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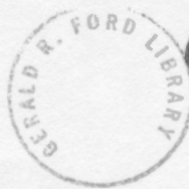
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[June 1976?]

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Janet:

Attached are the calls
& contacts made to Hankin
of Bayview Nat. Hill on the
detention situation. Please
file for our records.



Chas.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONTACT LIST

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
The Speaker	12:05	---	No answer after repeated calls. At 12:05 spoke to A.A. Ward. (J.M. contacted.)
Tip O'Neill			Unable to reach. Had police leave call request on cottage door in Mass. No return call by 12:25 a.m.
John McFall	10:45 pm	--	Sheraton Boston Hotel, Boston, Mass. ---Asked what time operation would begin. Responded 11:00 pm USDST, 7:00 am Beirut time. Hopes everything goes all right.
John Rhodes	12:34		Washington home. "Sounds like the right thing to do. Where do you take the evacuees? To the ship. Knew that the overland convoy route is an SOB." (JM & CL)
Bob Michel	10:38 pm	--	At residence in Washington, D.C. ---No Comment.
Al Cederberg	11:15 pm	--	Holiday Inn, Midland, Michigan ---Surprised that evacuation not completed last night (6/18). Asked if British would participate. Believes evacuation by sea better than by overland route.
George Mahon	10:40 pm	--	At residence in Washington, D.C. ---Asked why we are not resorting to overland convoy. Responded that route has been interdicted and there is heavy shelling along some portions. Hopes all goes well.
"Doc" Morgan			White House does not have Washington home phone. Press aide reached at 10:59. Wouldn't reveal Morgan's home phone but he would keep trying for us. His Pa. home number is 412-377-3144 but there is no answer.
Bill Broomfield	10:50 pm	--	At Capital Hill Club, Washington, D.C. ---In complete support of operation.
Mel Price	10:39		place: Washington, D.C. home -- "Thank you"
Bob Wilson	10:49	-	Not at home - Reached A.A. Ed Terrar - Gave overview to Ed. Wilson at Tides Inn, Irving, Va. No answer in his room or hotel page. Ed felt Wilson didn't need to be reached on this.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 19, 1976

~~Senators~~ Senators regarding evacuation plan from Lebanon.

Senator	Time	Place	comment
Eastland	10:50pm	DC	I'm mighty glad you done it
Mansfield	10:15pm	DC	Has reservations. Like overland route better. Got others out that way.
Scott, H.	10:20pm	DC	Approves.
Griffin	10:50pm	Cap Hill Club	OK, but don't downplay military side of it.
Sparkman	10:35pm	DC	Sounds very encouraging. Was getting worried. Sound good.
Case	10:30pm	DC	Fine. Approves operation. Glad we are doing it.
McClellan	10:43	DC	Other nationalities coming out? That shouldn't be any problem. They ought to be glad let us get them out
Young	10:50	DC	OK, good luck
Thurmond	11:00	So Car	RW told AA, Beasley
Stennis	11:10	DC	RW told Ed Braswell

R. Byrd call still outstanding as of 11:30 pm




The purpose of this call is to give you a confidential status report on the situation involving the present plans for the evacuation of Americans in Beirut.

You are aware that as a result of discussions involving Americans as well as representatives of other interests in Beirut, it has been planned to conduct an evacuation of Americans from Beirut by a motor convoy. Following the inability of the convoy to make the trip Friday night, it was planned to make another attempt tonight.

However, we have been informed by forces controlling the convoy route that the road has been interdicted and that heavy shelling along some portions make it impossible to accomplish the planned evacuation tonight.

However, the PLO has concurred in our proposal for an evacuation by sea, using a landing type vessel which is a part of the Sixth Fleet.

This will be an administrative operation, not a combat type operation. The mother ship (LPD) will proceed from its present location in the task force to a point approximately three to five miles off the coast. It will release



a landing craft (LCU) which will proceed to a beach area at Beirut near the evacuation assembly point where it will ~~un~~load the evacuees. The landing craft has sufficient capacity to take all anticipated evacuees in one trip. We have been assured by the forces controlling the area where the operation will take place that security will be maintained throughout the operation. We expect the operation to take place sometime after midnight and to be concluded by 6:00 or 7:00 a.m.

We would appreciate your keeping a close hold on these details.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONTACT LIST

MEMBER 6/19 TIME PLACE COMMENT

The Speaker

Tip O'Neill

John McFall

10:45

*Shurton - Boston
Boston. Mass.*

*What time is the operation?
11 P.M. US DST - 7 AM. Beirut
time. Hope everything goes
all right.*

John Rhodes

Bob Michel

10:38 P.M.

at home D.C.

