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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

October 2, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RAMONA SMITH

FROM: ROBERT SCHWEITZER *RLS*
RAYMOND TANTER *RT*

SUBJECT: American Lebanese League
Monday, October 5, 1981
1:30 to 3:00 p.m.
The Family Theater

This is to confirm that Robert Schweitzer and Raymond Tanter will brief 65 members of the American Lebanese League, headed by Jack Basil, on Monday, October 5 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. in the White House Family Theater. A public address system is requested.

If you need more information, please contact Natalie Wozniak at x3491.

Thank you.



American Lebanese League

30 September 1981

Dear General,

Thank you for taking time from a busy schedule to chat briefly this afternoon. (I know AWACS is taking its "toll" in time, effort, etc.)

Enclosed are copy of the letter to Mr. Allen and a draft schedule.

(Letter and mailgram were sent to the Vice President and Secretary Haig, also.)

I am particularly appreciative of your willingness to see the ALC and

Latin delegation's next week. Although NSE
is on the schedule tentatively for Monday,
5 October, you name the date, time and
place, as I said, and we will be there.

Bob and I send our warmest
regards.

Sincerely,

Jack Basil

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LEBANESE WESTERN HEMISPHERE CONGRESS

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September 24, 1981

Honorable Richard V. Allen
Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs
White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Allen:

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Looking forward to a favorable reply and with every good wish, we are

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Elias T. Saadi, M.D.
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S-B:jhf

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COUNTRY: VENEZUELA

1. MR. FARID MATTAR (DR. SAADI CALLED TO RESERVE THREE ROOMS FOR MATTAR AND HIS FIVE OTHER PEOPLE FROM VENEZUELA)

Following willing to stand:

JACK BASIL Deputy Chairman ALL

Robert BASIL - Chairman ALL

AMB EDMOND (Khayat)) Leb Amb
to Argentina

Msqr. Elias L-HAYEK

DR George Nicholas Secy-Am
Lebanese League (ALL)

Ray Tanter Talking Points

- U.S. goals in Lebanon:
 - Maintain ceasefire
 - Promote National reconciliation
 - Expand authority of Central Government
 - Reduce foreign presence
 - Encourage regional states to carry out these goals rather than for the U.S. to be the initiator itself.
 - To see that Lebanon is a thriving free and pro-Western democracy as it once was.

- The Administration is for peace for all of Lebanon not just the South and the Administration is proud to be a party to the cessation of hostilities in the South and has not lost sight of the need for a political settlement for all of Lebanon.

- has
 - U.S./historical relationship with the democratic and pro-Western Lebanon.

- is
 - U.S. commitment/to the freedom, sovereignty and integrity of Lebanon (including the preservation of a free and secure Christian community).

- U.S. supports free and open national elections -- free from outside interference (Syria).

- Lebanese authority should be strong so that it can control terrorism and violence by outside parties.

Lebanon

RT NSC file



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

OCTOBER 2 - 1981

Dear Mr. Findley:

I am writing in response to your letter of August 3 in which you inquired whether we had determined a violation of the 1952 U.S.-Israeli Mutual Defense Assistance Agreement occurred when U.S.-supplied aircraft were used to shoot down two Syrian helicopters in Lebanon. You also inquired about whether a report on the bombing of Palestinian targets in Beirut by Israeli aircraft will be sent to Congress.

The provisions of the Arms Export Control Act require that the President must report to the Congress if a substantial violation of the 1952 Agreement may have occurred as a result of using U.S.-supplied equipment in the raid. As I indicated in my letter of August 7 to you, the Act does not require any further action of the President in making a determination as to whether a violation occurred. More specifically, Section (3) (A) of the Act states that a country shall be deemed to be ineligible under subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) or both subparagraphs (A) and (B) of such paragraph in the case of a violation described in both such paragraphs, if the President so determines and so reports in writing to the Congress, or if the Congress so determines by a joint resolution.


As you know, following the June 7 Israeli air attack on the Iraqi reactor, the President suspended the scheduled delivery of four F-15 aircraft to Israel pending further study of the Israeli action in Beirut. During the visit of Prime Minister Begin September 9-11 extensive discussions on Lebanon were held. We emphasized throughout that the July 24 ceasefire must be preserved and strengthened. We stressed to the Israelis our belief that the Bayt ad Din Committee was making progress and that it was in the interest of all concerned to support the committee's efforts. The Israelis agreed that it was imperative that work proceed simultaneously on improving the situation in the south and addressing the more general problem of national reconciliation.

The Honorable
Paul Findley,
House of Representatives.

Under these compelling circumstances, we have refrained from making a formal report under Section 3(c) of the Act, and we believe the Act allows us sufficient flexibility in this regard. Nonetheless, to satisfy the purpose of the Act, we have throughout this period kept the appropriate Congressional committees fully informed on these events and on U.S. efforts to contribute to a peaceful resolution of the conflict.

I hope this information will answer the questions raised in your August 3 letter and your cable of July 22 to the President. The Department will continue to examine all aspects of use of U.S.-supplied weaponry in Lebanon and will keep the Congress fully informed in the event of any further developments.

Yours sincerely,


Richard Fairbanks
Assistant Secretary for
Congressional Relations



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MAILGRAM TO VP BUSH, 9/28/81

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AS IN OUR LETTER TO YOU OF SEPTEMBER 24 (OR 25), WE REQUEST AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH YOU TO DISCUSS THE VITALLY IMPORTANT QUESTION OF LEBANESE SECURITY AND STABILITY AND THEIR IMPACT ON ADMINISTRATION POLICY IN THE REGION.

WITH EVERY GOOD WISH, WE ARE

SINCERELY,

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SPECIAL ANALYSIS

SYRIA-LEBANON: Assad's Strategy

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President Assad appears increasingly concerned that the Arab Conciliation Committee on Lebanon will urge him to support a solution of the crisis there that will commit Syria to a phased withdrawal of its troops. He will oppose any plan that threatens Damascus's preeminent political influence in Lebanon. At a minimum, he will maintain Syria's military presence in the Bekaa Valley. [Redacted]

Assad probably believes that a controlled level of tension in Lebanon will enable him to maintain Syrian leverage there and force the US and other Arabs to take Syria's interests into account. He knows that the Lebanese Government will continue to rely on Syrian forces to intervene in the fighting among the heavily armed factions in Lebanon. [Redacted]

To strengthen Syria's hand in Lebanon, including its leverage over the PLO, Damascus has created a new militia--the Arab Cavalier Force--backed by Assad's brother Rifaat and led by officers from Rifaat's elite Defense Companies. The group recently clashed with Palestinian-supported Muslim factions in Tripoli. It may be used soon to intimidate Palestinian and Lebanese Muslim factions in Beirut into cooperating more closely with the Syrians. [Redacted]

