soon as the firing ceased, Syrian soldiers began towing away Israeli tanks which remained in the field. Uniformed Syrian soldiers and other armed men in Palestinian uniforms were clearly seen milling around damaged tanks and climbing into them.

From all of this information, as well as the fact that the battle was fought against Syrian forces in an area controlled by the Syrians forces, it follows that the Syrian Government bears direct responsibility for official clarification of the fate of the missing soldiers.



INFORMATION ABOUT THE MISSING SOLDIERS

AP adds from Damascus:

Syrian soldiers paraded a captured Israeli tank and its crew through the streets yesterday. Followed by a horn-honking line of cars, the tank rumbled down Beirut Avenue in the Syrian capital and stopped in front of the offices of President Hafez Assad's brother Rifaat Assad, who commands the defense brigade commandos.

The Syrian soldiers shouted slogans and witnesses said they identified their prisoners as the Israeli tank crew. The tank, belching black smoke and flying Syrian and Palestinian flags, was greeted by cheers from passers-by. One security man fired a pistol in the air.

Even so, ambulances continued to race along the same road shuttling back and forth.

La Stampa 12.6.82

Prigionieri di Israele a Damasco.

Damasco - soldati Siriani hanno esibito ieri per vie di Damasco un carro armato Israeliano catturato ed il suo equipaggio, dopo l'entrata in vigore della tregua in Libano.

Seguito da un corteo di auto a clacson spiegati. Il viale armato ha percorso il viale Beirut inalberando le bandiere Siriana e Palesinese - e si è fermato davanti all'edificio che ospita il comando degli assaltatori della brigata di difesa capeggiata dal fratello del presidente Siriano Hafez Assad. Rifaat, insieme al carro armato, i soldati Siriani hanno fatto anche sfilare i prigionieri identificandoli come l'equipaggio del mezzo catturato.

In the Syrian capital of Damascus, families were also burying the soldiers killed in Lebanon. Israeli crewmen of a tank who were captured in Lebanon agreed to put themselves and their war machine on display as Syrians fired guns into the air in a signal of triumph. If the Israelis had not submitted to the parade, said one Western diplomat, "they would never return to Israel. When this mess is all over, they will be exchanged, and they will stay alive. Isn't that the name of this game: to stay alive?"

Foreign correspondents in Syria during the Lebanese war reported an unusual happening on July 11, 1982, in the streets of Damascus. During the afternoon of that day, a parade took place, featuring a captured Israeli tank accompanied by armoured vehicles. Captured soldiers were clearly seen in the tank and cars. None of the Israeli soldiers who returned from captivity claimed to have been on the captured tank.

The following are the main reports of the event

- The Associated Press agency reported on the June 11, 1982 that Syrian soldiers paraded a captured Israeli tank with its crew in the streets of Damascus. The Syrian soldiers shouted slogans and eye witnesses added that they identified those captured as Israeli soldiers and crew members of the tank.
- The Italian "La Stampa" reported on June 12, 1982 that the tank exhibited in Damascus with its crew, reached General Rifat Assad's, the President brother, Special Forces headquarters.
- Israel has television footage showing the tank parading in Damascus.
- Israel also has further information indicating that Israeli captives were brought from the Sultan Yakoub battle to the nearby village of Ita el Fouchar.
- Publications in the Syrian newspaper "Tishrin", June 12, 1982, and "E-Taliyah" (June 15, 1982) report that the Israeli tanks captured were handed over to the "E-Saiqa" organization, which is controlled by the Syrian army. The commander of this organization, Salah Ma'ani, confirmed, in an interview with the French News Agency on June 22, 1982 that he was indeed in possession of the tanks captured in the Bekaa battle.
- The Israeli intelligence source have further information that Salah Ma'ani, the above mentioned commander brought Israeli captives to the "Yarmouk Camp", a refugee camp in the Damascus area when E-Saiqa has its command headquarters, and they were exhibited to the inhabitants of the camp.

The PLO, headed by Yassir Arafat, has often made cruel use of the matter of captured and missing Israeli soldiers. On several occasions, Arafat gave interviews to the media, in which he mentioned live Israeli captives held by Syria and Palestinian organizations. On other occasions, he announced that "El Fatah" was holding several dead bodies of Israeli soldiers. In spite of this, the PLO and Arafat disregarded requests from the Red Cross to disclose the information at their disposal.

A passage from the Syrian newspaper "E-Taliyah".

قوات الصاعقة تستولي على خمس دبابات معادية

من نوع باتون م ٦٠٠ ومستوريون بقصد ابلدة عناصر العدو وفرار البلقي . . . وقد قامت احدى المجموعات المقاتلة بنقل اربع دبابات معادية سليمة الى احدى قواعدنا وهام مقاتلونا بالطواف باحداها في شوارع مخيم اليرموك عصر امس الجمعة .

كما شنت مجموعتنا هجمات ناجحة خلف خطوط العدو في صيدا وعلقة والدامور ودمرت البيتين للمدو كلتنا نقتل عددا من جنود اركانه قرب الدامور، وقد اعترف العدو الهجوم الصهيوني الذي اسفر عن مقتل البير جسترال يوكوتيل امام نائب رئيس اركان الجيش الصهيوني والبركيدر حاييم سيلع .

كما هاجمت مجموعتنا مقر قيادة العدو الصهيوني في الشوف على طريق فريفا بقتلين مما ادى الى مقتيل وجرح عناصر المدونديمير جانبين اخر. استشهد لثاني هذه المركبات الطولية الزريق احمد صفيحة كما جرح خمسة اخرون وفقد رفيقان .