No Comment.

Al Cederberg

George Mahon

"Doc" Morgan

Bill Broomfield

Mel Price

Bob Wilson



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6/19 - 10:50 p.m. - At Republican Capital Hill
 Club. Complete support of operation.

Mel Price

Bob Wilson



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 27, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

MAX FRIEDERSDORF

FROM:

CHARLES LEPPERT, JR. *CLJ*.

SUBJECT:

Member comments
(Lebanon evacuation)

Attached are the responses from Members called on the evacuation of Lebanon.



July 26, 1976

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONTACT LIST

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
Speaker Albert	6:50 pm	Speaker's office	None. Speaker out for the evening. Jankowsky will inform him. Asked about number of evacuees. Told him a few hundred (estimate).
John Rhodes	7:06 pm	home	Thank you. Tell me who are the local forces that have secured the beach area because there was a problem with the PLO's cooperating. Told him that I believe that the PLO's were cooperating. Asked where the evacuees would be taken and restated Athens, Greece.
Thomas O'Neill	7:15 pm	Capitol office	Did you say the Navy men will be unarmed? Yes. How many do you expect to take out? We estimate a few hundred evacuees.
Bob Michel	8:45 pm	home	OK. Thank you.
John McFall	9:34 pm	home	OK. Thank you.

Contacted by Charles Leppert.



NOTIFICATION CALLS ON LEBANON EVACUATION
July 26, 1976 -- Calls made by Tom Loeffler

Chairman George Mahon

DATE AND TIME: July 26; 7 p.m.
REACHED AT HIS CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE
COMMENTS: Thanked us for the information

Rep. Bob Wilson

DATE AND TIME: July 26; 7:10 p.m.
REACHED AT HIS WASHINGTON RESIDENCE
COMMENTS: Wanted to know the number of persons we expected to evacuate. Responded at 8:30 that 531 persons had registered, of this total 160 were Americans. Also stated that actual figures were difficult to ascertain, but in the final analysis, it was anticipated that 500 persons would be evacuated, which would include 140 Americans. Was asked whether we anticipate weapon fire--responded that we could not be certain but we were hopeful that evacuation would occur without gun fire.

Rep. Al Cederberg

DATE AND TIME: July 26; 6:30 p.m. placed call and was informed that Cederberg would call back during the evening. Cederberg did not return call during evening of July 26, however, he returned my call at 9 a.m. on July 27. At 9:30 a.m. on July 27, I informed him of the purpose of my call on the evening of July 26.

Chairman Mel Price

DATE AND TIME: July 26; placed call at 6:30 p.m.. Left word with secretary that the Chairman was to return my call. The call was not returned.

Chairman Thomas Morgan

DATE AND TIME: July 26; placed call at 6:30 p.m. Left word with secretary that the Chairman was to return my call. The call was not returned.



Rep. Bill Broomfield

DATE AND TIME: July 26; 6:30 p.m. placed call and was informed that the Congressman was expected home at 8:30 p.m. and that he would return my call. Broomfield did not return my call.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 26, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: MAX FRIEDERSDORF
FROM: CHARLES LEPPERT, JR. *CLJ.*
SUBJECT: Congressional calls

Attached are the remarks made by the Members who were called on Saturday, July 24, 1976.

*Second
Lebanon evacuation was being
planned for following Tues.*



Calls made by Patrick Rowland on Saturday, July 24, 1976, to Members of the House of Representatives.

Rep. Robert H. Michel "Thank you."

Rep. Wm. S. Broomfield "Thank you."

Rep. Elford Cederberg Not at home.

Rep. Thomas Morgan Not at home.

Rep. Mel Price In East St. Louis - No answer at his hotel.

Rep. Bob Wilson In California - No answer at his home.



1/24/76 6:30 P.M.

[July 1976]

As you know, last Saturday evening the President directed that a new evacuation offer be broadcast to all American citizens in Beirut.

The seaborne evacuation will occur Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. Beirut time and 1:30 a.m. Washington time. The barge and its U.S. Navy personnel will be unarmed. Upon departure from the mother ship, the barge will proceed directly to the Ban Militaire beach sector of Beirut, which has been secured by local forces. This is the beach area used in the seaborne evacuation last month. Upon completion of the operation in Lebanon, the evacuees will be taken to Athens.



