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WHM, 12/17/84

Appropriate leaders ab
Long. ^{who could be rescued.} ~~and~~ Sat, again
this evening.

GF arriving 1:25 a.m. (~~at~~)
~~planned when they started~~
Blue suit, white
sport shirt.

D.R. planned.

GF, D.C., J.M., B.S., R.H.,
W.H.

B.S. 2:25 "Everyone is on board"

300 even.

B.S. ~~shortly after~~
2:30 "They've cleared
the beach."



Q - Why leave 15 in emb.

A - Maintain an American presence and perform minimal functions.

Q - How many A's left?

A - Don't know. Confused situation.

G.F. called. Phil Habib (DOS)
D.R. - Pentagon.

congrats "Went smoothly,
no incidents."

G.F. = Left 2:45 a.m.
Went to O.O. briefly.

2:50 to



Talking points for Nissen

July 26, 1976

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT ON BEIRUT EVACUATION

~~_____~~, ~~_____~~ ^{QF}
~~_____~~ was informed this
morning of the departure from Beirut of ~~_____~~ ^{without incident,} US Navy vessel
carrying ~~_____~~ ^{1,300 or so} individuals who ~~_____~~ ^{wished} to leave that
city, including ~~_____~~ ^{_____} United States citizens. ~~_____~~ ^{I'm pleased}
~~_____~~ that this evacuation has been carried out successfully.
I wish to congratulate the officers and men of the Sixth Fleet and
the members of the U.S. Embassy in Beirut for having arranged
a safe and orderly evacuation of American and other foreign
nationals.

I also wish to express my gratitude and sincere thanks to all
~~_____~~ ^{others} who gave their cooperation to facilitate this departure.

Q - PLO.

A - To all others.

Q - Seeley. come out.

A - Yes.

Q - Why.

1 cc

Kathy

1 cc

Oasley

A - For consultation.

Q - Expect to go back.

A - Premature, Wait and see.



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According to USS
Spiegel Grove
they have 276
evacuees on board,
of which 110 are
Americans. Press
figures are from
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sources.

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DELIVER TO NEA/ARN/DRAPER AT OPENING OF BUSINESS.
 E.O. 11651 GDS
 TAGS: PINS, PINT, LE
 SUBJECT: 0900 LEBANON REPORT

1. KARAME'S RESIGNATION LAST NIGHT CAME IN WAKE OF, AND WAS ATTRIBUTED SPECIFICALLY BY HIM TO CONTINUOUS BREACHES OF THE CEASEFIRES HE HAS BEEN ARRANGING OVER PAST COUPLE DAYS. BEYOND AIR STRIKE FRIDAY AFTERNOON, ABOUT WHICH KARAME PROTESTED BUT WHICH HE FINALLY SEEMED TO SWALLOW, MOST RECENT EXAMPLE WAS ALL OUT DRIVE BY PHALANGIST-CHAMOUNIST FORCES LAST NIGHT AGAINST GARANTINA DISTRICT. IN DARKNESS CAUSED BY ELECTRICITY FAILURE RESULTING FROM STORM LAST NIGHT, SKY WAS BRIGHTLY LIT OVER GARANTINA INDICATING LARGE NUMBER OF FIRES. AS OF THIS MORNING, PHALANGISTS ARE MRLAITANG SUBSTANTIAL VICTORY THERE, ALTHOUGH THEY ADMIT NUMBER OF PALESTINIAN LEFTIST DEFENDERS REMAIN, SOMETIMES PUT AS HIGH AS FIFTY.

2. KARAME RESIGNATION APPEARED TO TAKE FRANGIE AND MANY OTHERS BY SURPRISE. KARAME REPORTEDLY CONSULTED WITH NUMBER OF HIS ALLIES AND YASSER ARAFAT BEFORE INFORMING FRANGIE. ONE OR TWO OF THESE HAS INDICATED TO EMBASSY THAT ISSUE IS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR. FRANGIE RETAINS THE OPTION OF NOT ACCEPTING RESIGNATION AND ATTEMPTING TO PERSUADE KARAME TO CONTINUE, AND WE DO NOT KNOW EXTENT TO WHICH SYRIANS HAVE BEEN HEARD FROM DIRECTLY IN THIS MATTER. WHILE AS OF THIS WRITING THERE IS A TEMPORARY LULL IN CITY FIGHTING, WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT PHALANGISTS HAVE SATISFIED THEMSELVES ON THEIR MILITARY GAINS OR THAT FIGHTING WILL NOT RESUME AT HIGH LEVELS.

3. IN SOME WAYS KARAME RESIGNATION MORE IMPORTANT SYMBOLICALLY

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By 1954 NARA Date 2/17/95

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THAN IN REALITY. PEACE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT OVER PAST WEEK OR SO DIRECTLY BY FRANGIE WITH ASAD. MILITARY DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN OCCURRING BETWEEN ARMY AND YASSER ARAFAT'S MAIN LINE PALESTINIANS WITH INTENTION TO LIMIT FIGHTING TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE. THUS, KARAME WHO WAS CHARGED WITH PUTTING TOGETHER A MODERATE MOSLEM POSITION BUT WAS UNABLE TO DO SO HAD ENDED UP OPERATING SOMEWHAT ON THE FRINGES. HIS RESIGNATION IS AN OBVIOUS INDICATION OF PIQUE, EXASPERATION, AND PERHAPS CONTAINS AN ELEMENT OF REASSERTING HIMSELF. HE IS SCHEDULED TO HOLD A NUMBER OF POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS TODAY.