عهدا لتوارنا وامتنا انا سنينى اولياء لشهدائنا الاجراء مستمرين في قتال العدو حتى تحرير كلل التراب العربي الفلسطيني .

ادلى التلحق العسكري باسمالقيادة العامة لقوات الصلعة بما يلي : بناء على الاوامر الصادرة تحركت مجموعتنا القتالية في تمام الساعة الثالثة والنصف من صباح الجمعة - ١١ حزيران وشنت غارات جريسة على دبابات العدو التي كانت تحاول التقدم على محور بيدر العصى - كزة - في منطقة البقاع وقد احبطت الرفاق على دبابات العدو واشتبكوا مع عشاته في معركة بطولية دمروا خلالها اربع دبابات مع اطقمها واعطوا اربع دبابات اخرى كما استولت مجموعتنا المقاتلة على خمس دبابات



دبابة اسرائيلية مدمرة



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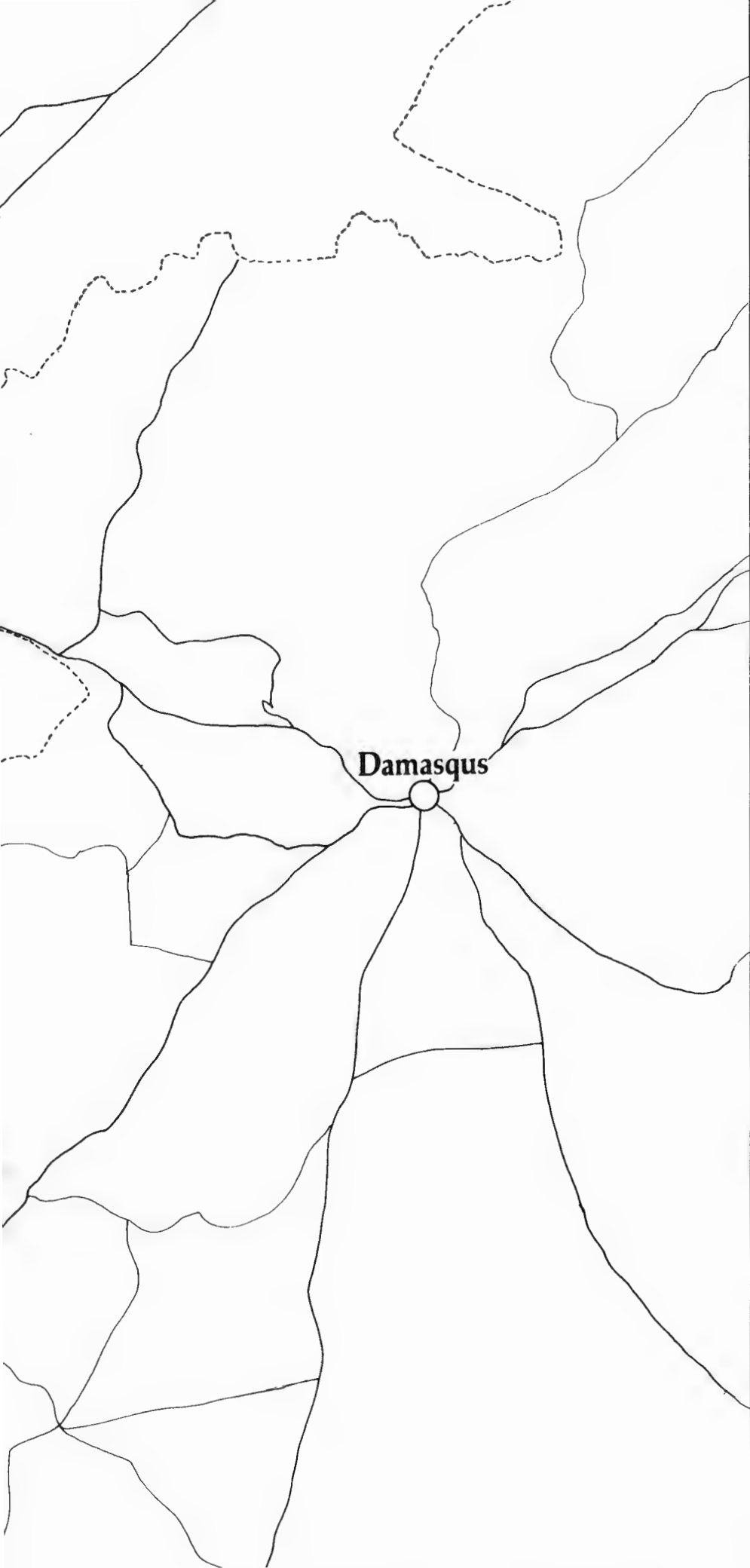
Aytá al Fakhkhar

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Damascus

THE KIDNAPPING OF SERGEANT SAMIR ASSAD



In April 1983, an Israeli soldier, Sergeant Samir Assad, was kidnapped in the Sidon area. Only after a year in April 1984 did the "Democratic Front" organization of Naif Hawatme admit to having captured him. At the same time, a video tape was shown which included an interview with the captured soldier.

On June 28, 1984, at the time of the prisoner exchange between Israel and Syria, the Democratic Front, which has its base in Syria announced that Samir Assad was killed during an Israeli air raid on Rabbit Isle near Tripoli in Lebanon.

Israel has in its possession official information showing that Samir Assad was not killed during the bombing. Since June 1984, The Democratic Front has obstinately refused to comply with Israel's request that it allow the International Committee of the Red Cross or other international bodies to discuss the matter in order to facilitate Samir Assad's return, or to identify the body they claim is his.



