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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: FEBRUARY 13, 1984

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE REVEREND JAMES A. JAMAIL

SUBJECT: SUPPORTS ACTION TAKEN TO SAVE THE PEOPLE OF
LEBANON

ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY (STAFF NAME)	ACTION		DISPOSITION	
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DATE 3/7/84

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

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

REFERENCE:

TO: President Reagan FROM: The Reverend James A. Jamail
DATE: 2/10/84 SUBJECT: Supports action taken to
save the people of Lebanon


WHITE HOUSE REFERRAL DATED: 2/23/84 NSC # 196646

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
- Other

REMARKS:

For 
Charles Hill
Executive Secretary



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

March 5, 1984

The Reverend James A. Jamail
Diocesan Director
Catholic Charities
3520 Montrose
Houston, Texas 77006

Dear Father Jamail:

Thank you for the telegram you sent to President Reagan. It was good of you to relay such a thoughtful message to the President, and we deeply appreciated your support for his efforts on behalf of Lebanon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Hughes".

John Hughes
Assistant Secretary
for Public Affairs and
Department Spokesman

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

REFERRAL

FEBRUARY 23, 1984

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 196646

MEDIA: TELEGRAM, DATED FEBRUARY 10, 1984

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: THE REVEREND JAMES A. JAMAIL
DIOCESAN DIRECTOR
CATHOLIC CHARITIES
3520 MONTROSE
HOUSTON TX 77006

SUBJECT: SUPPORTS ACTION TAKEN TO SAVE THE PEOPLE OF
LEBANON

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

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(OR DRAFT) TO:
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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pro: Pres. action - Lebanon

S. Reilly

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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

WITH A GREATFUL HEART I THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU'R DOING TO SAVE THE
PEOPLE OF LEBANON. THE CURRENT SITUATION, IN MY VIEW, WAS DIRECTLY
CAUSED BY THE RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP OF
THE HOUSE. AS AN AMERICAN OF LEBANESE DESCENT I THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU
HAVE DONE AND I BEG OF YOU TO DO WHATEVER IS POSSIBLE TO HELP SAVE
THE LIVES OF OUR CHRISTIAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS. YOU HAVE IN THE PAST
AND YOU CONINUE TO HAVE MY UNFLETCHING SUPPORT.

MONSIGNOR JAMES A JAMAIL DIOCESAN DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC CHARITTIES

3520 MONTROSE

HOUSTON TX 77006

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

ID# 196831

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: FEBRUARY 17, 1984

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MISS JOAN RICH

SUBJECT: URGES SUPPORT FOR EFFORTS IN THE UN SECURITY
COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH A UNITED NATION PEACE
KEEPING FORCE IN BEIRUT

ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY (STAFF NAME)	ACTION		DISPOSITION	
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S/S # 8405682

Date March 13, 1984

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

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WHITE HOUSE
SITUATION ROOM

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

REFERENCE:


TO: The President FROM: Joan Rich
DATE: February 16, 1984 SUBJECT: Urges Support for
Efforts to Establish a UN Peacekeeping Force in Beirut
WHITE HOUSE REFERRAL DATED: 2/24/84 NSC # 196831
(if any)

THE ATTACHED ITEM WAS SENT DIRECTLY
TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION TAKEN:

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

REMARKS:


Charles Hill
Executive Secretary



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

MAR 13 1984

Dear Ms. Rich:

I refer to your telegram of February 16 to President Reagan urging United States support for action in the United Nations Security Council to establish a United Nations peacekeeping force in Beirut. The proposal reflected in your telegram has been under careful review by the Administration, especially during the recent eventful weeks. I apologize for the delay in responding, but I am sure you will appreciate that the fast-moving developments in Lebanon and in the United Nations on the Lebanese problem made it difficult to reply meaningfully to your inquiry immediately.