4. MEANWHILE, LUCIEN DAHDAN WENT TO DAMASCUS WITH MESSAGE FROM FRANGIE.

5. AIRPORT REMAINS CLOSED TODAY. FOUR OFFICIAL AMERICANS STRANDED THERE ARE BEING WELL LOOKED AFTER.

6. PRESS REPORTS THAT RAYMOND EDDE IS IN NEW YORK TODAY AND PLANS TRIP TO WASHINGTON TO CONSULT WITH U.S. GOVT LEADERS.
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LEBANON -

BACKGROUND: See attached cable on developments on fighting in Lebanon.

Q. What can you tell us today about developments in Lebanon? Have we been in touch with concerned parties about the situation?

A. We are using every channel available to us to see what can be done to ameliorate the situation in Lebanon. We feel that all parties can help the most by encouraging Lebanese to solve their problems politically, rather than through fighting. It's up to the Lebanese to work out their own affairs (as the State Department said yesterday), and we hope they will be able to successfully.

Q. Would you then repudiate the Eisenhower Doctrine by which we would, under certain circumstances, intervene in Lebanon?

A. Our position on outside intervention has been made clear here and at the State Department. Yesterday, I understand the State Department stated that "we are not giving any consideration to United States intervention in Lebanon."

IF PRESSED TO REPUDIATE THE DOCTRINE:

I am obviously not going to speculate about what may or may not happen at some time in the future in some contingencies that we are



trying very hard to prevent from developing.~ But let me reiterate our past position; we are opposed to all outside interference in Lebanon.



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INFO AMEMBASSY ATHENS 6155

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ BEIRUT 0660

DELIVER TO NEA/ARN/DRAPER AT OPENING OF BUSINESS,
 ALSO PASS SECRETARY'S PARTY FOR DAY.

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PINT, LE

SUBJECT: POPP LEBANON REPORT

1. CITY OF DAMOUR FELL TO PALESTINIAN-LEFTIST FORCES
 LAST NIGHT. REFUGEES FROM THERE AND CHAMOUN'S NEIGHBORING
 VILLAGE OF SAADIYAT, WHO REACHED JOUNIEH BY BOAT THIS
 MORNING, APPEAR TO HAVE HAD A SOBERING EFFECT ON MANY
 CHRISTIANS THERE WHO HAVE BEEN ENJOYING HEADY WINE OF
 APPARENT PHALANGIST-CHAMOUN MILITARY SUCCESS CAPPED BY
 YESTERDAY'S TAKEOVER OF GARANTINA DISTRICT. RIGHTIST
 ATTACK ON NABAA DISTRICT DID NOT REPEAT NOT TAKE PLACE
 AS MANY FEARED. STORIES OF HEAVY FIGHTING IN BEKAA
 AND AKKAR AREAS UP COUNTRY AND PRESENCE THERE OF PLA AND OTHER
 PALESTINIAN UNITS ALSO APPEAR TO BE SOBERING CHRISTIAN
 RIGHTIST ENTHUSIASM. INFORMATION ON WHAT EXACTLY IS
 HAPPENING UP COUNTRY IS, HOWEVER, SLIM, AS TELEPHONE AND
 TELEGRAPH LINES ARE FOR THE MOST PART OUT.

2. ARRIVAL OF KHADDA, SHEHABI AND JAMIL FROM DAMASCUS
 THIS MORNING HAS RAISED OUR HOPES OF POSSIBLE POLITICAL
 SOLUTION, OR AT LEAST SUFFICIENT POLITICAL PROGRESS TO
 RESTRAIN FURTHER MILITARY ESCALATION. WE HAVE RELIABLE
 REPORTS THAT FRANGIE IS CONTINUING TO MEET WITH CHAMOUN,
 GEMAYEL AND OTHER TOP CHRISTIAN LEADERS FOR SERIOUS CONSIDERA-
 TION OF PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH SYRIANS, WHO ARE ACTING ON BEHALF
 OF THE MOSLEM SIDE. WE ARE DISTURBED BY PRETTY RELIABLE
 INFORMATION THAT AT LEAST CHAMOUN AND PROBABLY ALSO GEMAYEL
 ARE STILL UNABLE TO SEIZE REALITIES OF THE SITUATION AND
 ARE PUSHING FOR REFERRAL OF MATTER TO THE UN, WHERE U.S.
 AND OTHER WESTERN FRIENDS OF THE LEBANON ARE SUPPOSED TO

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By KGB NARA, Date 2/17/95



PRODUCE NECESSARY SOLUTION TO LEBANESE PROBLEMS. WE ARE DOING OUR BEST THROUGH A NUMBER OF INTIMATES OF THESE LEADERS TO DISSUADE SUCH LINE OF THINKING AND SUPPORT SYRIAN MEDIATION EFFORTS, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND FRANGIE IS AT PRESENT PREPARED TO ACCEPT. I HAVE NOT PERSONALLY WEIGHED IN NOR INTEND TO UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD INSTRUCT, IN WHICH CASE IT COULD BE DONE THROUGH A PERSONAL OR TELEPHONE CALL WITH FRANGIE.