EFFORTS TO FIND THE MISSING

During of the years that our dear ones have been missing, we have continued to support the Israeli government's efforts to trace them with the help of the IDF, the security forces and the Foreign Office, to have them return safely home.

During the long time that has elapsed since their disappearances, that the various Palestinian organizations working from Damascus have insistently denied any knowledge of the whereabouts of the missing soldiers. This was the case with Hezi Shai, who was hidden for two years by Ahmad Jibril's organization with no mention, what so ever, as well as that of with Samir Assad, kept for a whole year by Naif Hawatme's organization, who fully denied any knowledge of him.

The Government of Israel appealed to the International Committee of the Red Cross, who has permanent representation in Damascus, to

international figures including intellectuals, religious leaders, and other prominent figures who have shown their willingness to help solve this humanitarian issue and who have made personal contacts with President Assad. Their appeals have been met with refusals from the Syrian authorities, who stubbornly refuse to cooperate in solving the problem of the missing. This constitutes breaking of a commitment made by the Syrian authorities, to the Red Cross in December, 1983 in which they promised to continue their search for the missing Israeli soldiers.

In contrast to the attitude of the PLO and Syria, Israel has handed over through the Red Cross a reply to Syria's request for information concerning missing Syrian soldiers. More than this, Israel on its own initiative, and unilaterally released wounded Syrian soldiers after the war on humanitarian grounds. This reflects the importance which Israel attaches to human life.



A passage from the Jordanian newspaper "Al-Dustur" of July 9th 1982, in which the captivity of Hezi Shai is mentioned.
Also mentioned in this passage is the presence of other prisoners held by Palestinian organizations.

معة ١٩٨٢/٧/٩

الدستور

أحد المقاتلين الفلسطينيين القادمين من أرض المعركة

مقتل اخيرا عسكريا اميركيا أثناء قيامهم بتجريب اسلحة حديثة نفسية الجندي الاسرائيلي بدأت تشارك والمبادرة بيد القوات المشتركة

كتبت مها جابر:

لقد تحول كل مواطن في بيروت الى مقاتل حقيقي مندرب...
هذا ما تحدث به المقاتل مصطفى اخميس للدستور في لقاء خاص من السجن الى المعركة

والمقاتل اخميس كان قد سجن في اسرائيل عام ١٩٦٧ وخرج من السجن عام ١٩٧٩ بعملية مبادلة للسجناء وهكذا فقد امضى في السجن اثنتي عشرة سنة مورس خلالها ضده شتى انواع التعذيب والارهاب، لكن هذا الارهاب وذاك التعذيب لم يتالا ابدا من عزيمته فتوجه الى لبنان للوقوف مع اخوته المقاتلين هناك

مقارنة

وقد سألت المقاتل اخميس عن المعاملة التي يعامل بها الاسرى الصهاينة الذين وقصوا في ايدي المقاومة الفلسطينية في لبنان مقارنة مع المعاملة التي يعامل بها الصهاينة السجناء الفلسطينيين من خلال



مصطفى اخميس

معاظلتهم له سابقا كسجين فقال:

ان المعاملة التي يعامل بها الاسرى الاسرائيليين تتفق تماما مع مبادئنا واخلاقنا العربية، فلا ارهاب ولا اذلال ولا اي ممارسة واحدة من الممارسات الدنيئة التي يمارسها الصهاينة ضد السجناء الفلسطينيين واصاف على سبيل المثال ومن الذين اسروا في بيروت قائد دبابة اسرائيلي اسمه نسي شاي لا يبالغ اذا

قلت انه لم يضرب نهائيا ولم يعامل اية معاملة سيئة وقد قلت له في معرض حديثي معه:

هل ترى ان الرجولة هي ان تقوم بضربك وتعذيبك؟

سكت... ولسان حاله يجيب بالنفي..

الحالة النفسية للصهاينة

وسالت المقاتل اخميس:

وماذا عن الحالة النفسية التي وصل لها الجنود الصهاينة؟

قال: ان نفسية الجندي الصهيوني بدأت تتآكل خاصة بعد العمليات الليلية التي تقوم بها القوات المشتركة في مختلف المناطق وخاصة بعد ان انتقل زمام المبادرة منذ حوالي عشرة ايام لايدي القوات المشتركة.

الجبن الصهيوني

قلت: يقال ان الجبن الصهيوني بدأ ظاهرا للجميع في بيروت وخارج بيروت فكيف ذلك؟

المقاتل اخميس: لقد ظهر ذلك واضحا حين كان الفدائي الواحد يهاجم اكثر من دبابة في آن واحد حين ان الصهاينة لا يدخلون اية منطقة في لبنان الا بعد قصفها برأ. وبحرا وجوا وذلك للتأكد من خلوها من عناصر المقاومة وهم لا يتقدمون قبل ذلك ويبقون خلف استحكاماتهم على بعد ثلاثة كيلو مترات اما الشجاعة التي يمتلكها المقاتل الفلسطيني واللبناني فهي مفقودة عندهم لأسباب كثيرة منها فقدانهم للحق الذي يخول لهم غزو لبنان

حالة تدمير

قلت: تعود لحالة التدمير المنتشرة في صفوف الجنود الصهاينة هلا حدثت عنها؟

قال: لقد تأكدنا من خلال معلومات من الاسرى الصهاينة عن وجود حالة التدمير تلك، هذا إضافة الى الصحف الاسرائيلية التي تتحدث يوميا عن تلك الحالة خاصة وان اعدادا كبيرة من العسكريين الصهاينة يسقطون يوميا ومنهم بعض الضباط ذوي المراتب والمراكز الهامة هذا مع العلم انهم يمتلكون من السلاح الفتاك الشيء الكثير.