On February 29, a French initiative in the UN Security Council aimed at deploying a UN force in the Beirut area upon the departure of the MNF was brought to a vote, after considerable negotiating among Council members about the exact terms of the draft resolution embodying this proposal. The French effort won the support of all members of the Council except the USSR and the Ukraine. The Soviets vetoed the initiative. Thus, for the time being at least, the Soviet Union has blocked the option of supplementing or replacing the remaining elements of the MNF with a UN peacekeeping operation. You may recall that the MNF was created in the first instance due to the inability of the UN to act.

We have always believed that the deployment of a UN force can only be accomplished if the situation in Beirut stabilizes sufficiently to permit progress in the political dialogue among the parties concerned. The UN Secretariat and the governments contributing to a UN force would certainly look for such progress before inserting their lightly armed peacekeepers into the volatile Lebanese scene. The French draft resolution, in mandating the Secretary General to constitute a force for Beirut without delay, wisely left the time of deployment open.

Ms. Joan Rich
International Relations Chair,
League of Women Voters of the United States,
1730 M Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20036.

Concerning the U.S. MNF personnel now deployed on U.S. Navy vessels off the Lebanese coast, I must emphasize that we have not considered the MNF to be a permanent or long-term force. We would welcome its replacement by a UN peacekeeping presence at the appropriate time, as the French initiative provided.

I hope that these comments help to clarify our policy concerning a United Nations peacekeeping force for Beirut.

Sincerely yours,

(S)
Roger Kirk
Acting Assistant Secretary
Bureau of International
Organization Affairs

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

REFERRAL

FEBRUARY 24, 1984

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 196831

MEDIA: TELEGRAM, DATED FEBRUARY 16, 1984

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MISS JOAN RICH
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CHAIR
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE
UNITED STATES
1730 M STREET, NW
WASHINGTON DC 20036SUBJECT: URGES SUPPORT FOR EFFORTS IN THE UN SECURITY
COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH A UNITED NATION PEACE
KEEPING FORCE IN BEIRUTPROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
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DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN RPT DLY MGM

WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON DC

MR PRESIDENT: THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS URGES YOU TO SUPPORT EFFORTS IN THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH A UNITED NATION PEACE-KEEPING FORCE IN BEIRUT. THE IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE OF SUCH A FORCE SHOULD BE TO MONITOR COMPLIANCE WITH A CEASE FIRE AGREEMENT. IT

SHOULD BE COMPOSED OF TROOPS FROM NATIONS NEUTRAL TO THE CONFLICT, AGREEABLE TO THE PARTIES INVOLVED AND ANSWERABLE TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL. ITS MANDATE SHOULD BE LIMITED IN DURATION AND SUBJECT TO RENEWAL AFTER AN AGREED PERIOD. ADHERANCE TO SUCH CRITERIA HAVE HELPED TO FOSTER THE U.N.'S IMPARTIALITY IN PREVIOUS INSTANCES AND CAN HELP TO REDUCE TENSIONS IN THIS TROUBLESPOT. WE URGE YOU TO TAKE POSITIVE ACTION THAT WOULD LEAD TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A U.N. PEACE-KEEPING FORCE IN BEIRUT

JOAN RICH
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CHAIR
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE UNITED STATES
1730 M ST NORTHWEST
WASHINGTON DC 20036

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MARCH 01, 1984

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE GLEN S. DEWEESE

SUBJECT: FORWARDS CHURCH BULLETIN FROM FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH, MERIDIAN, MISSISSPPI, NOTING AN
ARTICLE ABOUT LEBANON WRITTEN 24 YEARS AGO

ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY (STAFF NAME)	ACTION ACT CODE	DATE YY/MM/DD	DISPOSITION TYPE RESP	C COMPLETED D YY/MM/DD
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 14, 1984

Dear Senator Deweese:

On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for your recent letter regarding the article about Lebanon which was written by the Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Henderson 24 years ago.

