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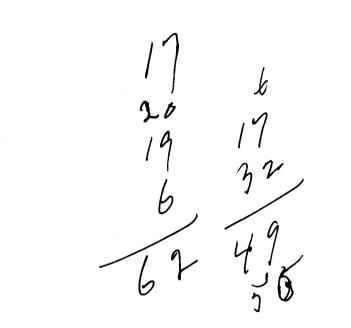
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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN...

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS MELOY/WARING SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 1976



THIS IS A MOMENT OF SADNESS FOR AMERICA.

THE MEN WHO WERE SO RUTHLESSLY MURDERED IN LEBANON

EMBODIED THE FINEST TRADITIONS OF OUR COUNTRY.

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THEIR DEDICATED PROFESSIONALISM THEIR WILLINGNESS TO SACRIFICE

THEIR DEVOTION TO THE SERVICE OF PEACE -- ALL WERE REFLECTED

AT EVERY STEP OF THEIR CAREERS. THE TRAGEDY THAT BEFELL THEM

HAS STRUCK DEEP IN THE HEARTS OF THEIR COUNTRYMEN.

I EXTEND TO THEIR FAMILIES THE DEEPEST SYMPATHIES OF

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. YOU AND THE LOVED ONES YOU HAVE LOST

WILL BE IN THE THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS OF ALL OF US.

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BY THE DIFFICULT DAYS OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR.

LIKE MANY OF

US, THEY CAME OUT OF THAT EXPERIENCE DETERMINED TO MAKE A

PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE BUILDING OF A BETTER WORLD, A WORLD

WITHOUT WAR.

FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS THEY MADE THAT CONTRIBUTION THROUGH

SELFLESS AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THEIR COUNTRY.

THEIR LEBANESE ASSOCIATE, ZOHAIR MOGHREBI

(ZOO-HAIR) (MA-GRA-BEE) TOO, GAVE OVER 25 YEARS OF LOYAL SERVICE

TO AMERICA.

HE HAS OUR RESPECT, OUR HONOR AND OUR GRATITUDE, HIS FAMILY,
OUR SYMPATHY.

THIS IS ALSO A MOMENT OF REFLECTION FOR AMERICA.

WHY WERE THESE BRAVE MEN IN LEBANON? WHY ARE THERE OTHERS

STILL THERE, SEARCHING FOR EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO BRING PEACE TO

THAT TRAGIC LAND?

OUR NATION, SINCE ITS FOUNDING, HAS BEEN COMMITTED

TO PEACE AND TO RESPECT FOR THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS. UNFORTUNATELY

THERE ARE TOO MANY PLACES IN OUR WORLD WHERE IT IS TO SOMEONE'S

TEMPORARY ADVANTAGE TO DESTROY THE PEACE, TO BREAK THE BONDS OF

UNITY, AND TO TEAR ASUNDER THE FABRIC OF RELIGIOUS, RACIAL AND

CULTURAL TOLERANCE THAT BINDS TOGETHER A SOCIETY.

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LEBANON HAS KNOWN PEACE. IT WAS ONCE A MODEL

OF DIVERSITY AND TOLERANCE. THOSE WERE TIMES OF PROGRESS AND

HOPE. BUT THOSE TIMES HAVE SUDDENLY VANISHED IN LEBANON AND

HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY FEAR, HATRED, DESTRUCTION AND DESPAIR.

THE COLLAPSE OF INTERNAL ORDER THERE IS A PROFOUND CHALLENGE TO

ALL NATIONS WHO KNOW AND CHERISH PEACE. IT IS AN EXAMPLE OF

WHAT CAN HAPPEN ANYWHERE WHEN VIOLENCE TRIUMPHS OVER MAN'S

INSTINCT FOR GOOD AND FOR PEACE.

THE GOAL OF AMERICA - AND THE GOAL OF OUR FOREIGN

SERVICE - IS TO BUILD A MORE SECURE, A MORE JUST WORLD.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE OUR BEST TO THE SEARCH FOR PEACE IN

LEBANON AND TO SHOW BY WORD AND DEED THAT THE DEATHS OF THREE

BRAVE MEN WERE NOT IN VAIN.

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WE WILL CONTINUE TO EXERCISE INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP,

DECAUSE THERE IS NO MORAL ALTERNATIVE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO

NEED THE TALENT AND GENIUS OF THE BEST AMERICA HAS TO OFFER TO DO

SO. THE WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK TO BUILD A WORLD WHERE

MEN OF PEACE CAN LIVE IN PEACE.

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NOW IT IS MY SAD DUTY TO PRESENT TO MR. DANIEL MELOY

THE FLAG OF AMBASSADOR MELOY, AS A TRIBUTE TO ONE OF OUR FINEST

AMERICAN DIPLOMATS, AND TO MRS. WARING THE FLAG OF THE

UNITED STATES, IN HONOR OF A DISTINGUISHED AND DEDICATED FOREIGN

SERVICE OFFICER.