Strains With Palestinians and Christians

Syrian relations with PLO leader Arafat are again strained. The Syrians lost credibility in Palestinian eyes by not responding with military force to Israeli strikes against Palestinian positions in Lebanon last month. [Redacted]

The Syrians in turn are unhappy with Arafat for accepting a cease-fire without consulting them. Assad [Redacted] has closed 10 of Arafat's Fatah offices in Syria, has assigned additional Syrian military officers to the pro-Syrian Saiqa Palestinian faction, and has encouraged smaller Palestinian groups to oppose any decisions on the Palestinian question in which Syria does not have a voice. [Redacted]

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Damascus also is keeping the pressure on the Christian Phalange Party. The Syrians apparently have demanded that the declaration last month committing the Phalange to sever any ties with Israel be upheld by monitoring the Lebanese coastline for Israeli arms shipments. In addition, they demanded that the Phalange turn over its Israeli-supplied arms to Lebanese authorities. Phalange radiobroadcasts claim the Syrians are instigating clashes in northern Lebanon to reduce Phalange influence there.

Strategic Considerations

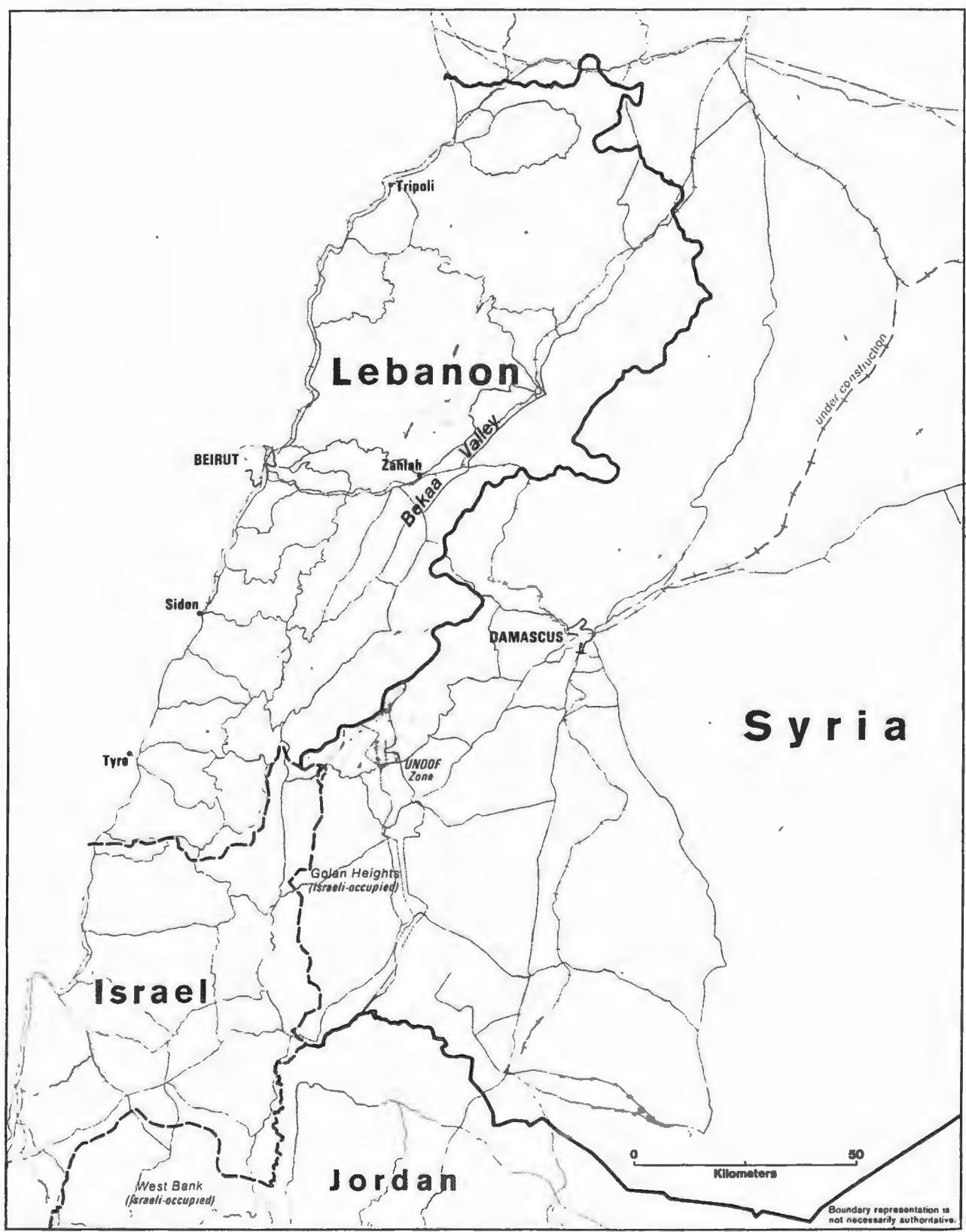
Lebanon is militarily important to the Syrians, who believe that control of the Bekaa Valley is necessary to guard against an Israeli flanking attack on Damascus from the west. The Syrian military presence in Lebanon also gives Assad the means to rein in Arafat and to keep him from negotiating without Syrian approval. Assad knows that he must retain special influence over the Palestinians because they constitute his principal leverage in any future negotiations for a peace settlement and the return of the Golan Heights.

Syrian influence in Beirut also helps to reduce the possibility that Lebanon might reach an unacceptable agreement with Israel directly. Periodic low-level clashes with Israeli forces in Lebanon, moreover, enable Assad to strengthen his credentials as the major Arab state confronting Israel while minimizing the risk to the Syrian-Israeli disengagement agreement on the Golan.

Assad remains suspicious of US intentions in the region and will oppose any initiative on Lebanon unless Syria has been consulted in advance. He probably is concerned about press speculation that a settlement of the Lebanese problem could provide an opening for a new initiative on the Palestinian question. Despite his wariness of the US, Assad wants to be included in any new negotiations and would like the US to come to him with alternatives for a comprehensive peace.

