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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Meeting with Amin Gemayel, President of Lebanon

Date/Time: 19 October 1982, 1545 Hours  
Place: ROOM 3E912, Pentagon

Participants

US

Secretary Weinberger  
Deputy Secretary Carlucci  
Under Secretary Ikle  
ASD/ISA West  
DASD(NEASA) MG Secord  
Ambassador Robert Dillon  
CJCS General Vessey  
Director, DSAA, LTG Gast  
Mil. Asst. MG Smith  
VADM Bigley, OJCS, J-5  
LTC FitzGerald, ISA note-taker

Lebanon

President, His Excellency Amin Gemayel  
Minister of Foreign Affairs,  
Dr. Elie Salem  
Ambassador Khalil Itani  
Defense and Armed Forces Attache,  
Brigadier General Antoine Barakat  
Representative of the Military  
Intelligence Directorate,  
Colonel Nabih Farhat

You will host full Honors ceremony, Inner Court, 1530 hours.

SETTING: President Amin Gemayel is struggling to assert political control over the many competing power centers in Beirut and across Lebanon. He wants the USG to pledge its commitment -- of money, military equipment items, and perhaps American troops -- to help him succeed. He also wants to demonstrate to his countrymen that Washington believes in him as a leader. The Pentagon visit is central to his goals.

OBJECTIVES: We should convey to President Gemayel the seriousness of President Reagan's commitment on withdrawal of foreign forces, our belief that Lebanon can regain its unity and sovereignty, and that the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) has the potential, given a well-planned, step-by-step training and equipment program, to be a credible armed force. We want to assure him of US support for Lebanon, but we should be cautious on US troops and sophisticated arms. Increases in security assistance funding should await the Survey Team report. He must be made aware of Congressional and public opinion constraints on US troop involvement. Stress that we expect strong leadership and firmness of purpose from the new Lebanese government.

(MEMORANDUM FROM DR. IKLE,  
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