وقلت له: اذا السلاح القوي يجب ان يستعمله انسان قوي، وهذه الحالة لا تنطبق على الجندي الصهيوني؟

قال: نعم.

وما هي نوعية هذه الاسلحة؟

هناك القنابل العنقودية وهي عبارة عن عدة قنابل داخل صاروخ والقنابل المنشارية وهي على شكل مثلث وترطم هذه القنابل بالارض ثم تنفجر للأعلى حيث تنفجر أثناء صعودها للأعلى فأذقة بذلك بالعدد من الشظايا باتجاه الارض.

وقد استعمل الصهاينة هذه القنابل في قتل المسوطنين اللبنانيين والفلسطينيين الذين كانوا متواجدين في الملاجئ.

يرتدون الدروع الحديدية حينها واستطرد قائلا: وبالمناسبة فان قلعة الشقيف تشهد باستمرار معارك ضارية وفي ليلة واحدة احتلت القلعة من قبل القوات المشتركة ثلاث مرات والمعارك يوميا تستمر من ٦ الى ١٠ مرات

خلاصة القول ان الانسان الفلسطيني والانسان اللبناني قد حققا ما يشبه الاساطير ان صلابتهم تسبب الرعب في قلوب جنود الصهاينة فنجدهم في الليل يتقنمون مع بعضهم البعض في مناطق صغيرة

لانقص

وحول ما يقال عن النقص الذي تعاني منه بيروت في المواد التموينية والطبية والماء نفسي المقاتل اخميس ذلك قائلا: ان هناك الكثير من المواد المخزونة ولا يوجد اي نقص على الاطلاق هذا إضافة الى ان المقاتل العربي قادر على تحمل الجوع وعلى تحمل اي شيء في سبيل قضيته ولو ادى به الامر الى الأكل من الحشائش والاعشاب وهذا على عكس الجندي الصهيوني الذي لم يعتمد على الصبر على الجوع والتعب.

والفتاة دورها فعال

وسالت المقاتل اخميس عن دور الفتاة الفلسطينية واللبنانية في المعركة فقال: ان دورها هام جدا فهي تقايل جنبا الى جنب مع الرجل وتشارك في الاسعاف والتمريض وفي توعية المواطنين

الحرب النفسية

تم تحدث عن الحرب النفسية التي تمارسها اسرائيل ضد المقاومين والموطنين. وقال: انها قد قامت باسقاط المنشائر التي تحدد بواسطة اسمهم مرسومة عليها الطريق التي على المقاتلين ان يملكوها في خروجهم لكن هذه الاساليب أصبحت مكشوفة وهي لا تجدي اي اهتمام من

SYRIA IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FATE OF THE MISSING

Evidence in the hands of the Israeli authorities demonstrates beyond a doubt that Syrian President Assad has the key to clarifying the whereabouts and fate of the 3 Israeli soldiers Zvi Feldman, Zecharia Baumel and Yehuda Katz, missing since the battle on June 11, 1982 at Sultan Yakoub.

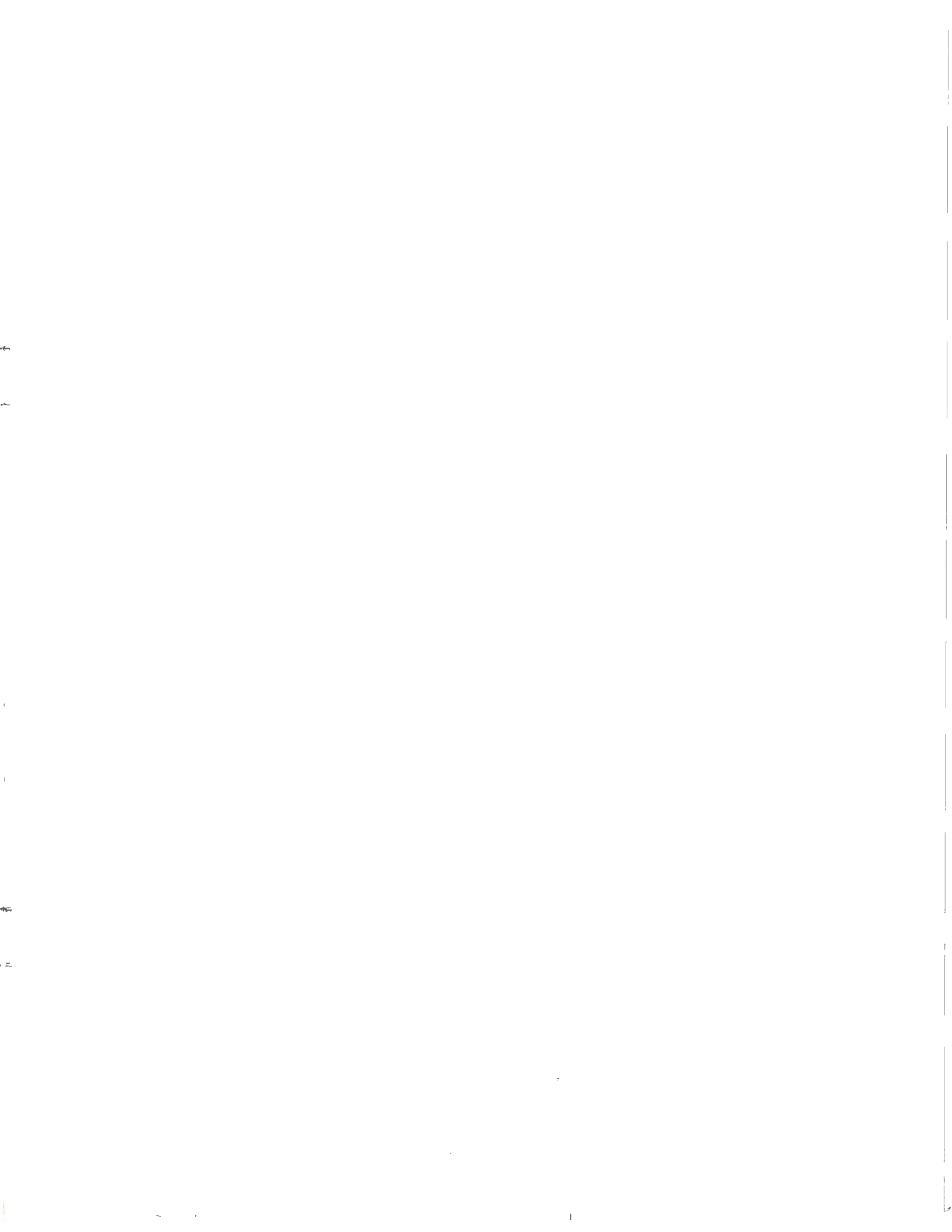
This area is under Syrian control. The two tanks in which they served as crew were hauled away from the scene of the battle by the Syrian army. The episode of the tank on parade in Damascus, and the announcement by the E'Saiqa organization and other reports already mentioned show that Syria is directly responsible for identifying and finding the missing soldiers. Even if the three missing soldiers are prisoners of Palestinian organizations, the Syrian's cannot disclaim their responsibility as these organizations worked in close conjunction with Syria. Regarding Arafat and his organization, their responsibility is no less than that of Syria and they should provide all the information in their possession, with regards to the fate of the missing.