3. ALSO FOR FIRST TIME DATT HAS BEEN TOLD THERE ARE SERIOUS DOUBTS IN THE MINDS OF TOP MOSLEM ARMY OFFICERS AS TO ARMY'S ABILITY TO HANG TOGETHER. RIGHTIST TAKEOVER OF QARANTINA AND LEFTIST TAKEOVER OF DAMOUR, ACCOMPANIED AS THESE WERE BY WIDESPREAD STORIES OF ATROCITIES, SEEM TO BE HAVING PARTICULAR PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT IN BRINGING HOME INTERCONFESSIONAL NATURE OF THIS CONFLICT. AUB'S PRESIDENT KIRKWOOD WAS ON THE PHONE TELLING ME OF SIMILAR FEARS AMONG FACULTY AND STUDENTS AT AUB WHO SEE THIS AS BEGINNING OF CHRISTIAN-MOSLEM FRATRICIDE BEYOND RIGHT-LEFT LINES THAT FIGHTING HAS GENERALLY BEEN BELIEVED TO TAKE UP TO NOW. HAPPILY AUB STUDENT BODY (WHICH IS ALMOST HALF OF ITS NORMAL LEVEL, OR ABOUT 2300 AT PRESENT) HAS NOT BEEN DIRECTLY HIT. LULLS IN FIGHTING WHICH OCCURRED TOWARDS END OF DAY YESTERDAY ALWAYS SEEM TO BRING OUT ROADBLOCKS, KIDNAPPING AND SUMMARY EXECUTIONS ALONG PURELY CONFESSIONAL LINES, AND THIS IS UNSETTLING.

4. ABOUT THE ONLY HAPPY NOTE TODAY, APART FROM OUR HOPES FOR POLITICAL PROGRESS, IS FACT THAT SNIPER IN THE HOLIDAY INN HAS CEASED TO SHOOT IN DIRECTION OF EMBASSY. TANK BATTLE TOOK PLACE EARLIER THIS MORNING IN THE HOTEL DISTRICT AS WELL AS MANY OTHER PARTS OF TOWN, BUT AT THE M JENT ALSO SEEMS TO BE QUIETING DOWN. WE SUSPECT THIS WILL BE ONLY TEMPORARY IN THE ABSENCE OF POLITICAL PROGRESS IN BAABDA.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

NOTE FOR: *Connie G*
FROM : RON NESSEN

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LEBANON

BACKGROUND:

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As we have said, we feel that all parties can help the most by encouraging the Lebanese to solve their problems politically, rather than militarily. For our part, we will continue to use every diplomatic channel available to us to see what can be done to ameliorate the situation in Lebanon. While we remain concerned over the gravity of the conflict there, we would hope that current efforts to arrange a ceasefire might facilitate an end to the fighting and a restoration of calm.

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, PINT, LE
SUBJECT: 0900 LEBANON REPORT
DELIVER TO NEA/ARN DRAPER AT OPENING OF BUSINESS.

1. AT 10:45 THIS MORNING, JAN 22 GENERAL AGREEMENT WAS ANNOUNCED ON THE BASIS OF THREE POINTS:

A. A LEBANESE-SYRIAN PALESTINIAN HIGH MILITARY COMMITTEE IS FORMED TO DRAW UP ARRANGEMENTS FOR A CEASEFIRE AND RESTORATION OF NORMAL LIFE AND TO SUPERVISE CEASEFIRE'S IMPLEMENTATION;

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3. IT IS OF COURSE POSSIBLE THAT ALL PARTIES HAVE NOT YET AGREED TO CEASEFIRE OR POLITICAL SETTLEMENT WHICH

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MR 94-81, #23 State Hr. 11/28/94

By KSH NARA, Date 2/7/95



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4. MILITARY ACTIVITY CONTINUED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, NIGHT
AND INTO MORNING. CENTER OF TOWN AND HOTEL DISTRICT
RELATIVELY QUIET TODAY WITH ONLY ISOLATED EXPLOSIONS
AND SHOOTING. INTERNAL SECURITY FORCES BARRACKS WAS
OVERRUN BY LEFTISTS YESTERDAY BUT THEN REPORTEDLY EVACUATED
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LEFTIST FORCES PRESSED THEIR ADVANTAGE IN DAMOUR AREA
AGAINST CHAMOUN HOME TOWN OF SAADIYAT. TODAY WILL OBVIOUSLY
BE ANOTHER CRITICAL DAY.

6. FINALLY, ONE BIOGRAPHIC NOTE: SABRI HAMADE, PROMINENT
SHI'A LEADER AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER OF
DEPUTIES, DIED IN AUB HOSPITAL YESTERDAY AT AGE 74,
FROM HEART PROBLEMS.
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AREAS, AND MORALE UNDER PRESSURE. THREATEND RIGHTIST ATTACK
ON NABAA DISTRICT HAS STILL NOT TAKEN PLACE, NOR HAVE
LEFTIST FORCES PRESSED THEIR ADVANTAGE IN DAMOUR AREA
AGAINST CHAMOUN HOME TOWN OF SAADIYAT. TODAY WILL OBVIOUSLY
BE ANOTHER CRITICAL DAY.