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AT THE WHITE HOUSE

WITH RON NESSEN

AT 4:05 A.M. EDT

JUNE 20, 1976

SUNDAY

MR. NESSEN: The landing craft reached the beach at 28 minutes after three Washington time. A full, comfortable load -- in other words, the number of people that can be carried comfortably on the ship, which is 400 -- have been processed to go aboard. They haven't quite started loading yet.

But it is 152 Americans and 248 other nationals, mostly British, so that's a full load of 400 which have been processed to go aboard and will be going aboard shortly.

Q Just one landing craft went ashore?

MR. NESSEN: So far.

Q Which one was that?

MR. NESSEN: The LCU -- the larger one.

Q Is that all that want to go? Is that the 400?

MR. NESSEN: I am not clear whether there are going to be more that want to go, which would mean bringing the little one, or taking this one out to the LSD, removing the passengers, and then sending it back to shore. We don't know yet what the next step will be.

Q Any problems develop? Any hostilities of any kind?

MR. NESSEN: All smooth and quiet so far.

Q By processing, what would that be?

MR. NESSEN: Oh, you know, check their passports, et cetera.

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Q Is that 400 capacity for that craft?

MR. NESSEN: That is the comfortable capacity. You can jam 500 on but the decision was not to.

Q According to the wires, the PLO is providing security in that area, or at least was at the British Embassy and wherever the Americans were, which is apparently a couple of blocks away. Do you know if they have provided security for this transition of getting these people down to the ship and on?

MR. NESSEN: If that is being reported from Beirut, I would not argue with it.

Q Anyway, the LCU has not yet pulled off the beach?

MR. NESSEN: It has not taken the people on yet. They are just ready to go aboard.

Q Are there any American combatants of any kind in the beach area?

MR. NESSEN: There are not. And the sailors on the LCU are unarmed.

Q Do you have reason to believe there are more than 400 evacuees?

MR. NESSEN: Yes, I do. I think there'll have to be another run made either by the smaller ship or by turning this one around and sending it back.

Q Do you have a report of the weather in the area: Are the seas calm?

MR. NESSEN: The weather is clear -- 10 miles visibility. About 9 knot-wind -- sunny.

Q There is no danger involved in taking these out?

MR. NESSEN: You mean to take these people out?

Q Yes.

MR. NESSEN: Not from the seas, no.

Q Does the beach have a name?

MR. NESSEN: It does, but I'm not sure whether we're ready to give it out, Jerry. If you want to you can say it is in the area of the Riviera Hotel, which is the British Embassy area.



Q Do you know how long it took the craft to get from the big ship in?

MR. NESSEN: I wish you would check Greener on that. I know they are pouring stuff out over there.

Q Is the President still in his office?

MR. NESSEN: No. He went back to the NSC office.

Q Why didn't they use helicopters?

MR. NESSEN: It was just decided, as the original statement said, after weighing a lot of alternatives, this was decided to be the way to do it.

Q Is the President still in the monitoring posture?

MR. NESSEN: Yes. There are phone calls coming in and cable traffic coming in. He has talked to Secretary Rumsfeld on the phone.

Q Has he been in contact with the Task Force commander?

MR. NESSEN: No, not directly. But there are cables and phone calls coming in to others in the NSC.

Q He has the capability, hasn't he?

MR. NESSEN: I guess so, but he has not.

Q Anything you can say about deciding not to wait for another 24-hour cycle and go the overland evacuation route?

MR. NESSEN: I would say only that having had the motorcade postponed last night because of no assurances of safety and the same thing happening a second time, the feeling was there was nothing to lead us to believe that we could get that assurance tomorrow.

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Q We have been urging Americans to leave Lebanon for months and months. 6,000 did and 1400 didn't. All of a sudden we have escalated it and made it kind of an urgent advice to leave and help you do it.

Is there some possibility of impending action in Beirut that we think may happen that might imperil the people? Is that why the emphasis now, or is it just to keep the British company?

MR. NESSEN: No, Jerry, I wouldn't take it that lightly. For one thing, the situation has changed from what it was in the last several months because you have had two Americans murdered for one thing.

Up to now you have had Americans in Beirut that have mingled and traveled without harrassment throughout the country as Americans. Now, you have had two Americans deliberately killed. That changes the situation somewhat.

You have had almost all the other Westerners -- the British and the French -- make the decision to evacuate. It was decided that it would be better not to leave the Americans as the only Westerners who had not left.

Q I have heard many speculative reports that Syria is about to open an offensive to impose peace on Lebanon by force, and that this would escalate the danger.