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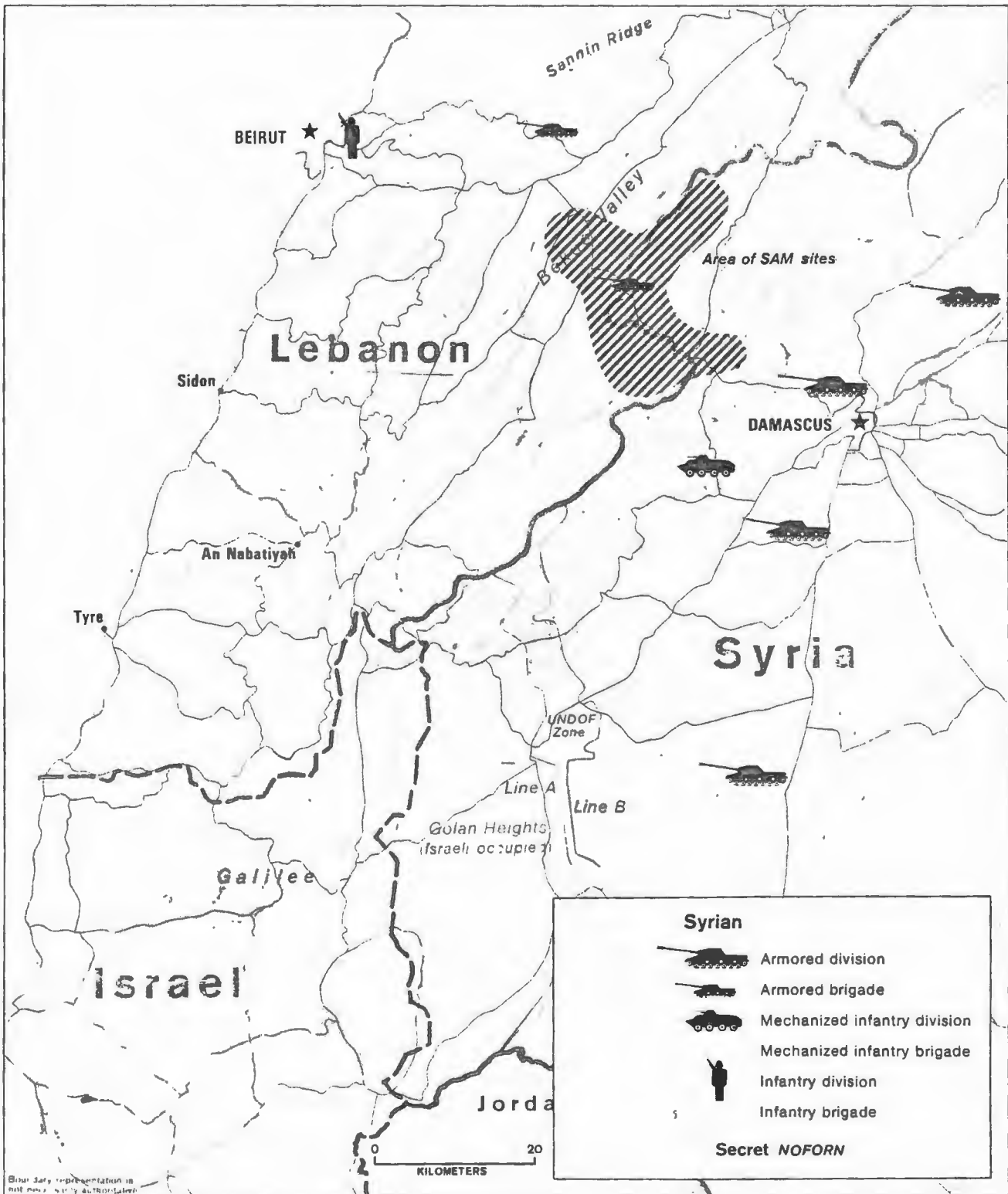
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 28, 1981

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American Lebanese League

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September 15, 1981

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Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of all American Lebanese and all Americans concerned with the tragic situation in Lebanon, I would like to express our deepest appreciation for your recognition of Lebanon's right to independence and freedom from all foreign interference.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

22 SEPTEMBER 1981

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BACKGROUND: Mr. Nicolas wishes to discuss the situation
in Lebanon.

YOUR RECOMMENDATION:

Accept ___ Regret ___ Surrogate ___ Message ___ Other ___
Priority ___
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IF RECOMMENDATION IS TO ACCEPT, PLEASE CITE REASONS:

RESPONSE DUE 9-30-81 TO Patricia A.E. Rodgers

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

September 24, 1981

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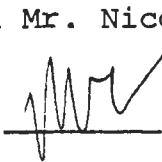
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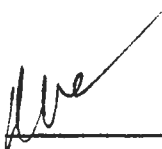


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September 8, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

THROUGH: CHARLES P. TYSON

FROM: RAYMOND TANTER *RT*SUBJECT: Plans for an Unofficial Visit by
President Sarkis Between
November 19-25, 1981

At Tab I for your signature is a Schedule Proposal. State wants to invite the President of Lebanon for an unofficial visit. While here, State proposes that Sarkis make an office call on the President, followed by a lunch hosted by the Secretary of State. (See Cable attached at Tab B). A list of participants is at Tab A.

One could make a case that a Sarkis visit should be delayed until there is an opportunity to see if the cease-fire holds and State's Plan of Action for Lebanon begins to succeed. The NSC staff, however, concurs with State's view that a Sarkis visit itself is part of the peace process. A consequence of a visit by Sarkis with the President would be to enhance Sarkis' prestige and hence that of the central government of Lebanon. Since strengthening the authority of the Government of Lebanon is a primary goal of USG policy, a visit by Sarkis would be most desirable.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the Schedule Proposal at Tab I.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachments

- Tab I - Schedule Proposal for signature
- A - List of Participants
- B - State Cable on Sarkis visit
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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: MICHAEL K. DEEVER
DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

REQUEST: Meeting with Lebanese President Sarkis

PURPOSE: Unofficial office call and an opportunity for media coverage to underscore U.S. commitment to the central government of Lebanon.

BACKGROUND: Ambassador Habib recommended that President Sarkis make an unofficial visit to the U.S. A Sarkis visit is one of the practical steps in State's Plan of Action for Lebanon which the President approved in mid-August. In keeping with the unofficial nature of the visit, State recommends an office call on the President followed by a lunch hosted by the Secretary of State. State would arrange for Sarkis to give a major address to the Council on Foreign Relations in New York to provide a framework for the visit.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: This will be the first meeting of the President with President Sarkis.

DATE: Between November 19-25, 1981, the exact date would be negotiated if approval in principle is granted.

LOCATION: The Oval Office

PARTICIPANTS: List at Tab A.

OUTLINE OF EVENT: President Reagan welcomes President Sarkis to the White House and reiterates the American commitment to the territorial integrity of Lebanon and to the expansion of the central government's authority throughout Lebanon. Sarkis responds. Secretary Haig and Ambassador Habib initiate a brief discussion of the current situation and future of Lebanon. President Reagan responds with talking points to be provided.