Thank you for bringing this article to our attention. I have forwarded your letter to the National Security Council for their benefit.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



Lee L. Verstandig
Assistant to the President
for Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable Glen S. Deweese
Lauderdale County
Post Office Box 5338
Meridan, Mississippi 39301

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Lee Westland
R. Gleason



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SENATOR GLEN S. DEWEESE
 33rd District
 Lauderdale County
 P. O. Box 5338, Meridian 39301

Member
 Budget Commission
 Medicaid Commission

February 27, 1984

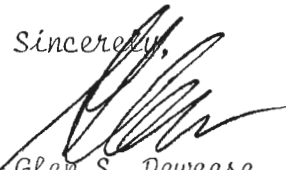
President Ronald Reagan
 White House Office
 Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the The Messenger (weekly bulletin from First Baptist Church, Meridian, Mississippi). You will find on the second page an article entitled "From the Pastor's Pen" written about Lebanon 24 years ago, that I think you will find extremely interesting and especially the last paragraph.

I just thought you would find this article interesting and at the same time assure you that not everyone disagreed with your decision. Let me thank you for the good job you're doing, extend my best wishes and may God be with you in your decisions in the future.

My own most personal regards.

Sincerely,

 Glen S. Deweese

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: Patrick Z. Russell

IA Mail Report User Codes: (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

SUBJECT: The U.S. must take immediate action to assist the Lebanese Christians

| ROUTE TO: | ACTION | DISPOSITION | | | |
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8408611

Date April 6, 1984

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

Reference:

To: President Reagan From: Mr. Patrick E. Russell
Date: 2/24/84 Subject: Assisting Lebanese Christians

WH Referral Dated: 3/22/84 NSC ID# 197503
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Department of State.

Action Taken:

- _____ A draft reply is attached.
- _____ A draft reply will be forwarded.
- _____ A translation is attached.
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- _____ We believe no response is necessary for the reason
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- _____ The Department of State has no objection to the
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- _____ Other.

Remarks:

Margery Dunbar
Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

APR 6 1984

Mr. Patrick E. Russell
Councilman
409 Fifth Street, North West
Pacific, Washington 98047

Dear Mr. Russell,

Thank you very much for your recent letter to President Reagan regarding the presence of Syrian forces on Lebanese territory as well as the situation of Christians in Lebanon.

We share your concern over the continuing presence of some 50,000 Syrian troops in Lebanon. A principal objective of United States policy in Lebanon remains the withdrawal of these and other foreign forces, including those of Israel, Iran and Libya as well as Palestinians. Editorials in the American press have in fact, protested the continuing occupation of Lebanon by foreign forces and the issue has also been repeatedly addressed in the United Nations. Nevertheless, we share your dismay that media attention has often appeared to focus more on the presence of the U.S. and other Multinational Forces in Lebanon who were there at the continuing request of the Lebanese government. Undoubtedly, the tragic casualties our forces suffered heightened this press attention, which has diminished since our Marines were deployed offshore.

Regarding the specific situation of Christians in Lebanon, it is misleading to describe them as "totally surrounded" by Moslems. Lebanon is a mosaic of religious beliefs and there are a variety of Christian and Muslim denominations, many of whom live interspersed throughout Lebanon. Religion per se plays only a small part in the present complex Lebanese conflict. Not all Christians, for example, have fought on the same side. In this regard, you should be aware that Mr. Alfred Mady is a member of a particular political party in Lebanon and expresses that party's views. He does not speak for all Christians. Unfortunately, innocent civilians, both Christian and Muslim, have died in the continuing strife in Lebanon. We continue our diplomatic efforts to help end this tragic bloodshed and to ensure that Lebanese of all faiths live in peace and security.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Neil H. Campbell".

Neil H. Campbell
Acting Director
Intergovernmental Affairs
Office of Legislative and
Intergovernmental Affairs

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

REFERRAL

MARCH 22, 1984

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:
APPROPRIATE ACTION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 197503

MEDIA: LETTER

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. PATRICK E. RUSSELL
409 - 5TH NW
PACIFIC WA 98047

SUBJECT: THE U. S. MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO
ASSIST THE LEBANESE CHRISTIANS

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
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SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 14, 1984

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*Lyne -
Suzanne*

Dear Mr. Russell:

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

I have forwarded a copy of your letter to the appropriate officials at the Department of State for their consideration and direct reply. You should be hearing from them shortly.