MR. NESSEN: I don't want to speculate on that from here. I think the reasons I have given give you some idea of what the feeling was.

Q Ron, do you have any idea how long this evacuation by sea will take? Is this going to be pretty well wrapped up in one day?

MR. NESSEN: I would think if it continues to go smoothly, I would think it would be wrapped up in a couple of more hours, at most.

Q Will the large ship be escorted to Athens?

MR. NESSEN: I don't know. You can check with Greener on that. I don't know the answer to that.

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Q What is the President's mood -- somber?

MR. NESSEN: I would say serious and somber.

Q Is he in pajamas or sport clothes?

MR. NESSEN: He has on a brown suit, white shirt, and tie.

Q In reference to Syrian troops in Lebanon, is it still Administration policy that we would like all intervention withdrawn?

MR. NESSEN: It is certainly our policy that we would like the situation settled peacefully. As I have said before, the larger the outside military intervention, the greater the risk of the conflict expanding and escalating.

Q That means we would like the Syrians to leave.

MR. NESSEN: I think I'll answer it that way and not specifically.

Q Actually the answer at the other side of town where the fog is thicker is that we favor all political efforts and oppose all military intervention. Of course, the Syrians are doing both. You can't have one and not the other.

MR. NESSEN: At this hour on a Sunday morning I don't feel equipped to get into that.

Q I just want to make it worthwhile -- your visit.

MR. NESSEN: My visit is worthwhile to see you all.

Q Does the President plan to continue the monitoring process?

MR. NESSEN: Yes.

Q For how long?

MR. NESSEN: Until the operation is completed.

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Q 40 hours?

MR. NESSEN: Until everyone is aboard the ship and cruising back to Athens.

Q Any security being provided by war ships for the SPIEGEL GROVE?

MR. NESSEN: I don't know that. I think Greener can help you.

Q Do you know how far off the SPIEGEL GROVE got?

MR. NESSEN: No closer than three miles. Somewhere between 3 and 5 miles.

Q International waters?

I thought the SPIEGEL GROVE was unarmed?

MR. NESSEN: No, I said the landing craft that went up to the beach was unarmed. I don't know about the SPIEGEL GROVE.

Q Can we get pictures of the President during this monitoring process?

MR. NESSEN: Do you mean your own pictures?

Q Yes.

MR. NESSEN: I don't know. Let me check and see and see how he feels about that.

END

(4:25 A.M. EDT)



AT THE WHITE HOUSE

WITH RON NESSEN

AT 6:15 A.M. EDT

JUNE 20, 1976

SUNDAY

MR. NESSEN: The President left the NSC at 5:16 to go to bed, thanked everybody there.

We can't give you an official number on how many people have left because we don't have a good count yet, but it is roughly in the area of 260, 270, 275, something like that.

Q: Now is this total Americans and foreigners?

MR. NESSEN: Yes, it divides up about half Americans and their dependents and about half foreigners.

Q: What happened to 449?

MR. NESSEN: I don't know. We can't figure out where that number came from either.

Q: What figure are you using?

MR. NESSEN: We don't have a firm figure.

Q: Roughly?

MR. NESSEN: Roughly around 270, 275, something like that.

Q: All nationalities?

MR. NESSEN: Roughly half Americans and dependents and half other nationalities.

Q: Well, why don't people want to leave Lebanon? Why are all the Americans staying?

MR. NESSEN: I don't know.

Q: Were they afraid of this evacuation effort?

MR. NESSEN: I can't give you an answer to that.

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Q: Could you give us now the exact time that they got to sea?

MR. NESSEN: Bill Greener is in the final phase of typing the chronology and I am going to refer most of the questions out there now because he has put ---

Q: We want the President's involvement now. Did he get telephone word or was he told, "this is it"? Was he in the NSC ---

MR. NESSEN: Yes, he was.

Q: -- situation room?

MR. NESSEN: No, he was in the NSC office and he had Don Rumsfeld phone there. Don, of course, was in contact with the naval elements and he was also in phone contact with the Embassy in Beirut.

Q: The President was?

MR. NESSEN: No, the President wasn't at this particular stage talking on the phone himself, but the other people in the office were.

Q: You say it was about an hour operation, I mean one hour for the whole thing?

MR. NESSEN: No, it was longer than that, wasn't it? It hit the beach at 3:28 and -- well, I think you have got to get Greener's chronology because they were keeping the exact times out at the Pentagon.