REMARKS REQUIRED: Briefing paper and talking points to be provided by the NSC staff.

MEDIA COVERAGE: The meeting will be announced, and a press photo opportunity could occur in the Oval Office before the discussions begin.

RECOMMENDED BY: The Department of State and the NSC.

OPPOSED BY: None

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

President Reagan

President of Lebanon
Elias Sarkis

Vice President Bush

Lebanese Ambassador
Khalil Itani

Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
Secretary of State

Edwin Meese, III
Counsellor to the President

James A. Baker, III
Chief of Staff and Assistant to the President

Michael K. Deaver
Deputy Chief of Staff and Assistant to the President

Richard V. Allen
Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

Philip Habib
Special Presidential Emissary

Nicholas A. Veliotos
Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern & South Asian Affairs
State Department

Morris Draper
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Bureau of Near Eastern & South Asian Affairs
State Department

Charles P. Tyson
Deputy Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs-Coordination

Raymond Tanter
Senior Staff Member
National Security Council

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TAGS: OVIP (PRESIDENT ELIAS SARKIS), LE, US

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT TO U.S. BY PRESIDENT SARKIS

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2. DEPARTMENT IS MAKING PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRESIDENT SARKIS TO MAKE AN UNOFFICIAL VISIT TO THE U.S. SOMETIME DURING THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 19-25. BEFORE WE GO ANY FURTHER, WE NEED TO ASCERTAIN SARKIS'S WILLINGNESS TO TRAVEL TO THE U.S. FOR THIS KIND OF VISIT, AND TO GET HIS COMMITMENT TO SPECIFIC DATES DURING THIS PERIOD.

3. YOU SHOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH SARKIS AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY TO SOUND HIM OUT ON THE POSSIBILITY OF HIS MAKING AN UNOFFICIAL VISIT TO THE U.S., USING THE FOLLOWING POINTS TO POLSTER YOUR ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF THIS KIND OF VISIT:

-- AMBASSADOR HABIB IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF OUR ARRANGING AN UNOFFICIAL VISIT FOR YOU BY THE END OF THE YEAR TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN, AND FOLLOW-ON TALKS WITH THE SECRETARY AND OTHER ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS. DISCUSSIONS WILL BE AN EXCELLENT FORUM THROUGH WHICH TO EXPLORE WHAT FURTHER STEPS MIGHT BE TAKEN TOWARD SOLIDIFYING THE CESSATION OF ARMED ATTACKS IN THE SOUTH AND PROMOTING NATIONAL RECONCILIATION IN LEBANON.

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-- AS YOU MAY KNOW, U.S. PRESIDENTS OFTEN MEET HEADS OF STATE IN THIS "UNOFFICIAL" WAY. IT IS NOT UNUSUAL, FOR EXAMPLE, FOR CHIEFS OF STATE WHO GO TO THE UN TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL DOWN TO WASHINGTON FOR A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT. AT OTHER TIMES, FOREIGN LEADERS WHO HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ADDRESS PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE U.S., SUCH AS THE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS OR A UNIVERSITY, ALSO HAVE A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT WHILE IN THE U.S. DURING THIS ADMINISTRATION, THE PRIME MINISTERS OF SINGAPORE AND NEW ZEALAND AND THE PRESIDENT OF GABON HAVE MADE SUCH UNOFFICIAL VISITS, AND KING HASSAN IS PLANNING TO DO SO THIS FALL.

-- WE HAVE ACCORDINGLY BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS IN NEW YORK. THEY ARE EAGER TO INVITE YOU TO ADDRESS A LUNCHEON MEETING DURING THE NOVEMBER 17-25 PERIOD WHILE YOU ARE IN THE U.S. THE COUNCIL WILL ADDRESS A FORMAL INVITATION TO YOU IF YOU AGREE TO MAKE THIS MAJOR SPEECH. WE BELIEVE

THE COUNCIL'S INVITATION NOT ONLY PROVIDES A FRAMEWORK FOR YOUR VISIT TO THE U.S. AND YOUR TALKS IN WASHINGTON, BUT GIVES YOU EXPOSURE IN THE U.S. AS THE LEGITIMATE LEADER OF LEBANON'S CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, WHICH CONTRIBUTES TO OUR MUTUAL GOAL OF BOLSTERING THE INSTITUTION OF THE PRESIDENCY IN LEBANON. THIS TAKES ON ADDED IMPORTANCE AS THE 1982 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS APPROACH.

-- WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO THE UNITED STATES AND HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE THIS TRIP. THE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS BEGINS TO FILL ITS FALL SCHEDULE VERY RAPIDLY AFTER LABOR DAY. WE WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE YOUR LETTING US KNOW WHEN DURING

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THE NOVEMBER 19-25 TIMEFRAME YOU WOULD BE AVAILABLE
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FOR MEETINGS. THE EXACT SCHEDULE FOR THESE MEETINGS
CAN BE WORKED OUT LATER, BUT WE NEED TO BLOCK OFF

DATES NOW ON THE SCHEDULES OF THE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY
AND THE COUNCIL.

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NOTES

September 2, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RICHARD V. ALLEN
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Plans for an Unofficial Visit by President Sarkis

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L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

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8. (C/NOFORN) SUMMARY: [REDACTED] PROVIDED A GENERAL ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION IN LEBANON, CONCENTRATING ON THE SYRIAN-CHRISTIAN CONFLICT AND ISRAEL'S ROLE IN IT. HE STATED THAT THE BEST APPROACH TO UNDERSTANDING WHAT IS HAPPENING IN LEBANON TODAY IS TO LOOK AT IT FROM SYRIA'S PERSPECTIVE. SYRIA INSISTS UPON BEING THE DOMINANT POWER IN LEBANON AND REACTS QUICKLY TO STIEFFLE ANY NOTION OF DIRECT MILITARY SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN OUTSIDE ELEMENTS AND ELEMENTS IN LEBANON. SYRIA IS RIDING A WAVE O MAJOR SUCCESSES IN LEBANON AND IS CALCULATING EVERY MOVE TO AVOID CONFRONTATIONS THAT WOULD UNDERMINE THEM. AMONG THESE SUCCESSES IS ZAHLEH, WHICH, IN [REDACTED] VIEW, WAS COMPLETELY FAVORABLE, WITH SYRIA MAKING NO MEANINGFUL CONCESSIONS IN THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CHRISTIANS. ANOTHER SUCH SUCCESS IS THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES (SAMS) IN LEBANON. [REDACTED] VIEWS THE MISSILES AS A FAIT ACCOMPLI. THE SYRIANS GENERATED A POLITICALLY SENSITIVE SITUATION WHICH FORCED ISRAEL TO AVOID OBVIOUS AND NECESSARY RESPONSES TO SYRIAN PROVOCATIONS. THESE SUCCESSES HAVE MADE SYRIA BOLD, ENCOURAGING IT TO SIGNAL A WILLINGNESS TO STAND-UP TO ISRAEL MILITARILY. [REDACTED] STATED THAT ONE OF THE KEYS TO PREDICTING SYRIA'S APPROACH TO DEALING WITH ITS TROUBLES IN LEBANON IS THROUGH OBSERVING THE DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF LEFTIST GROUPS BY SYRIA. [REDACTED] CLAIMS THAT SYRIA HAS ALREADY DEVELOPED A NUMBER OF THEM (EG, "THE CAVALIER FORCE") AND USES THEM TO DESTABILIZE SELECTED AREAS WITHIN LEBANON SO THAT SYRIA CAN THEN PRESENT ITSELF AS THE PEACE-MAKER, BT