I sincerely appreciate your bringing your concerns to the attention of the Administration. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Lee L. Verstandig
Assistant to the President
for Intergovernmental Affairs

Mr. Patrick Russell
Councilmember
409 - Fifth, N.W.
Pacific, Washington 98047

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

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Dear Mr. President,

*See Vinton
C.A. Howlett*
I am just an ordinary City Councilman citizen, & registered voter. However, I feel it is urgent that this great nation of ours take immediate action to assist the hebanese Christians.

According to a "700 Club" Televised interview with Mr. Alfred Mady, the Moslems have totally surrounded them (hebanese Christians). There are some 72,000 Syrian invaders in hebanon. Why hasn't the United Nations **STRONGLY PROTESTED?**

Why hasn't the American Press protested? I have not seen one single editorial protesting Syrian presence in hebanon, yet have seen hundreds of protest articles on Marine presence there. I no longer trust the American Press or media news. My confidence is in you though Mr. President. I appreciate your strong stand on Democracy, including Prayer Amendment, your position on abortion, and a strong defence. You've got my vote.
Please, raise your voice for the trapped and beleaguered hebanese Christians.

Yours for a strong America

Patrick E. Russell
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WASHINGTON

4/9/84

MEMORANDUM TO: DICK DARMAN

FROM: JIM BAKER

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The attached notes were written by the President. He would like to have them incorporated in some future speech, so could you please pass them along to the speechwriters for their information.

JAB




copy Typed Copy Lebanon Information
written by the President

cc: Elliott



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON





TO: James Baker

FROM: KATHY OSBORNE
Personal Secretary
to the President

DATE: 4-9-84

Attached is typed copy of
Lebanon information which
RR hand wrote -- per your
request this morning. RR
has original typed copy.



After a year and a half duty in Beirut, our Marines are coming home from Lebanon. They have known frustration and the pain of seeing friends and comrades die even though their mission was not intended to be one of combat.

They can't help but wonder if those friends died in vain and whether any of them were serving a useful purpose. There are those among us who, for their own reasons, are eager to answer in the affirmative; to add to the sorrow of widows, parents and children, and the pain of these men who are coming home.

These returning Marines deserve better. In the first place they lived up to the finest tradition of the Corps every moment they were there. They added lustre, not tarnish, to their motto, "Semper Fidelis." The goal we sought in that troubled place was worthy of their best and they gave their best. They were no part of our failure to achieve that goal. In the end, hatreds centuries old were too much for all of us.

Let me, if I can, cut through the noisy rhetoric and explain the purpose of their mission. For as long as Israel has been a nation there has been a state of war between Israel and the Arab states. The Camp David accords and the statesmanship of Egypt's Anwar Sadat brought peace between Israel and Egypt. In the spirit of Camp David and U.N. Resolution 242, I proposed that the United States seek to bring about negotiations between Israel and other moderate Arab states to settle disputes and bring a general peace to the Middle East.

We were hardly underway with this plan when Lebanon caught fire. Lebanon, a nation created after WW II, had become the window on the Middle East, but in 1975 factionalism led to fighting

between the various ethnic and religious groups in the country. Added to this was a sizeable armed force under the P.L.O. which conducted terrorist operations from Lebanon against Israel.

Finally, Israel crossed the border into Lebanon to put an end to these attacks. The original purpose was to set up a defensive line some 25 miles inside Lebanon. Ultimately the P.L.O. forces retreated right into the heart of Beirut and a war was being fought there in the streets of the city. Civilian casualties were in the thousands.

Facing defeat the P.L.O. were afraid to surrender and an appeal was made for outside forces to oversee their total withdrawal from Lebanon. We, the Italians, French and subsequently the United Kingdom sent in a multi-national force and some 13,000 P.L.O. were put aboard ships and sent to a number of nations that had agreed to take them.

Shortly after that the newly chosen President of Lebanon was assassinated. His brother, the present President Amin Gemayel was elected by the Parliament to succeed him.