Q: We are asking about the President. What time did he know that they had -- left at 5:16. Was he there about five minutes? Saying thank you or ---

MR. NESSEN: Well, I just didn't note down what time it was that the word came that -- you know, the word came that the landing craft had left the beach and then the word came that it had arrived at the SPIEGEL GROVE and then there was word that it was inside the SPIEGEL GROVE and so forth.

I didn't jot those times down.

Q: Ron, in each case, did the President get this information from Don Rumsfeld?

MR. NESSEN: Don called the information, that is right. The President talked to him a couple of times and other people talked to him other times, but the ---

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Q: He was not monitoring any radio traffic?

MR. NESSEN: The President, himself, was not monitoring the traffic that was coming either from the Embassy or on the military circuits.

Q: Can you tell us what governments facilitated in this evacuation?

MR. NESSEN: Well, obviously, the British.

Q: Do you know how many Americans, apart from our agreement, are still in Lebanon?

MR. NESSEN: No, I cannot get a firm figure on that.

Q: Okay, but you said the Sarkis-Franjieh Government and individuals. Who are the individuals?

MR. NESSEN: Well, there were a lot of people who helped to make the arrangements for this and I can't spell out for you who exactly all the people were.

Q: Arafat?

MR. NESSEN: I am just not going to be able to spell out exactly who they were.

Q: Well, was this the first and last evacuation?

MR. NESSEN: There are no plans for any further evacuations from Beirut.

Q: Are you disappointed in the number that came out tonight? Did you expect more?

MR. NESSEN: I didn't have any expectations one way or the other. You know, the notice has been up and the people have been made aware of the fact that the evacuation was going to go ahead and so forth. So, I don't have any basis to ---

Q: When he was in here you used the figure 279.

MR. NESSEN: Yes, I know. We just don't have a firm figure yet because nobody has done a firm head count and sent the word back. It is in the 279 neighborhood.

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Q The 152 Americans that you were originally talking about, is that ---

MR. NESSEN: Apparently there was a lot of double counting going on and so forth at that stage of the operation.

Q Can you tell us where you got your initial figure of 400, which subsequently was increased to 441?

MR. NESSEN: Yes. These numbers were being relayed from Beirut and apparently there was some double counting going on and so forth.

Q What happens now? They are on their way to Athens, right?

MR. NESSEN: Right.

Q What happens then?

MR. NESSEN: I don't know, Helen.

Q What happens to the President for the rest of the day?

MR. NESSEN: He went up and went to sleep. He is going to church. I think you know he is going to attend the 11 o'clock services.

Q St. John's?

MR. NESSEN: That is right, yes.

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Q Does he have anything more to do with this or is it all --

MR. NESSEN: The evacuation, as the statement says, has been concluded without incident.

Q Is he going to the funeral of Ambassador Meloy?

MR. NESSEN: No, I don't have any plans for him to go.

Q Ron, did he talk with Kissinger at all during this two or three hours before the evacuation was complete?

MR. NESSEN: I am trying to think whether he talked directly to Kissinger. There may have been one call with Kissinger.

Q What about George Bush and George Brown?

MR. NESSEN: He did not talk directly to them during this operation.

Q Any other National Security Council people, other than Rumsfeld?

MR. NESSEN: No, not that I recall.

Q Do you know who suggested that they go by sea? Was this one of the contingency plans from the Joint Chiefs of Staff?

MR. NESSEN: It was one of the contingencies that was developed during the course of this series of meetings that have been held over the past couple of days. I think it would be fair to say that when you look at the alternatives that it was considered to be the safest method.

Q Is there any thought of bringing out all of the U. S. Embassy personnel?

MR. NESSEN: No, the embassy will stay open.

Q Do you know how many embassy staff members --

MR. NESSEN: I don't, Russ, because the other estimate that I had of how many would be leaving was based on the idea that you would need a certain number to go along as escorts with the convoy when it looked like they were going by road. Now the fact that they went by ship sort of changed the numbers that were needed so I don't have a firm count on how many have left the embassy.

Q Ron, a day or two ago you made a comment about when you take a look at all the factors that were involved in this decision you will see why it had to be handled this way.

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MR. NESSEN: No, somebody asked the question was this crisis trumped up. I think Phil asked that. "Was this crisis trumped up" I think were his words or "Was the President's cancellation of his trip to Iowa trumped up in an effort to gain some sort of political advantage over Reagan" and I said when you look at some of the decisions the President is making in this period you will see why that question does not deserve an answer.