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THEREBY JUSTIFYING ITS PRESENCE IN LEBANON, AND ENABLING IT TO DENY ANY DIRECT INVOLVEMENT IN ACTS OF SUBVERSION. [REDACTED] ASSERTED THAT BASHIR ((JUMAYEL)) IS SHERWD ENOUGH TO KNOW THAT, AT LEAST FOR THE PRESENT, HIS ONLY TRUMP CARD IS ISRAEL. JUMAYEL UNDERSTANDS THE DETERRENT VALUE OF HIS CONTINUED TIES WITH ISRAEL, AND KNOWS THAT HE WILL EXACT NO CONCESSIONS FROM SYRIA UNLESS HE DEALS FROM A POSITION OF STRENGTH IN REFERRING TO STRENGTE, [REDACTED] EMPHASIZED THAT HE FEELS THAT SYRIA IS BUILDING THE LEFTISTS TO PIT THEM AGAINST THE CHRISTIANS. SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WOULD ENABLE SYRIA TO DENY ANY COMPLICITY IN THE MATTER AND WOULD COMPLICATE ISRAELI EFFORTS TO INTERVENE ON THE CHRISTIANS' SIDE. HE SAID THAT AT THE MOMENT THE LEFTIST GROUPS COLLECTIVELY ARE STRONGER THAN THE CHRISTIANS. HE PROVIDED DETAILS ON TROOP STRENGTHS AND WEAPONS FOR LEFTIST GROUPS, BUT CLAIMED THAT HE COULD NOT PRODUCE THE SAME DETAILS FOR THE

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CHRISTIANS. [REDACTED] STATED THAT PRIME MINISTER WAZZAN'S STATEMENTS ABOUT THE ACCEPTANCE IN PRINCIPLE OF AN AIR DEFENSE MISSILE SYSTEM FOR THE BEIRUT AREA WERE NECESSITATED BY THE CIRCUMSTANCES PREVAILING AT THE TIME. THERE WAS NEVER ANY INTENTION OF SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING THE ACQUISITION OF SUCH A SYSTEM, AND THAT WAZZAN TOOK DELIBERATE STEPS TO INSURE THAT THE ISSUE BECAME COMATOSE.

SA. (U) DETAILS: 1. ~~(S/NOFORN)~~ DESCRIBING THE PREVAILING MILITARY-POLITICAL SITUATION IN LEBANON, [REDACTED] REVIEWED HIGHLIGHTS OF EVENTS IN LEBANON SINCE THE CIVIL WAR FOCUSING ON THE ROLES PLAYED BY THE LEBANESE CHRISTIANS, LEFTIST GROUPS AND THE CATALYTIC ROLE OF SYRIA.

2. ~~(S/NOFORN)~~ THE RECENT MOVES BY CHRISTIAN ELEMENTS TO CREATE PUBLIC DISTANCE BETWEEN THEM AND ISRAEL REFLECT THE NECESSITY FOR THE CHRISTIANS TO ADOPT A POSITION THAT WILL PERMIT THEIR CONTINUED VIABILITY IN THE POWER STRUGGLES IN LEBANON. THE CHRISTIANS ARE CAUGHT UP IN THE POWER RELATIONSHIPS AMONG FACTIONS SUCH AS THE ARAB CAVALIERS OF THE LEFT, THE PLO, CONSERVATIVE MUSLIM GROUPS AND SYRIAN FORCES. THE RECENT ZAHLE AGREEMENT THAT RESULTED IN A CEASE-FIRE AND FORCED WITHDRAWAL IN THE ZAHLE AREA EXEMPLIFIES THE CURRENT RELATIVE STRENGTH OF THE SYRIANS (AND SYRIAN INTERESTS) TO THE CHRISTIANS IN LEBANON. THE OUTCOME OF ZAHLE AS [REDACTED] SEES THE SITUATION IS THAT PIERRE ((CHAMOUN)) AND BASHIR ((GEMAYEL)) ESPECIALLY, ARE FORCED TO SEEK NEW APPROACHES FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN LEBANESE POWER POLITICS. AS A RESULT, THE CHRISTIANS HAVE LOWERED THEIR HAWKISH POSTURE; TRIED TO BECOME FULLY INVOLVED IN ALL ASPECTS OF POLITICS MORE AS POLITICIANS AND LESS AS MILITAMEN; AND HAVE SOUGHT TO FIND IN THE U.S. AND SAUDI ARABIA A SUBSTITUTE TO ALIGNMENT WITH ISRAEL. [REDACTED] SAID THAT THE U.S. AND SAUDI ARABIA ARE TRYING TO BRING THE CHRISTIANS TO UNDERSTAND A NEED FOR A SYRIAN-CHRISTIAN DIALOGUE. IN HIS PERSPECTIVE, SUCH A DIALOGUE IS NOT NEW. IT HAPPENED IN APRIL WHEN CHAMOUN AND BASHIR ((GEMAYEL)) MET THE SYRIAN FONMIN. DISCUSSIONS WERE ALSO HELD AT THAT TIME WITH A TOP SYRIAN ADVISOR CHAMOULI BUT THESE WERE STOPPED AFTER THE ISRAELI'S SHOT DOWN THE TWO SYRIAN HELICOPTERS IN THE BEKAA VALLEY. APPARENTLY CONVERSATIONS HAVE BEEN RENEWED AS BASHIR RECENTLY MET (3 SEP) WITH THE SYRIAN CHIEF OF INTELLIGENCE WHO IS ALSO A MEMBER OF AN AMBASSADORIAL FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE AND CONSIDERED TO BE A SYRIAN EXPERT ON LEBANESE AFFAIRS. IN [REDACTED] MIND, THERE ARE QUESTIONS AS TO WHETHER THE CHRISTIAN WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE IS A TACTICAL MOVE OR INDICATES A NEW ATTITUDE, BUT HE FEELS THAT THE CHRISTIANS WILL COLLECTIVELY COOPERATE WITH THE FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE AND ABIDE BY ITS DECISIONS. THIS IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE SYRIA REGARDS THIS AS CONDITIONAL