This brings us to the reason for the multi-national force. Syria had large forces -- eventually more than 50,000 men in Lebanon because of Israel's presence there. Israel and Syria had been at war 5 times. Each made statements that they would withdraw if the other did.

Put very simply we and our allies, the French, Italians and British agreed to help maintain order and stability in Beirut while the new government established itself. We provided, in addition to the Marines, an army training unit to help Lebanon have a capable military force. We also equipped that force with the

most modern weapons and equipment even including uniforms.

The plan was that as Israel and Syria withdrew, the Lebanese Army would move into the areas they had occupied to deal with the various militias that were warring among themselves. The multinational force would remain in Beirut keeping order. And they were doing this effectively. Our Marines drew the International Airport as part of their sector. It is Lebanon's doorway to the world, the only airport in Lebanon. It had been closed down because of the fighting. It re-opened under our Marine's protection.

It is almost impossible for us to imagine the savagery to which the people of Beirut had been subjected and what a change was made by our presence. A young woman sent me a letter her sweetheart had smuggled out with someone leaving Beirut. He told her of the terror and hardship when the fighting had been going on -- 17 days straight living in the cellar. Then he told of the difference our Marines had made. He added, without them there would have been a massacre of all the Christians in Beirut.

A woman wrote a letter to me that her daughter had only been able to go to school 2 out of the previous 8 years. She then wrote that because of our Marines her daughter could at last live a normal life.

During all this we were busy on the diplomatic front trying to persuade the dissident factions and the government of Lebanon to put together a broad based government giving the dissidents a voice. Ambassador Phil Habib was shuttling from Tel Aviv to Damascus to Beirut. When he had served above and beyond human endurance, Robert McFarlane took his place and recently Don Rumsfeld has taken the duty.

The Israelis began a phased withdrawal as they had promised and signed a peace agreement with Lebanon. Syria reneged on it's premise rejecting President Gemayel's request that they leave and denouncing the accord with Israel. Syria has made it plain they have territorial ambitions, something called a "greater Syria" encompassing Lebanon and, yes, Jordan and Israel. In the meantime they linked up with the dissident Lebanese militias and brought back radical P.L.O. forces. Syrian artillery as a visible threat was positioned within range of Beirut.

The multi-national force had been performing it's duty for the better part of a year and this was not to Syria's liking. Late last summer our allied force became the target. An Italian patrol suffered a grenade ambush. Then a car bomb was driven into our embassy taking a great many lives. Sniping at our Marines at the airport began taking a toll finally culminating in the tragic suicide bombing of our Marines with the terrible toll of 260 lives. A similar attack destroyed the French headquarters with a great loss of life.

Our men were told to fire when fired upon and they did so although numerous times when the fire came from civilian populated areas they restrained themselves rather than risk harm to innocent people.

The Lebanese government which would not exist had we not been there, cancelled the agreement with Israel under pressure from Syria. It is now meeting with and seeking a consensus with the dissident factions. We are willing to help diplomatically if we can but the purpose served by our military presence no longer exists. So we and our allies have disbanded the multi-national force.

We are going to try and get the original peace plan for the Middle East in motion. No, we didn't reach the goal we sought in

Lebanon but at least they are talking to each other for whatever it's worth and even that would not be taking place if we hadn't been there.

Yes, our Marines are coming home -- but only because they did all that could be done.

Semper Fi and God bless them.

JV

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Subject: Recommend that you consider personally meeting with the Shiite religious leader Sheik Shams ad-Din here at the White House. State that this recommendation is based on the fact that Bud McFarlane supports such a visit, as do Senators Baker, Percy, Hatch and Boschwitz

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February 15, 1984

Dear Senator Hatch:

Thank you for the February 8 letter which you cosigned with five of your colleagues on the Senate Steering Committee recommending that the President consider receiving Sheik Shams ad-Din here at the White House.