Well, the decisions were: Do you go by road with the uncertainties along the road and the different groups you have to deal with along the road? How do you keep communications with the convoy on the road, or would it be better to go by helicopter and what are the dangers of going by helicopter? Or do you go by ship and what are the dangers of going by ship?

A whole series of decisions had to be made and that is what I was talking about.

Q Did the President make the final decision to go by sea?

MR. NESSEN: Yes.

Q And it was his decision?

MR. NESSEN: Absolutely.

Q Are we now aware of all the decisions that went into this or are there others that you have not mentioned?

MR. NESSEN: No, those are the major ones, I think.

Q Did the President have to stay up tonight or was it just his preference or was he exerting some minute by minute control?

MR. NESSEN: Well, I would say that he was there to be ready to make whatever decisions had to be made if it had not gone as smoothly as it did.

Q Was there any contact with the Russians to assure them that we were not landing the Marines or with any other government?

MR. NESSEN: I am not aware of any.

Q Ron, the fact that the PLO apparently provided security in Beirut as has been reported by agencies there, did the President have any reaction to that or do we feel indebted or are we grateful for that fact? Is there any expression of any kind the President made regarding that fact?

MR. NESSEN: No. I don't think I can comment any further on that, Jim.

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Q Is the fact that he expressed, generally speaking, appreciation for outsiders who helped -- was that also part of the PLO in this case?

MR. NESSEN: I think you could read those there to mean some of the -- Well, I think I am not going to elaborate on that.

Q Ron, will you read the statement?

MR. NESSEN: I will.

As I say, as far as I am concerned there is a lid on. The President will go to church at eleven. I don't plan anything further on Sunday. Bill Greener is at the Pentagon with a chronology, timetable of --

Q He could play golf?

MR. NESSEN: Could. He could play golf.

Bill Greener has a chronology at the Pentagon and also will answer additional questions at the Pentagon.

Okay. If everybody is ready, I will read the statement by the President.

The evacuation operation in Beirut today was completed successfully without incident. The success of this operation was made possible through the combined efforts of our armed forces and State Department personnel both here and in the field.

The President wants to express his deep appreciation and pride in the outstanding performance of all the men and women who contributed to this effort. We are grateful as well for the assistance of other governments and individuals that facilitated the evacuation.

The United States will continue to play a positive role in seeking to restore stability and bring peace to Lebanon. The President would like to express to all those who played a part in the success of this operation his heartfelt thanks.

THE PRESS: Thank you.

END

(AT 6:30 A.M. EDT)



June 18, 1976

Evacuation of American Citizens from Lebanon

Due to the continuing uncertainty of the situation in Beirut, the President has directed the United States Embassy there to assist in the departure by overland convoy to Damascus of its U.S. citizens who wish to depart Lebanon at this time.

The first such convoy is expected to leave Beirut Saturday, and American citizens are being alerted both by the Embassy and by broadcast on the Voice of America to be prepared for departure at that time if they so wish.

The remains of Ambassador Francis Meloy and Mr. Robert Waring have been brought to Damascus overland. They will be picked up by a U.S. plane and returned to the United States, arriving on Saturday.

Only those Embassy officials not essential to our continuing operations will be leaving Lebanon. [FYI: It is expected that approximately 35 to 40 will remain. End FYI] The American Embassy in Beirut is to remain open to continue our efforts to help bring an end to the strife which has brought this tragedy to Lebanon.



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<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>6/18</u> <u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
The Speaker	10:22 am	Speaker's office	In chair - left with Joel Jankowsky.
Tip O'Neill	10:32 am	Speaker's lobby	Jesus Christ!
John McFall	11:20 am	his office	Had constituent there. Out now.
John Rhodes	10:55 am	his office	Tough situation. Knows the evacuation route.
Bob Michel	11:50 am	his office	Has large Lebanese constituency and wants detailed briefing.
Al Cederberg	10:35 am	off Floor	No comment.
George Mahon	10:30 am	off Floor	No comment.
"Doc" Morgan	10:35 am	House Floor thru Doorkeeper - chairing bill	
Bill Broomfield	10:20 am	off Floor	No comment.
Mel Price	11:05 am	Rm. S 126	In Conference Committee.
Bob Wilson	11:15 am	Cathy Parham	In California.



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Tip O'Neill	10:32 AM	Spink's Office	Term Chair!
John McFall	11:20 AM	His Office	Had Confirmed them - out now.
John Rhodes	10:55 AM	His Office	Tough Situation Knows the way out
Bob Michel	11:50 AM	His Office	Has large testimony Constitution + wants to meet Friday
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