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TO PROCEEDING WITH FURTHER POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN LEBANON. FOR ITS PART, SYRIA WANTS TO PRESS FOR AN ARAB INSPECTION COMMITTEE TO SURVEY CHRISTIAN AREAS OF CONTROL, INCLUDING SEA PORTS. THE SYRIAN DEMAND GIVES THE CHRISTIANS AN EXTRA CARD TO PLAY IN THE GAME BECAUSE THE CHRISTIANS, IN ORDER TO AGREE TO SEVER RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL, CAN DEMAND RECIPROCAL CONCESSIONS FROM THE SYRIANS. THE CHRISTIANS ARE APPARENTLY INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS: A SYRIAN COMMITMENT TO WITEDRAW FROM LEBANON; A SOLUTION TO THE CHRISTIAN PROBLEM REACHED IN AGREEMENT WITH ALL INTE-
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CONFLICTS AMONG THE VARIOUS GROUPS CONCERNED. THEIR MAIN MOIL IN THESE ACTIVITIES IS THE LEBANESE LEFT, USED COLLECTIVELY AND FACTIONALLY TO SYRIA'S ADVANTAGE. EXAMPLES OF THIS ARE: SYRIAN USE OF LEFTIST FORCES TO OCCUPY PORTIONS OF JEBEL SINNIN DURING THE SEIGE OF ZARLE; SYRIAN INTRODUCTION OF LEFTIST MILITIA TO FIGHTING ALONG THE BEIRUT GREEN LINE; SYRIAN IMPORTATION OF THE ARAB CAVALIERS TO BEIRUT AND TRIPOLI AS A SYRIAN FRONT FOR SYRIAN PURPOSES. FOR INTERNATIONAL CONSUMPTION SYRIA WANTS LEBANON TO APPEAR AS A COUNTRY TORN BY INTERNECINE QUARRELS. TO ASSURE CONTINUED UNREST, SYRIA USES THE LEFTIST GROUPS TO CREATE SITUATIONS IN WHICH SYRIA CAN INTERVENE TO CONTROL THE AREA AND THE OPPOSING GROUP. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE TO SYRIAN EFFORTS AGAINST THE CHRISTIANS. SYRIA WANTS TO GIVE THE CHRISTIANS THE APPEARANCE OF BEING MINOR PLAYERS, WITHOUT SIGNIFICANCE OR INFLUENCE IN LEBANON, AND AS FOMENTING TROUBLES BY COOPERATING WITH ISRAEL. WHEN THE CHRISTIAN PROBLEM TO SYRIA IS SOLVED THE WHOLE LEBANESE PROBLEM WILL BE CLOSER TO A SYRIAN SOLUTION.

- 4. (C/NOFORN) EXPLAINING THE ARAB CAVALIERS, [REDACTED] WENT BACK TO 1975 WHEN SYRIA ESTABLISHED AN ORGANIZATION IN NORTHERN LEBANON NAMED THE FRONT FOR NATIONAL STRUGGLE (FNS). IT WAS A MOSLEM LEFTIST ORGANIZATION UNDER LEBANESE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT (MP) TALAL ((MOURABI)) WHO REPRESENTED THE AKAR AREA IN NORTHERN LEBANON. THE FNS WAS BASED IN AKAR AND SET-UP GROUPS IN THE BEQA'A AND TRIPOLI. IN TRIPOLI THE FNS WAS HEADED BY A MAN NAMED ALI ((ID)) (PHONETIC ALEE EED) WHO ALSO HEADED THE ALAWITE YOUTH ORGANIZATION (AYO - A BRANCH OF THE FNS). THE FNS/AYO HAD A MILITIA OF 150 TO 200 TROOPS WITH A STRONG LOGISTICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL CONNECTION TO THE RIFAT ((ASSAD)) FORCE ELEMENTS IN THE BEQA'A. RIFAT ((ASSAD)) WAS THE UNIT PATRON. IN JUNE 1981 THE SYRIANS DIRECTED A REORGANIZATION OF THE FNS/AYO AND RENAMED IT THE DEMOCRATIC ARABIC FRONT PARTY (DAF). THE PARTY MILITIA GROUP WAS ENLARGED TO 1500 MEN AND THE GROUP WAS TRAINED AND ARMED BY ELEMENTS OF THE ASSAD FORCE. AT LEAST 400 WERE STATIONED IN TRIPOLI AND ANOTHER 400 IN BEIRUT. ONE OF THE MAJOR DUTIES OF ALI ID IS TO COMMAND THE DAF MILITIA KNOWN AS THE ARAB RED CAVALIERS. THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF A LEBANESE LEFTIST ORGANIZATION UNDER SYRIAN CONTROL AND DIRECTION.

- 5. (U) MISSILE SYSTEM TO LEBANESE GOVERNMENT.
 - (A) (C/NOFORN) [REDACTED] COMMENTED ON THIS SUBJECT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE UPROAR CAUSED RECENTLY BY THE LIBYAN OFFER OF AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS TO LEBANON FOR THE PROTECTION OF BEIRUT. [REDACTED] SAID THAT THE SUBJECT OF AIR DEFENSE MISSILES FOR LEBANON WAS RAISED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN FEB 1980 BY ((LIHUD)), A MEMBER OF THE LEBANESE PARLIMENT. LIHUD



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HAD CONNECTIONS WITH THE LIBYANS AND STOOD TO GAIN ECONOMICALLY FROM THE TRANSACTION. THE SECOND TIME WAS IN RECENT WEEKS WHEN PRIME MINISTER WAZZAN MADE THE STATEMENT THAT "HE FAVORED ANTI-AIRCRAFT MISSILES FOR LEBANON, IN PRINCIPLE, BECAUSE THE MISSILES WOULD BE IN LEBANESE HANDS." HE SAID THAT LEBANON WOULD ACCEPT THESE MISSILE SYSTEMS IF THEY WOULD NOT BE FOLLOWED BY FOREIGN ADVISORS. WAZZAN'S STATEMENT WAS MADE AT THAT TIME FOR SEVERAL REASONS. FIRST, ISRAELI AIR ACTIVITY OVER SOUTHERN LEBANON, AND OVER THE BEIRUT AREA, WAS HEAVY AT THAT TIME, BT

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AND THERE WAS PRESSURE FROM THE PLO AND THE LEFTISTS TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. SECOND, SYRIA HAD JUST STATED HOWEVER OBLIQUELY, THAT UNLESS THE SITUATION EASED, IT WOULD EXPAND ITS AIR DEFENSE COVERAGE (WITH SAM SYSTEMS) TO INCLUDE THE BEIRUT AREA. LAST, BUT EQUALLY IMPORTANT TO THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT, WAS A SYRIAN STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT ALTHOUGH IT WOULD NOT NECESSARILY DEPLOY ITS AIR DEFENSE MISSILES INE BEIRUT AREA, IT WOULD NOT OBJECT TO OTHER COUNTRIES SUPPLYING SUCH SYSTEMS SO LONG AS SUCH SUPPLIES PASSED THROUGH SYRIA.