6. FINALLY, ONE BIOGRAPHIC NOTE: SABRI HAMADE, PROMINENT
SHIA LEADER AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER OF
DEPUTIES, DIED IN AUB HOSPITAL YESTERDAY AT AGE 74,
FROM HEART PROBLEMS.
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AT THE WHITE HOUSE

WITH RON NESSEN

AT 4:08 P.M. EDT

JUNE 16, 1976

WEDNESDAY

MR. NESSEN: I have almost nothing to add.

Q Ron, are you ready to take questions?

MR. NESSEN: Yes, whatever I can help you with.

Q Can you be any more specific about the "appropriate resources of the United States"?

MR. NESSEN: It is just all the resources of the United States in conjunction with others to try to identify the person or the group who did this.

Q Do you have any idea now, any information from intelligence who might have been responsible?

MR. NESSEN: No.

Q Do you know now how it happened?

MR. NESSEN: We don't have that information here.

Q Does the American Embassy have custody of the bodies now?

MR. NESSEN: That really ought to come out of Beirut, Ann. My understanding is -- but again, this ought to be checked in Beirut -- that the bodies are at the American University Hospital in Beirut.

Q Ron, how and when was the President informed?

Q When he said appropriate resources, was he talking about putting additional people in Lebanon -- Americans?

MR. NESSEN: Tom, that is not anticipated at this time.

Q What about the evacuation of Americans?

MR. NESSEN: That has not been ordered.

Q Have helicopters gone into that area to stand by?

MR. NESSEN: My understanding is that there have been no American forces sent to that area.

Q Was there anything to suggest that this was a premeditated, planned act, or does it appear to be an act of spontaneity, that the two men walked into something which was not planned and fell victim to circumstances?

MR. NESSEN: We just don't have those details, Walt.

Q Ron, the contingency plans for evacuation of Americans from Beirut are reportedly being reviewed this afternoon. Who is reviewing them?

MR. NESSEN: I don't know for a fact that they are. You know, all places in the world have contingency plans for evacuation of Americans. I mean, that is literally true, and that is true of Beirut. I don't know that the plans are being reevaluated or changed in any way today.

Q Ron, what if they did identify the culprits, the assassins? I mean, what Government is there to ever implement a law?

MR. NESSEN: Helen, as you see in this statement, we are in touch with the Governments in the area and the United States feels, the President believes, that these murders will create a universal sense of outrage, that the leaders of no country will not share the sense of outrage that the President feels.

Q When the President got his first word, your use of "next of kin" was very revealing.

MR. NESSEN: As I told you at the time, that was only in the sense of relatives and the United States at that time did not know what had happened to the men. There was a tentative or preliminary indication from the Red Cross in Beirut at the very beginning of the President's 12:30 meeting that the men might have been killed, and it was during the meeting that the confirmation was relayed to the President.

Q Do you know now which political faction seized the men, which political faction actually kidnapped them?

MR. NESSEN: We don't, Walt.

Q Who did discover the bodies? The Red Cross?

MR. NESSEN: I don't have that information here, Helen.

Q Has the President gotten any message from any Government in that area on this point, as of yet?

MR. NESSEN: Not that I know of. The President has sent private messages of condolence to the brother of Ambassador Meloy and to the wife of Counselor Waring.

Q Where is she?

Q What form were these messages in?

MR. NESSEN: Telegrams.

Q Where did he send them?

MR. NESSEN: Mrs. Waring is in Athens, along with other dependents, having left Beirut earlier with other dependents.

Q Ron, there was a suggestion earlier by someone who looked at Meloy's biography that perhaps he was indeed more than an Ambassador and that perhaps he had been employed by the Central Intelligence Agency. Is there any substance to that? Was Meloy employed by the Central Intelligence Agency either on this assignment or previously?

MR. NESSEN: Not to my knowledge, Walt.

Q Ron, is the President going to ask Secretary Rumsfeld to return?

MR. NESSEN: There is not a plan for that, as far as I know. The Defense Department was represented by the Deputy Secretary, Mr. Clements.

Q Is anyone at all being sent to Lebanon temporarily?

MR. NESSEN: The President anticipates, as he said in here, naming a new Ambassador in the very near future.

Q Who is in charge now?

MR. NESSEN: I will have to check that or the State Department can give you that, Helen. I don't have it.

Q Is that "very near future" the next couple of days?

MR. NESSEN: Well, the President's hope is to have a person designated very shortly so that he can continue the work of Ambassador Meloy.

Q Do you know what the mission was when he was going to meet Sarkis?

MR. NESSEN: I do not, Helen.

Q There are no troop movements involved, no Defense Department --

MR. NESSEN: There are not, to my knowledge, no.

THE PRESS: Thank you, Ron.