We appreciate receiving your comments on the effects of such a visit, and have asked the appropriate advisers to promptly review your recommendation. In the interim, let me assure you that your thoughts have been brought to the President's attention, and are being carefully evaluated.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

M. B. Oglesby, Jr.
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Orrin Hatch
Senate Steering Committee
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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cc: w/copy of inc to NSC Secretariat - for DIRECT response

Hatch to all signees

senate steering committee

February 8, 1984

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed are the recommendations of the Embassy in Beirut about an invitation to the Shiite religious leader Sheik Shams ad-Din. A recent letter from your national security adviser Bud McFarlane supports this visit by the Sheik. Bud McFarlane also agreed to meet with the Sheik himself. Moreover, staff aides to Senators Hatch, Percy, Boschwitz, and Howard Baker met with the Sheik in Beirut two months ago. These Senators have also indicated a desire to meet with the Sheik during his visit to Washington.

Therefore, we recommend that you consider personally receiving the Sheik at the White House. If you decide to do so, we believe such a visit could have a positive effect in Lebanon.

Respectfully yours,

Steve Hatch
James A. McClure
Jesse Helms
W. R. White
Steve Symms
Frederick Denton

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SUBJECT: FY-84 INTERNATIONAL VISITORS PROGRAM:
THIRD PARTY SUGGESTION

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1. POST IS MOST APPRECIATIVE OF SENATOR HATCH'S RECOMMENDATION THAT SHEIKH SHAMS AD-DIN BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERNATIONAL VISITORS' PROGRAM. WE ARE FOLLOWING-UP ON THE RECOMMENDATION AND INTEND TO EXTEND THE INVITATION FOR A PROGRAM TO BE ARRANGED AT THE MOST APPROPRIATE TIME FOR SHEIKH SHAMS AD-DIN. AMBASSADOR BARTHOLOMEW IS GIVING THE MATTER HIS PERSONAL ATTENTION.

2. SHEIKH SHAMS AD-DIN IS CURRENTLY IN INDIA AND IS NOT EXPECTED BACK IN BEIRUT FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER WEEK. IN THE MEANTIME, WE HAVE CONTACTED HIS CLOSE ASSOCIATE, MR. HUSSEIN AL-HUSSEINI, A PARLIAMENTARY DEPUTY (AND FORMER IV GRANTEE) TO DISCUSS FUTURE SCHEDULING. MR. AL-HUSSEINI HAS TOLD US THAT SHEIKH SHAMS AD-DIN IS FLEXIBLE CONCERNING THE TIMING OF ANY VISIT ALTHOUGH CURRENT TENSE POLITICAL SITUATION PRECLUDED A TRIP IN THE NEAR FUTURE. MR. AL-HUSSEINI STRESSED THAT THE SHEIKH PREFERRED NOT TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES WITHOUT A COMMITMENT THAT HE COULD MEET WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN.

3. WE NOTE THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN HAS MET WITH LEBANESE RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN THE PAST, INCLUDING MARONITE PATRIARCH CARDINAL KHURAYSH AND ARMENIAN CATHOLICOS KEREKIN II. PERHAPS IDEA OF THE PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH SHEIKH SHAMS AD-DIN COULD BE EXPLORED IN THIS CONTEXT.

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From: WH-PA (EOP041) Posted: Wed 8-Feb-84 14:53
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Subject: WHITE HOUSE TALKING POINTS -- LEBANON -- 2/8/84
Acknowledgment Sent

WHAT FOLLOWS IS THE WHITE HOUSE GUIDANCE FOR FEBRUARY 8, 1984 ON THE LEBANON SITUATION. PLEASE DISSEMINATE TO PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICERS AND SPOKESMEN.

WHITE HOUSE TALKING POINTS

FEBRUARY 8, 1984

LEBANON

- o After long and hard deliberation, President Reagan decided on several measures that we believe will help the Lebanese Government meet its challenges, while at the same time improving our ability to influence the situation in Lebanon in a positive manner. These were announced yesterday.
- o After consultation with President Gemayel, the President decided to reorient U.S. political and military resources in Lebanon, so that these resources are focused sharply on the essential tasks before us.
- o It is clear to us that the GOL faces three significant challenges:
 - The threat of hostile artillery from Syrian-controlled areas;
 - The need to improve GOL capability to deal with factional conflict and control terrorism; and
 - The need to move quickly to reconciliation to restore the confidence of the army.
- o The United States will continue to press the Lebanese Government and the opposition alike to move toward national reconciliation. At the same time, we will deploy our military resources in a way that can best help the Lebanese, without signalling a lessening in our resolve.