(B) (c/NOFORN) [REDACTED] STATED THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL IMPORTANT POINTS CONNECTED WITH WAZZAN'S STATEMENT. FIRST, HIS STATEMENT WAS ABRUPT AND WAS MEANT TO LET OFF STEAM AND DEFUSE THE TENSE SITUATION. SECOND, THE PLO AND LEFTISTS WERE DEMANDING ADDITIONAL DEFENSE AGAINST ISRAELI AIRCRAFT FROM SYRIA. WAZZAN MADE THE STATEMENT AND

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THEN APPOINTED A COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE PROBLEM AND ADVISE HIM ON IT - KNOWING FULL WELL THAT THE ISSUE WOULD DIE IN THE COMMITTEE. [REDACTED] STATED THAT THE OBVIOUS POINT TO BE LEARNED FROM THIS EXERCISE IS THAT NO ONE CAN PUSE AN ISSUE IN LEBANON UNLESS SYRIA SUPPORTS IT. BOTH THE LEBANESE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND THE CHRISTIANS REJECTED THE PROPOSAL. THE LEFTIST ORGANIZATIONS (ON BEHALF OF SYRIA) REJECTED THE PROPOSAL ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE LEBANESE ARMED FORCES (LAF) SHOULD NOT RECEIVE SUCH WEAPONS UNTIL THEY ARE COMPLETELY REBUILT. SYRIA VIEWS LIBYAN INTERVENTION IN LEBANON AS A COMPLICATING FACTOR, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT INVOLVES THE PLO. SYRIAN VIEW IS THAT ONCE THE PLO IS STRENGTHENED FROM OTHER SOURCES, IT'S DEPENDENCE UPON SYRIA IS REDUCED. THUS, SYRIA DOES NOT WANT TO SEE DIRECT ARMS SHIPMENTS TO ANY ELEMENTS IN LEBANON - INCLUDING THE LAF. A KEY SYRIAN OBJECTIVE IN THIS REGARD IS TO KEEP THE LAF WEAK IN ORDER TO JUSTIFY THE PRESENCE OF THE ADF IN LEBANON. SYRIA WOULD SUPPORT THE STRENGTHENING OF THE LAF ONLY SO LONG AS IT IS DONE ACCORDING TO SYRIAN SPECIFICATIONS.

- 6. (U) SYRIAN SUCCESSES:
 - (A) ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ [REDACTED] VIEWS ZAHLEH AS A TOTAL SUCCESS FOR SYRIA. SYRIA FORCED AN AGREEMENT ON THE CHRISTIANS WHICH RESULTED IN CHRISTIAN ACQUIESCENCE ON VIRTUALLY EVERY MAJOR ISSUE. THE SYRIANS CONTROL ZAHLEH AND DEALT A CRUCIAL BLOW TO CHRISTIAN EFFORTS TO CONSOLIDATE THEIR FORCES, AND THEIR POLITICAL AND MILITARY POWER IN THE JEBEL SININ AREA.
 - (B) ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ THE PRESENCE OF SYRIAN SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES IN LEBANON IS A FAIT ACCOMPLI. [REDACTED] EXPRESSED RESENTMENT OVER THE PRESSURE BROUGHT TO BEAR ON ISRAEL OVER THE MISSILE ISSUE.
 - (C) ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ VIA THE MISSILE CRISIS, SYRIA WAS ABLE TO GENERATE A STRAIN IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ISRAEL, AND WOULD LIKE TO EXPLOIT THIS SITUATION TO ITS FULLEST.
 - (D) ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ THE SYRIAN INTERPRETATION OF THE POLITICAL CLIMATE IS SUCH THAT IT WAS FELT BOLD ENOUGH TO STRENGTHEN ITS POSITIONS IN THE SOUTHERN BEKA'A VALLEY.
 - (E) ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ THE POLITICAL CLIMATE FORCED ISRAEL TO AVOID MAKING NECESSARY AND LEGITIMATE RESPONSES TO SYRIAN PROVOCATIONS. SYRIAN BOLDNESS HAS BEEN CONSPICUOUSLY DISPLAYED WITH SHOOTING DOWN ISRAELI AIRCRAFT (DRONES) OVER LEBANON, THE MOBILIZATION OF RESERVE FORCES, AND THE DEMONSTRATION BY SYRIA OF ITS INTENT TO CONFRONT ISRAEL MILITARILY.

- 7. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ [REDACTED] DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THE SYRIANS WILL ACCEPT AMERICAN INTERVENTION IN LEBANON. A CASE IN POINT WAS THE U.S. ATTEMPT AT PERSUADING SYRIA TO REMOVE ITS SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES FROM LEBANON. THE MISSILES

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ARE STILL PRESENT, ██████████ POINTED OUT. MORE AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN MATTERS IN LEBANON WILL EVENTUALLY RESULT IN TOTAL SYRIAN REJECTION, ██████████ PREDICTED. SYRIA IS IN A GOOD POSITION TO SPOIL AMERICAN EFFORTS TO INTERVENE IN LEBANON. THE FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE, FOR EXAMPLE, IS A SYRIAN INSTRUMENT AND SYRIA CAN DISPENSE WITH IT VERY ELEGANTLY. SYRIA CAN ESCULATE INTERNAL TENSIONS AND FORCE THE COMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH TRIVIA AS OPPOSED TO DEALING WITH THE MAJOR ISSUES.