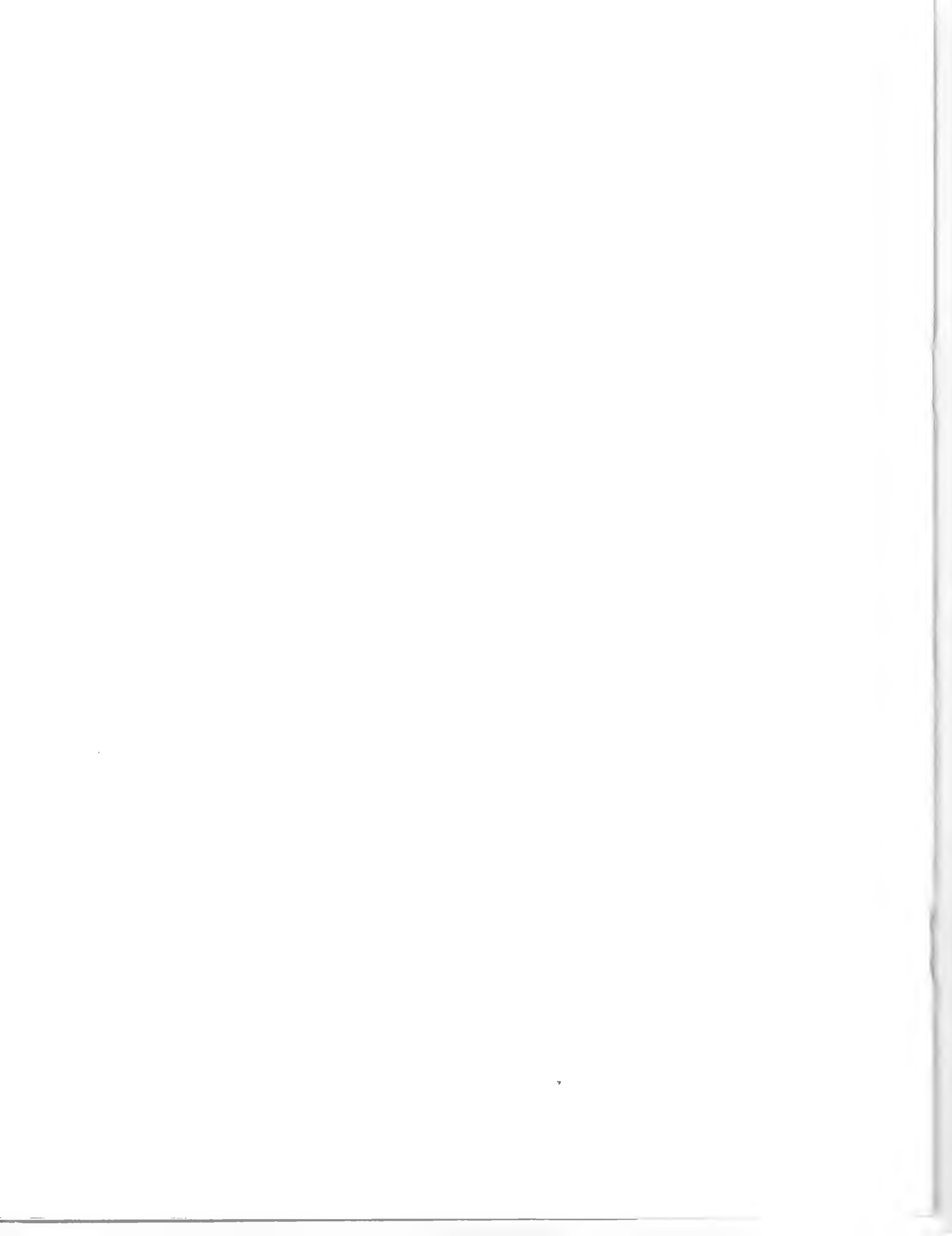
The responsibility rests on Syria also in finding Samir Assad, as it was clearly stated by Naif Hawatme's organization, which works in Syria and is wholly dependent on Syria, that they are holding him. Contacts between Hawatme and international bodies took place in Syria and if the Syrian regime had been honest in negotiations, Hawatme would have been forced to comply and reveal the place of captivity.