June 16, 1976

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

The assassination of our Ambassador in Beirut, Francis E. Meloy, Jr., of our Counselor for Economic Affairs, Robert O. Waring, and of their driver, Zohair Moghrabi, is an act of senseless, outrageous brutality. I extend to their families my own deep sense of sorrow and that of all the American people.

These men were on their way to meet with President-elect Sarkis. They were on a mission of peace, seeking to do what they could in the service of their country to help restore order, stability, and reason to Lebanon. Their deaths add another tragedy to the suffering which the Lebanese people have endured beyond measure.

These men had lived with danger for many weeks and did so with the dedication and disregard of personal safety which we have come to expect of the Foreign Service.

The goals of our policy must remain unchanged. The United States will not be deterred from its search for peace by these murders. I have instructed Secretary Kissinger to continue our intensive efforts in this direction. I will name a new Ambassador to Lebanon within the very near future to resume the mission Ambassador Meloy performed so brilliantly. I have also instructed the Secretary to get in touch with all of the governments in the area and with the Lebanese leaders to help identify the murderers and to see that they are brought to justice. I have also ordered that all appropriate resources of the United States undertake immediately to identify the persons or group responsible for this vicious act.

Those responsible for these brutal assassinations must be brought to justice. At the same time, we must continue our policy of seeking a peaceful solution in Lebanon. That is the way we can best honor the brave men who gave their lives for their country and for the cause of peace.

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responsible for this vicious act.

~~The goals of our policy must remain unchanged.~~ ^{BUT} Despite

our sense of outrage, we must act with reason and a vision

for the future. Those responsible for these brutal assassinations ^A ~~must~~

~~should be brought to justice, and anger must be directed toward them~~

~~I am sure this is what the American people want~~ ⁷⁻⁷

~~That~~ ⁰ ~~is the way~~ we can best honor the brave

men who today gave their lives for their country ^{FOR} and ~~the cause~~

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At the same time, we must
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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, LE (MELOY, FRANCIS E., WARING, ROBERT O.)
SUBJECT: DISAPPEARANCE OF AMBASSADOR - PRESS GUIDANCE

1. AS REPORTS OF DISAPPEARANCE OF AMBASSADOR MELOY,
ECONOMIC COUNSELOR WARING, AND DRIVER ZOHEIR
MOHRABI SPREAD THROUGH BEIRUT, MISSION WILL BEGIN
RECEIVING FLOOD OF LOCAL AND FOREIGN PRESS INQUIRIES.

2. MISSION PLANS RESTRICT STATEMENT IN RESPONSE
TO INITIAL PRESS INQUIRIES TO FOLLOWING: QUOTE
THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED REPORTS THAT AMBASSADOR
FRANCIS E. MELOY, ECONOMIC COUNSELOR ROBERT O.
WARING, AND THEIR CHAUFFEUR DISAPPEARED THIS
MORNING BETWEEN 1045 AND 1100 WHILE ON THEIR
WAY TO AN 1100 APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT-ELECT
SARKIS AT HIS HAZMIYYA RESIDENCE. THE
EMBASSY IS INVESTIGATING THESE REPORTS BUT HAS
NO FURTHER INFORMATION AT THIS TIME UNQUOTE.

2. MISSION IS WITHHOLDING EVEN THIS PRELIMINARY
STATUTTO UNTIL 1300Z TO PERMIT NOTIFICATION OF
NEXT OF KIN.

3. AT SUBSEQUENT TIME, IF INITIAL MISSION
DEMARCHES PROVE FRUITLESS, MISSION PLANS RELEASE
STANDARD BIOGRAPHIES ON AMBASSADOR AND WARING
TO SUBSTANTIATE STATEMENTS THEY MAY BE MAKING TO
THOSE DETAINING THEM.

4. FYI. REUTER HAS JUST ASKED APAO TO CONFIRM YUMORS

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THAT ADBASSADOR HAS BEEN KIDNAPPED, BUT HE
IS HOLDING OFF ALL COMMENT UNTIL 1300Z.
MELOY
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FROM : RON NESSEN

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TAGS: ASEC, PIN6, LE (MELOY, AMBASSADOR FRANCIS S., JR.)
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE DISAPPEARANCE OF AMBASSADOR AND EBOFF
REF: BEIRUT 5152

1. WIFE OF ZOHAIR MOGHRABI HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED CONCERNING CALL FROM UNKNOWN MALE. SHE RELATED THE FOLLOWING: QUOTE AT 1230 LOCAL UNKNOWN MALE CALLED MOGHRABI'S HOME. MOGHRABI'S 14-YEAR OLD DAUGHTER ANSWERED CALL. CALLER SAID WHAT IS YOUR RELATION TO ZOHAIR MOGHRABI? SHE SAID, HE IS MY FATHER. DAUGHTER THEN SAID, WHO ARE YOU? CALLER REPLIED BY SAYING I WANT TO TALK TO YOUR MOTHER. ZOHAIR MOGHRABI'S WIFE THEN ANSWERED THE CALLER AND SAID, WHO ARE YOU? HE DID NOT REPLY. SHE DID NOT RECOGNIZE HIS VOICE. CALLER STATED, I WANT TO TELL YOU THAT "ZOHAIR" IS OK. SHE THEN SAID, HAS HE BEEN KIDNAPPED? CALLER STATED ZOHAIR HAD BEEN KIDNAPPED WITH TWO OTHER PEOPLE. CALLER THEN IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT "THEY" WERE AFTER THE TWO PEOPLE AND NOT ZOHAIR. END QUOTE.