- 8. (C/NOTORN) ██████████ STATED THAT THE CHRISTIANS WANT
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THE PLO OUT OF LEBANON. THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT WOULD, UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES (IE, TERMS OF THE CAIRO AGREEMENT), ACCEPT PALESTINIAN PRESENCE IN LEBANON. HOWEVER, THE PALESTINIANS WILL NOT ACCEPT THE CAIRO AGREEMENTS AS THEY WERE INTERPRETED 12 YEARS AGO; THUS, THESE AGREEMENTS HAVE TO BE REVISED TO TAKE CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES AND REALITIES INTO ACCOUNT.

9. (C/NOPORN) [REDACTED] STATED THAT THE AMAL ORGANIZATION IS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN LEBANON. IT IS A NUISANCE VALUE IN LEBANON BECAUSE ITS MILITIAS FORCE THE SYRIANS TO INTERVENE. [REDACTED] DESCRIBED AMAL AS A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION WITH STRONG IRANIAN INFLUENCE AND A NATURAL DISLIKE FOR COMMUNISM; IRANIAN INFLUENCE IS MANIFEST VIS-A-VIS AMAL'S SHI'ITE CONNECTION. THERE IS NO IRANIAN MEMBERSHIP IN THE ORGANIZATION TODAY. MOST OF AMAL'S QUARRELS ARE A RESULT OF LOCAL DISPUTES.

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- 10. (S/NOFORN) [REDACTED] VIEWS CHRISTIAN TIES WITH ISRAEL AS AN ESSENTIAL DETERRENT TO COMPLETE SYRIAN DOMINATION. DESPITE THE CURRENT SITUATION, [REDACTED] PREDICTS THAT THE CHRISTIANS WILL EVENTUALLY FIND A WAY TO REACH AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SYRIANS, BECAUSE HISTORICAL DETERMINISM DICTATES THAT THEY MUST LIVE WITH THE SYRIANS AND WITH OTHER STATES OF THE ARAB WORLD.

- 11. (C/NOFORN) [REDACTED] WARNED THAT SYRIA IS PREPARING THE "LEFT" IN LEBANON FOR POTENTIAL USE AGAINST THE CHRISTIANS, AND THAT THIS MANEUVER WOULD COMPLICATE ISRAEL'S EFFORTS TO INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF THE CHRISTIANS. SYRIA IS DELIBERATELY PLAYING ONE SIDE OFF AGAINST THE OTHER. ANY DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE CHRISTIANS AND SYRIA GENERATES SUSPICIONS ON THE PART OF THE PLO. THE PLO FEARS THAT ANY MEANINGFUL AGREEMENT BETWEEN SYRIA AND THE CHRISTIANS WOULD BE AT THEIR EXPENSE. [REDACTED] VIEWS THE CHRISTIANS IN LEBANON AS BEING IMPORTANT TO SYRIA AND TO SYRIAN INTERESTS BECAUSE SYRIA VIEWS WITH DISDAIN ANY NOTION OF A PALESTINIAN DOMINATED LEFTIST STATE ON ITS WESTERN FLANK.

- 12. (C/NOFORN) [REDACTED] PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING GENERAL DATA CONCERNING THE STRENGTHENING OF LEFTIST GROUPS: THEY HAVE 5000-6000 MILITIA ON ACTIVE DUTY; THEY HAVE ABOUT 65 HEAVY GUNS (10 OF WHICH ARE 130MM), 17 ROCKET LAUNCHERS (7 OF WHICH ARE BM-21), 180 MORTARS. THE LEFTISTS ARE MORE POWERFUL THAN THE CHRISTIANS DUE TO THEIR NUMERICAL SUPERIORITY AS WELL AS THEIR ABILITY TO ORGANIZE IN BATTALION SIZE UNITS AND TO TRAIN AS BATTALIONS. THE CHRISTIANS ARE INFERIOR IN ARTILLERY AND INFANTRY UNITS/PERSONNEL AND OPERATE AND TRAIN IN SMALLER UNITS. [REDACTED] PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING SPECIFICS ON THE LEFTIST GROUPS:

- (A) (C/NOFORN) MURABITUN: THIS GROUP IS LED BY IBRAHIM ((CALILOT)), WHO IS PRO-LIBYAN. IN MARCH 1980, THE GROUP PARADED IN BEIRUT WITH ONE (1) MECHANIZED BATTALION, ONE (1) COMMANDO BATTALION, AND ONE (1) INFANTRY BATTALION. IT HAS A PRESENCE IN BOTH BEIRUT AND IN SOUTHERN LEBANON. IT HAS STRONG CONNECTIONS WITH FATAH AND CONTAINS ABOUT 1500 FIGHTERS.

- (B) (C/NOFORN) COMMUNISTS: THEY ARE SUPPORTED BY SYRIA, LIBYA, AND THE USSR. THEY POSSESS 122MM ARTILLERY PIECES AND 120MM MORTARS, AND HAVE ABOUT 700 FIGHTERS. THEY MAINTAIN A PRESENCE IN THE AL BEQA'A VALLEY, IN BEIRUT, AND IN MATIN (ZONE AROUND BEIRUT).

- (C) (C/NOFORN) PPS: THIS IS THE SYRIAN NATIONAL SOCIALIST PARTY, WHICH CONTAINS SEVERAL HUNDRED FIGHTERS. THE GROUP COOPERATES FULLY WITH SYRIA AND HAS CLOSE LINKS WITH IRAQ AND SYRIA. IT MAINTAINS A PRESENCE IN THE AL BEQA'A VALLEY, IN BEIRUT, AND IN SOUTHERN LEBANON.

- D. (C/NOFORN) WALID JUMBLATT: THIS IS THE PROGRESSIVE SOCIALIST PARTY, WHICH MAINTAINS A PRESENCE IN SEUF



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AND ALEY AREAS OF SOUTH BEIRUT. [REDACTED] ESTIMATES THAT THIS GROUP CONTAINS ABOUT 2000 FIGHTERS.

- E. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ SYRIAN BA'ATH PARTY: THIS GROUP'S FIGHTING STRENGTH IS ESTIMATED AT 400.

- (F) ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ CAVALIER FORCE: THIS GROUP'S STRENGTH IS ESTIMATED AT 1500.

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TO PRESIDENT MITTERRAND

Dear François:

I was shocked and saddened to learn just now of the murder of Ambassador Delamare in Beirut. The senseless and brutal terrorism which afflicts the world and endangers our societies has claimed another victim. Please convey my deepest sympathy to the Ambassador's family and friends.

Ronald Reagan

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 4, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

RICHARD ALLEN *RA*

SUBJECT:

Approval for Proposed Presidential Cable
to President Mitterrand

Attached is a proposed cable to be sent to President Mitterrand from you concerning the murder of Ambassador Delamare in Beirut.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the sending of the attached cable.

APPROVE

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DISAPPROVE _____

Attachment

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