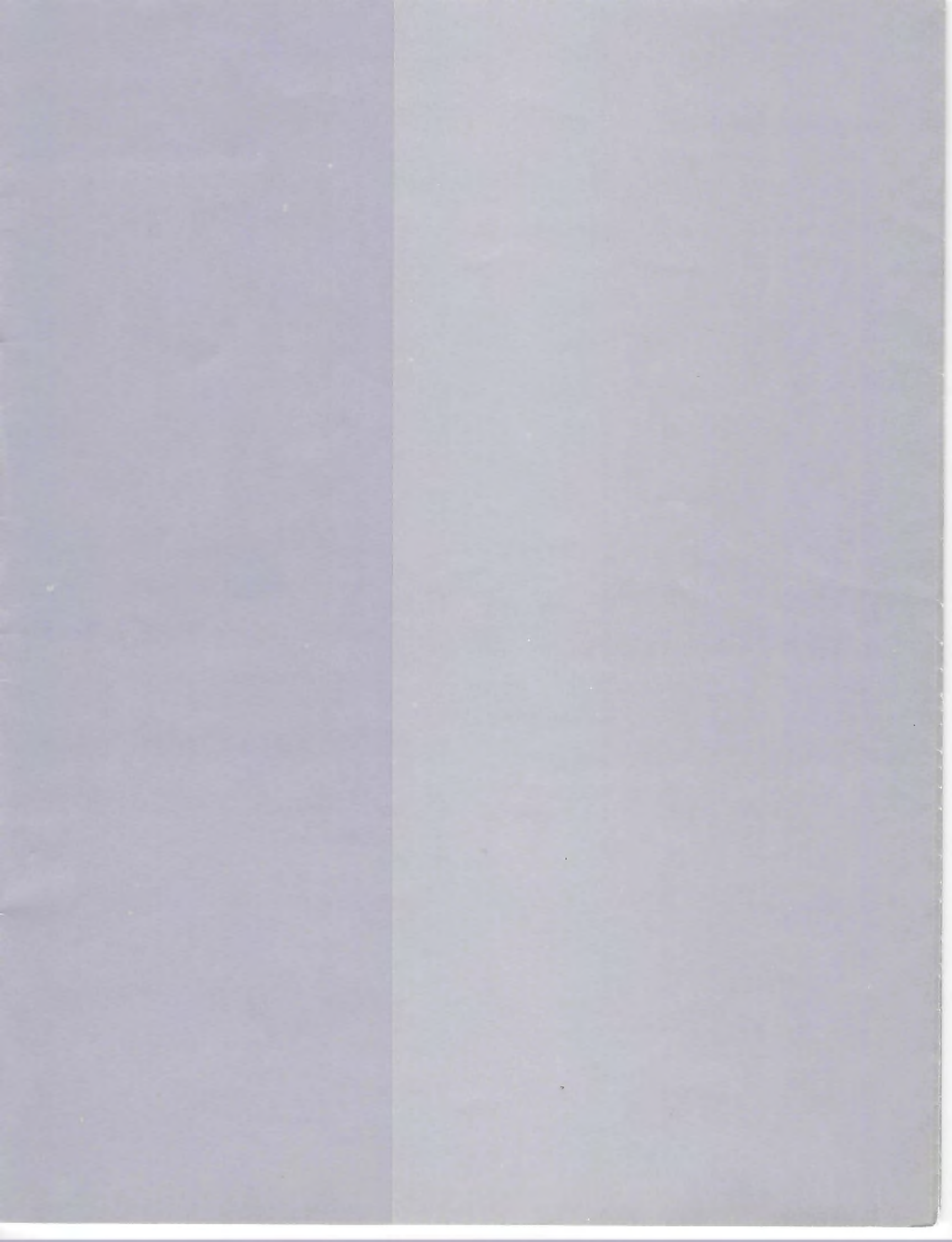
It is impossible to believe that these four Israeli soldiers vanished and that the Syrian authorities know nothing of their whereabouts or fate. Syria's refusal to take steps to solve this humanitarian problem, in total disregard of requests from various international organizations and leaders, as well as of its own undertakings, cannot but awaken the consciences of people all over the world.