- o We decided, after considerable study and at President Gemayel's request, that our military efforts will be reoriented toward a more functional role. This will include:
 - intensified training for the Lebanese Army;
 - providing a special new unit for counter-terrorism training;
 - increase of our exchange of intelligence information; and
 - increasing the supply of military equipment to the Lebanese Army.

- o There was considerably less fighting yesterday in Beirut than on February 6. West Beirut was relatively calm.

- o Syrian and Syrian-controlled artillery, however, remains a threat to the Beirut area. There are currently 57,000 Syrian troops in Lebanese territory. Therefore, to enhance the safety of MNF personnel, authority has been given to U.S. naval forces offshore to provide naval gunfire and air support against any units in Syrian-controlled territory firing into the greater Beirut area, as well as against any unit conducting a hostile attack directly on MNF or U.S. personnel and facilities. An example of the use of this authority came today, when the Battleship USS NEW JERSEY fired its 16 inch guns at Syrian-controlled artillery outside Beirut, after artillery fired into East Beirut, including rounds that impacted at the U.S. Ambassador's residence.

- o For the same purpose, we will continue to use U.S. Army trainers, naval and air assets in support of the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF), when in the judgment of the U.S. ground commander, LAF positions controlling strategic arteries to Beirut are in danger of being overrun by hostile forces.

- o The President has decided that the large contingent of Marines dug in at Beirut Airport is no longer the most appropriate way of maintaining Multinational Force (MNF) presence there. They have become a target, and their larger number is no longer necessary to fulfill what will become a training/presence mission.

- o The President has requested from the Secretary of Defense a phased reduction of the Marines at the airport. They will be deployed instead on the ships offshore.

- o The drawdown of the current Marine presence at Beirut airport will take place in phases based on an assessment of the situation. The first phase might redeploy something like 500 men from Beirut airport back to the amphibious ships within a month, with the remainder to be redeployed gradually.
- o This redeployment will probably be complete between late spring and early summer. (NOTE: media reports of 250 Marines being moved to ships yesterday refer to temporary redeployment decision by the Marine Commander in Beirut. Marines are moved to and from ships on a routine basis depending on local circumstances. This movement was not part of the permanent redeployment plan.) There are currently about 1800 U.S. military in Beirut, about 1600 of whom are stationed at the airport.
- o We expect the bulk of the redeployment operation to proceed in an orderly manner over the coming months. Congressional support of the LAF enhancement progress is critical to this effort.
- o Marines on board the ships will remain off the Lebanese coast as a mobile reserve. Units will also remain at the British Embassy and at other U.S. diplomatic buildings to protect our personnel there.
- o We have been carefully examining these modifications for some weeks. The recent outbreak of violence, far from deterring us, only reaffirms the importance of actions we are taking. These modification in the deployment of our forces in the MNF will lead most importantly to an enhanced LAF capability, and will also decrease exposure to our MNF personnel. Our plan will substantially improve the LAF's prospects of controlling Beirut and ultimately extending the GOL's authority throughout the country.
- o We have informed our MNF partners, the Israelis, the Saudis and other governments of our new deployment plan. We have advised the Syrians also, to ensure there is no miscalculation or misunderstanding of our determination to seek a stable and peaceful Lebanon.

PLEASE DELIVER THIS TO YOUR PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER ASAP --
THEY ARE AWAITING IT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT MIKE BAROODY --
456-7170.

THANK YOU.

The breakdown of the current Marine presence at Beirut airport will take place in phases based on an assessment of the situation. The first phase might involve redeploying some 500 new Lebanese troops back to the airport within a month, with the remainder to be redeployed gradually.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT MIKE BARCOO --
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THANK YOU