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Mike ...the attached is something you saw earlier this week & put in your outbox... shouldn't someone do a reply on this for the President? should you? if not, who?

Send to NSC P for response

*10/23
TO General Secaucroft*



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

10/14/76

TO: MIKE DUVAL ✓

An info copy has been

sent to Brent Scowcroft.


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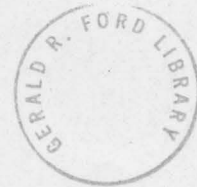
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October 9, 1976

President Gerald R. Ford
The White House
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Dear Mr. President:

Pursuant to the debate between yourself and Mr. Carter, the Consul of Lebanon in New Jersey and the American Lebanese community were somewhat startled and perplexed by the complete omission from the discussion of any reference to Lebanon and the tragic events of the past one-and-one-half years.

While we Americans of Lebanese descent appreciate the rightful concern of our leaders with world affairs such as in Chile, Italy, or Rhodesia, to name a few countries, we feel the crisis in Lebanon, because of its nature and its potential tragic repercussions in the Middle-East deserves to be discussed in the debate.

We feel, furthermore, that Lebanon's crisis is important to be discussed because Lebanon is as much the crossroad of the Middle-East as the "Middle East is the crossroad of the world," as you mentioned. The magnitude of the crisis in Lebanon surpasses all international crises combined in the last two years. Besides, the United States is fully committed to the integrity of Lebanon, culturally and geographically.

Therefore, we strongly believe that we have the right to know your attitude regarding the Lebanese crisis. Please be advised that not only one million Lebanese but also all Americans on the whole and people of the international community want to know the position taken by the next president of the United States on the Lebanese question.

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In this respect, we request that in the next debate your stand regarding the tragedy of Lebanon be discussed or introduced by your good self into the debate. We believe your manifestation of concern and follow-up regarding this vital question is information essential to all Americans prior to election day.

Sincerely,

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