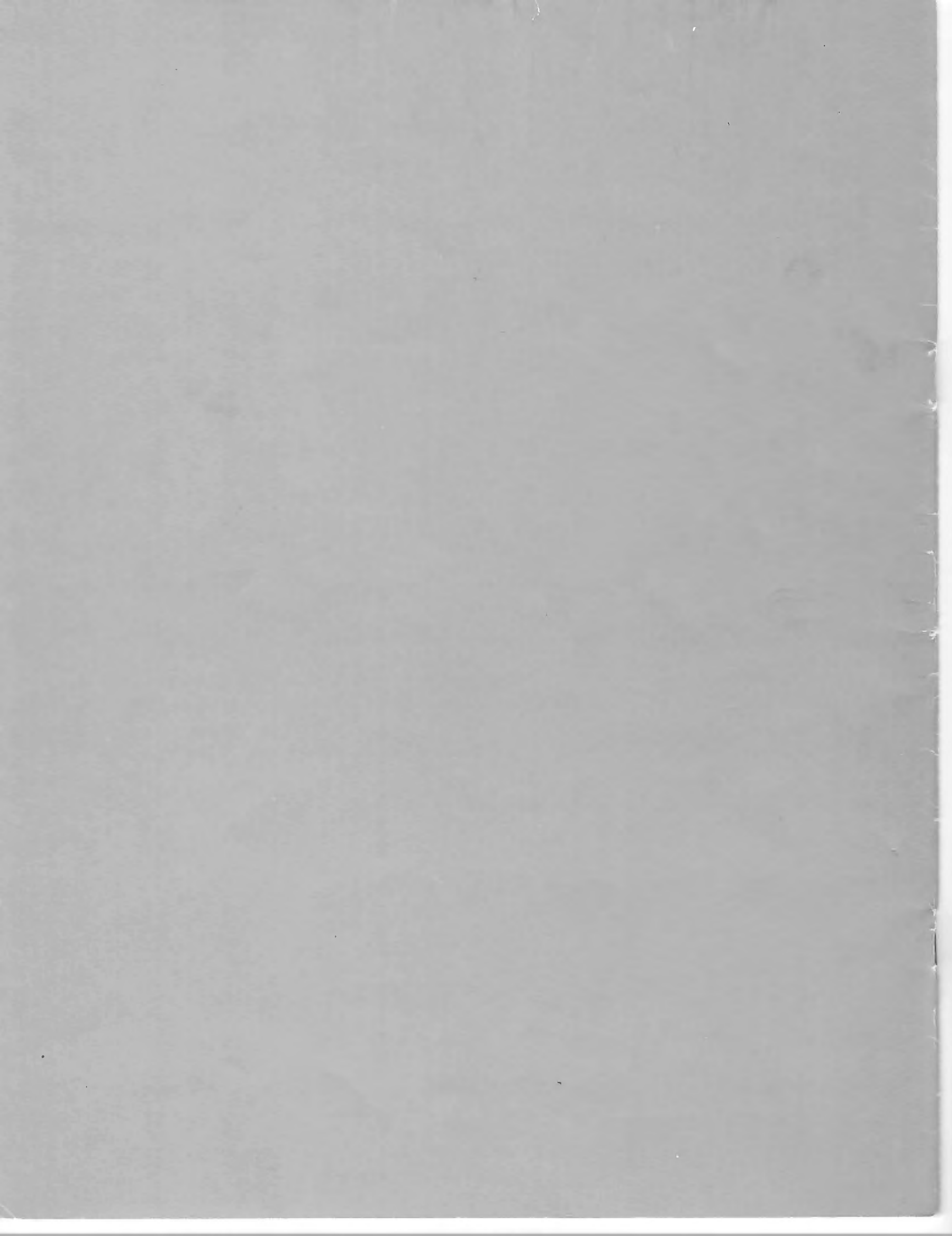
We expect public opinion all over the enlightened world to support our call for the implementation of basic human rights and freedoms.

We call upon you, who read these words, to join the desperate call of the missing soldiers' families. Return Our Sons!









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Dear Mr. Baker:

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Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Assistant to the President

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Dear Mr. Buchanan,

Perhaps you may recall my appearance on "Cross Fire" back in 1984. I was, at that time, Chairman of the "Populist Party" and had authored a book on the middle east conflict entitled "Theft of a Nation." We discussed (debated is more like it) Populism, Willie Carto, and the Palestinian question of a homeland among other items.

Since that program, I have carried out exactly what I told you and Mr. Braden, that is my resignation from the Populist Party when I found conclusive proof it was indeed a front for the old George Wallace American Independent Party as well as Carto and other un-American hate groups including the Klan, Posse Comitatus, etc. I have enclosed my resignation letter which was mailed to all the state chairmen and leaders. The reference to Nihilism is towards Carto and the other Nietzsche/Facist types.

My purpose in writing is to offer my services in regard to possible negotiations to gain release of the remaining hostages in ~~Beirut~~ (or elsewhere). At the end of April and first week of May of this year I was invited to meet with the Hizbollah leadership, first in the Bekka and then at Baalbek, finally in West Beirut. I met for several hours with the political leader, Hussein El-Amin, and the spiritual leader of Lebanese Hizbollah (and their commando wing, Islamic Jihad). Emam Mohamad Mahdi Shamseddine.

I asked them many questions about Lebanon, such as what they envisioned the new government will be under their control; how much influence will Kholmeni have, what about the Phalange, etc. Finally, I brought up the Americans. I tape recorded our conversations and the translations as well as took a few pictures to prove the meetings occurred. Now I am wondering if you and the President would like to try to gain the freedom of these men by quiet and very low key efforts?

*"All that is necessary for the forces of evil
to win the world is for good men
to do nothing."*

Among the contacts I have to the Jihad are General Mustafa Tlass, Defense Minister and Vice President of Syria, leading members of the Syrian government (cabinet ministers, speaker, etc) Through Tlass, I traveled to the Bekka and Baalbek for preliminary meetings with Hizbollah leaders. After these meetings I was invited to West Beirut. Tlass furnished armed convoy for me to travel to Lebanon, but the Hizbollah sent three of their own men to take me from Damascus to Beirut. (I have photos of them and our journey. By the way, I noticed on a recent news report of the TWA # 847 hijacking last year, all three of these men were on and near our plane, so they are indeed commando's of the Hizbollah/Islamic Jihad.