2. THERE WAS NO MENTION OF THE WORD "AMERICAN" BEING ASSOCIATED WITH THE TWO PEOPLE ACCOMPANYING ZOHAIR. IN REFERENCE TO MRS. MOGHRABI'S ASKING IF ZOHAIR HAD BEEN KIDNAPPED, SHE STATED DURING THE INTERVIEW THAT THIS CALL WAS SIMILAR TO ONE SHE RECEIVED ALMOST ONE YEAR AGO WHEN ZOHAIR MOGHRABI WAS KIDNAPPED NEAR THE BAIN MILITAIRE, MELOY
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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, LE

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE DISAPPEARANCE OF AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFF ROBERT
O. WARING

REQUEST EMBASSY INFORM MRS. ROBERT O. WARING
(IRENE) IF SHE HAS ARRIVED IN ATHENS, THAT HUSBAND
MISSING AND, WE REGRETFULLY CONCLUDE, MAY HAVE BEEN
KIDNAPPED. HE AND AMBASSADOR WERE LAST SEEN JUST
BEFORE 1100 HOURS LOCAL JUNE 16, DRIVING IN AMBASSADOR'S
CAR TO APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT-ELECT SARKIS IN
EAST BEIRUT. CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE SUGGESTS THEY
WERE KIDNAPPED, BUT WE HAVE NO CONFIRMATION. PLEASE
ASSURE MRS. WARING THAT EMBASSY DOING ALL IT CAN TO
ASCERTAIN FACTS QUICKLY.

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, LE(MELOY, AMBASSADOR FRANCIS E., JR.)

SUBJECT: MELOY DISAPPEARANCE

1. AMBASSADOR MELOY HAS DISAPPEARED EN ROUTE TO A MEETING WITH SARKIS SHORTLY BEFORE 1100 HOURS BEIRUT TIME TODAY. WE DO NOT HAVE ANY INFORMATION AS TO WHO MAY HAVE CAPTURED HIM. REQUEST YOU SEE FAHD OR SAUD AND ASK SAUDI ASSISTANCE IN FINDING OUT WHAT HAPPENED AND THEIR HELP WITH KIDNAPPERS IN SECURING IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF AMBASSADOR MELOY AND WARING WHO IS WITH HIM. YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE SERIOUS IMPACT THIS INCIDENT WILL HAVE ON U.S. PUBLIC OPINION AND OUR HOPE THAT SAUDIS WILL DO WHAT THEY CAN TO ASSIST, GIVEN OUR COMMON INTEREST IN CONTINUING IMPROVED RELATIONS BETWEEN U.S.-ARAB WORLD. KISSINGER
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EXDIS, FOR THE AMBASSADOR
E.O. 116521 GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, LE(MELOY, AMBASSADOR FRANCIS E., JR)

SUBJECT: MELOY DISAPPEARANCE

L. AMBASSADOR MELOY HAS DISAPPEARED EN ROUTE TO A MEETING WITH SARKIS SHORTLY BEFORE 1100 HOURS BEIRUT TIME TODAY. WE DO NOT HAVE ANY INFORMATION AS TO WHO MAY HAVE CAPTURED HIM. REQUEST YOU SEE MOBARAK AND ASK EGYPTIAN ASSISTANCE IN FINDING OUT WHAT HAPPENED AND THEIR HELP WITH KIDNAPPERS IN SECURING IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF AMBASSADOR MELOY AND WARING WHO IS WITH HIM. YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE SERIOUS IMPACT THIS INCIDENT WILL HAVE ON U.S. PUBLIC OPINION AND OUR HOPE THAT EGYPTIANS WILL DO WHAT THEY CAN TO ASSIST, GIVEN OUR COMMON INTEREST IN CONTINUING IMPROVED RELATIONS BETWEEN U.S.-ARAB WORLD.
KISSINGER
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EXDIS, FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 116521 GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, LE (MELOY, AMB. FRANCIS E., JR)

SUBJECT: MELOY DISAPPEARANCE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC, PIN, LE (MELOY, FRANCIS E., JR.)

SUBJECT: DISAPPEARANCE OF AMBASSADOR AND WARING

REF: BEIRUT 5152

1. TO KEEP DEPARTMENT ABREAST OF INITIAL STEPS WE ARE TAKING, FOLLOWING IS OUTLINE OF CONTACTS WE ARE UNDERTAKING IN ADDITION TO JUMBLATT, EDDE (AS LINE TO TOP PALESTINIANS), SARKIS' OFFICE AND PHALANGE.

A)CONTACTED HIGH-LEVEL CHAMOUNIST WHO HAS CHECKED ALL CHAMOUNIST BARRICADES AND REPORTS NEGATIVE CONTACT WITH AMB TODAY. HE WILL REPORT RESULTS OF CONTINUING INVESTIGATION PERIODICALLY;

B) ALSO MAKING CONCERNED EFFORT TO CONTACT INFORMANT "B" (HIGH LEVEL PATAH);

C) DATT IS CONTACTING SEVERAL OF HIS REGULAR SOURCES.