Before I take any other action, I would like to discuss this with you personally. As you know, it is dangerous for an American to be seen in Beirut. While waiting for my appointments in West Beirut armed men surrounded our land rover offering my guards \$30,000.00 for me, as they wanted their own American hostage. As I understand Arabic, I was rather nervous.

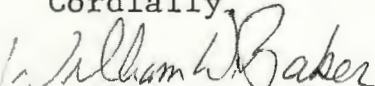
While in West Beirut, I did offer to exchange myself for one or all of the hostages but they rejected my offer. They did, however, respect me for making the offer and that, coupled with my book which they not only read but quoted from, seems to have opened an avenue of rapprochement with them. They in fact express concern for my safety in the U.S. from the JDL, etc. (You can hear all this on the cassette tapes)

I have been in touch with Peggy Say, sister of Terry Anderson one of the remaining hostages. I do believe there are some areas we can try, including a trip to Iran and possibly Libya, before returning to dialogue with the Hizbollah leadership. If we can set up an appointment, I will bring the tapes and photos and other materials (some given me by the Hizbollah), in hope of finding a way to bring these innocent men home. I will be at the address and telephone number on my letterhead after August 30th.

I do hope to hear from you as soon as possible. I have been contacted by ABC News and others who have "gotten wind" of my trip but I am granting no interviews or stories for the sake of the captives and their families, if there is a desire in Washington to make a private and low profile attempt to gain the freedom of our fellow Americans.

Thank you for your time and valued consideration of my request. I know you are contributing your political philosophy (Nicaragua) to U.S. policy, which is needed and necessary. I must say your insights and "up front" perspectives formerly dispensed to the public through your weekly columns and Cross Fire are sorely missed. (Bob Novak is good but not your 'replacement'.)

Cordially,


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Dear Populist Leader,

What follows represents but a small portion of the many reasons why I must now inform you of my resignation as National Chairman of the Populist Party.

(1) POLITICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL CONFLICTS

I have continually resisted the repeated attempts by so-called "founders" and executive board members to portray this party to the American people in terms more allied to socialism than the Constitutional Republic envisioned by the real "founders" including Thomas Jefferson. Current "leaders" desire even more government controls and interference in daily living, such as subsidies for railroads, farmers, etc. Such philosophy contradicts original Populism.

(2) OVERT RACISM AND DISCRIMINATORY ATTITUDES

After close association with many populist leaders in both the state chapters and executive committee, I have noted a sometimes covert but generally overt racist attitude, and the desire to promote "racial purity" and the shameful segregationist attitude of "white superiority". Racially degrading jokes and innuendos are common place. Sadly, such attitudes reveal the intellectual cripples and haters of the past including Fredrich Nietzsche and Will Durant and their insipid Nihilism. are still appealing to a pitiful few who have not yet discovered the positives of humanity at large.

In my many appearances on various talk shows I have been constantly confronted with substantiated evidence linking populist leaders/speakers with active participation in such un-American hate groups as the Ku Klux Klan, Aryan Nations (or Brotherhood), etc. I have found various State Chairmen and other "populists" exercising far too much influence in our party based upon their promotion of the old and totally baseless British Israelism, now called "Identity Church". This group merely reiterates the white superiority jargon while placing a face of "religion" on its exterior.

(3) FINANCIAL CHAOS AND IRRESPONSIBILITY

During my tenure as Chairman I have witnessed numerous and inexcusable expenditures by novice "political wizards" whose idea for attracting new members and obtaining ballot status is to squander one million dollars! I constantly objected to this waste but was "overruled" by party "founders" and hirelings who felt no remorse while flitting away monies entrusted to their care by party members.

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As a result, the Populist Party faces a deficit owing "Spotlight" nearly \$300,000. At the November executive committee meeting, all financial support for the National office was eliminated. Thus, with no office from which to work, no personnel or assistance, I was forced to "retire" thus permitting the "executive committee" and their cronies to "run" the party as they had fully intended to do from the beginning.

Legitimate expenses are one thing, but hotel suites for party candidates and various committee members, Lincoln Continental car rentals and duplicate and unnecessary air travel approved by "founder(s)" and others is quite non-populist but rather elitism at its best.

CONCLUSION

My decision to terminate has not been an easy one. I have grown to appreciate so many dedicated and selfless party members I have met across the country. I REMAIN COMMITTED TO AMERICA! I remain committed to the Constitution and the real Populist philosophy which I still believe can return America back to the American people.

I will not be surprised to be misquoted and even attacked by some within the party. If so, I promise you I will release a more detailed account of the issues I have related to you to both the press and news media as well as the general public. If any of you wish to know more of the specifics, please feel free to contact me for **YOU ARE THE PARTY!** I hope you will lay claim to your party and make it one which will attract the millions of disenchanting Americans looking for alternatives to the "Republicrats" and their strangle hold on our great nation.

I have not asked for nor received one penny from the party since January 1, 1985. I expressed my concerns of this letter with the executive committee in the November meeting held in Washington D.C. I asked for action to eliminate these many negative public images produced by the racists and haters, but to no avail. Thus, I know the American people will not only reject this party in its present form and its expressed philosophy, but they will indeed bury it in the murky basement of American political history which houses all the skeletons of the myriad of contrived alliances which have come and most surely gone over the past 200 years.

I had hoped the Populist Party would serve as a catalyst to bring about a genuine rehabilitation of the American political system. Unless changes, drastic changes are forced by you and fellow members upon all in leadership positions, the Populist Party will fade into obscurity and rightfully so.

William W. Baker, Chairman