D) RSO IS CONTACTING LT. PATHA KHATIB (BROTHER OF LEBANESE ARAB ARMY (LAA) COMMANDER LT. AHMED KHATIB) WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR LAA SECURITY IN WEST BEIRUT AND WHO IS ON FRIENDLY TERMS WITH RSO AND EMBOFF.

(E) WE HAVE SENT FLS EMPLOYEE OF RSO, WHO IS OLD AND CLOSE FRIEND OF IBRAHIM QULAYLAT, TO SEE QULAYLAT AND ENLIST ACTIVE ASSISTANCE OF MURABITOUN APPARATUS.

2. RUMOR OF AMB'S DISAPPEARANCE IS ALREADY MAKING THE ROUNDS AMONG JOURNALISTS IN BEIRUT AND EMBASSY HAS THUS FAR RECEIVED INQUIRIES FROM SEVERAL NEWSMEN. FOLLOWING NOTIFICATION OF FAMILIES OF AMBASSADOR AND WARING (SEPTEL) WE PLAN TO ISSUE PRESS STATEMENT (PROPOSED TEXT BY SEPTEL) TO INQUIRERS AS OF 1300Z.

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EXDIS
FROM LAMBRAKIS
E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, LE (MELOY, AMBASSADOR FRANCIS E., JR.)
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE DISAPPEARANCE OF AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFF
REF: BEIRUT 5152

1. REUTERS HAS BEEN TRYING TO GET IN TOUCH WITH US AND STORY
BREAKING FAST IN PRESS. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S
ASSISTANCE IN GETTING WORD RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE TO KNOWN NEXT-
OF-KIN OF AMBASSADOR AND WARING.

2. AS BEST POST KNOWS, NEXT-OF-KIN OF AMBASSADOR MELOY IS HIS
BROTHER DANIEL MELOY AT 44 GRAMERCY PARK WEST, NEW YORK CITY
10010 (TELEPHONE 212-674-0728). NEXT-OF-KIN OF WARING ARE
(A) WIFE IN SAFEHAVEN ATHENS; (B) MRS. G. ROONEY, COUSIN,
IN U.S. MRS. ROONEY'S TELEPHONE NUMBER 516-922-3372.

3. WE ARE INDEPENDENTLY SENDING CABLE TO ATHENS TO HAVE
EMBASSY NOTIFY MRS. WARING.
LAMBRAKIS
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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC, PINS, LE (MELOY, FRANCIS E., JR.)
SUBJ: DISAPPEARANCE OF AMBASSADOR
REF: BEIRUT 5152

1. PAKRADOUNI TELEPHONED AT 1415 TO REPORT THAT HE HAD CHECKED WITH PHALANGE ROADBLOCKS FROM MUSEUM SOME DISTANCE EASTWARD AND THAT HE CERTAIN THAT AMBASSADOR'S VEHICLE DID NOT RPT NOT CROSS TODAY INTO CHRISTIAN-HELD PORTION OF CITY.

2. MILITARY AIDE TO SARKIS HAS ALSO CALLED TO INFORM US THAT HE HAS HAD PRELIMINARY CONTACTS WITH MURABITOUN HEADQUARTERS WHICH INFORMED HIM THAT MURABITOUN HAS NO RPT NO KNOWLEDGE OF VEHICLE AND DID NOT RPT NOT STOP ANY CAR OF THAT DESCRIPTION TODAY. AT THIS POINT, IT APPEARS THAT AMBASSADOR DISAPPEARED ON WESTERN SIDE OF LINE BETWEEN BARBIR HOSPITAL AND MUSEUM CROSS-OVER.

3. WE HAVE ALREADY INITIATED EFFORTS TO CONTACT JUMBLATT URGENTLY.

MELOY

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EXDIS
FROM LAMBRAKIS
E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, LE(MELOY, AMBASSADOR FRANCIS E., JR.)
SUBJ: POSSIBLE DISAPPEARANCE OF AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFF

1. EMBASSY HAS JUST BEEN INFORMED THAT AMB DID NOT RPT NOT APPEAR FOR SCHEDULED 1100 HOURS LOCAL APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT-ELECT SARKIS IN HAZMIYEH ON EASTERN SIDE OF CITY. HE DEPARTED EMBASSY ACCOMPANIED BY ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR WARING AT APPROX. 1040 HOURS LOCAL AND WAS SEEN ALMOST TO MUSEUM CROSS-OVER POINT BY SURVEILLANCE VEHICLE. ABOUT 1055 DRIVER/BODYGUARD TRANSMITTED GARBLED MESSAGE OVER RADIO NET TO RSO WHICH AT THAT TIME WAS INTERPRETED AS PRE-AGREED CODEWORD TO INDICATE SAFE ARRIVAL ON CHRISTIAN SIDE OF CONFRONTATION LINE.

2. AT 1250 HOURS LOCAL, WIFE OF AMBASSADOR'S CHAUFFEUR, ZHAIR MOHRASI, RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM UNIDENTIFIED MALE WHO INFORMED HER THAT ZHAIR HAS BEEN KIDNAPPED. WE IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED AIDE-DE-CAMP OF SARKIS WHO INFORMED US THAT AMB. HAD NOT RPT NOT ARRIVED AND THAT SARKIS TOO WAS CONCERNED. SARKIS' AIDE UNDERTOOK TO CHECK WHETHER PHALANGE ROADBLOCK ON EASTERN SIDE OF MUSEUM HAD PASSED AMBASSADOR THROUGH. AS DOUBLECHECK, EMBOFF ALSO CONTACTED KARIM PAKRADOUNI OF PHALANGE POLITBURO WHO IS ALSO CHECKING WITH PHALANGE CHECKPOINT.

3. WE ARE PRESENTLY CHECKING WITH WIFE OF CHAUFFEUR TO DETERMINE IF CALLER PROVIDED ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR CLUES. HOPEFULLY, WE WILL SOON BE ABLE TO ESTABLISH CONCLUSIVELY WHETHER OR NOT AMB. DISAPPEARED ON WESTERN OR EASTERN SIDE OF LINE (WE ARE TOLD BY SARKIS' OFFICE THAT WESTERN SIDE OF LINE IS CURRENTLY MANNED BY MURABITOUN OF IBRAHIM QULALAT. WE WILL BE REPORTING FURTHER AS SOON AS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS

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AVAILABLE. SHOULD IT APPEAR PROBABLY THAT AMBASSADOR NEVER GOT TO CHRISTIAN SIDE OF LINE, I PLAN INITIALLY ATTEMPT TO CONTACT JUMBLATT (GULAYLAT ASSOCIATE) WILL MAKE FURTHER CONTACTS AS WARRANTED.

4. N.B. PHONE LINES ARE ON AGAIN, OFF AGAIN, BUT WE ARE DOING BEST WE CAN WITH ALTERNATE TELEPHONE LOCATIONS.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

The assassination of our Ambassador in Beirut, Francis E. Meloy, Jr., of our Counselor for Economic Affairs, Robert O. Waring, and of their driver, Zohair Moghrabi, is an act of senseless, outrageous brutality. I extend to their families my own deep sense of sorrow and that of all the American people.

These men were on their way to meet with President-elect Sarkis. They were on a mission of peace, seeking to do what they could in the service of their country to help restore order, stability, and reason to Lebanon. Their deaths add another tragedy to the suffering which the Lebanese people have endured beyond measure.

These men had lived with danger for many weeks and did so with the dedication and disregard of personal safety which we have come to expect of the Foreign Service.

The goals of our policy must remain unchanged. The United States will not be deterred from its search for peace by these murders. I have instructed Secretary Kissinger to continue our intensive efforts in this direction. I will name a new Ambassador to Lebanon within the very near future to resume the mission Ambassador Meloy performed so brilliantly. I have also instructed the Secretary to get in touch with all of the governments in the area and with the Lebanese leaders to help identify the murderers and to see that they are brought to justice. I have also ordered that all appropriate resources of the United States undertake immediately to identify the persons or group responsible for this vicious act.

Those responsible for these brutal assassinations must be brought to justice. At the same time, we must continue our policy of seeking a peaceful solution in Lebanon. That is the way we can best honor the brave men who gave their lives for their country and for the cause of peace.

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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.

Q: Then the President is not appointing a new ambassador to Lebanon?

A: Not at the moment. We have a number of names under consideration, but the President has not yet made a decision. In the meantime, in the critical situation in Lebanon, he wants to have a senior experienced diplomat to strengthen our embassy there.

Q: Is Seelye to take up where Ambassador Brown left off? Is he to be a mediator?

A: The policy of the United States is the same today as it was when Ambassador Brown and the late Ambassador Meloy were there. We want to see the fighting end in Lebanon and agreement on a political accommodation among the Lebanese parties. Ambassador Seelye will of course be ready to be helpful in all appropriate ways to those who want to bring the tragic events in Lebanon to a close.

Q: But is he to be a mediator between the parties?

A: No. In diplomacy, mediation is a more formal role that generally implies a request from the parties. In this case, the President has decided to send an experienced diplomat, with long contact with the area, as his Representative to Lebanon. While there he will analyze the situation to see whether there are ways he could be useful to the parties in efforts to reach a political accommodation in Lebanon.



Q: Is Seelye permitted to have contacts with the PLO?
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A: There is no change in our position.

Q: How soon will Seelye go to Lebanon, and how will he go?

A: He will go as soon as possible, but at this point I have no exact details on the means or timing of his travel.

Q: How long do you expect the Seelye assignment to last?

A: I cannot say. It is considered a temporary assignment. Exactly how long he will be there I do not know.

Q: How old is Ambassador Seelye and what are the exact details of previous assignments?

A: He is 54. I will make available information about his past assignments (attached).

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The overland route to Damascus has been chosen in view of the fact that it has been safely used by various foreign national groups to leave Lebanon during the last several days, including a British convoy which successfully delivered the remains of Ambassador Francis Meloy and Mr. Robert Waring to Damascus this morning.

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