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and
LEBANON**

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et
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I

The American Ambassador to the Lebanese Minister of Foreign Affairs

THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 132.

Beirut, July 31, 1958

Excellency :

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honor to inform the Ministry that the discussions which have taken place between us concerning the status of United States forces now stationed in Lebanon at the request of the Lebanese Government have revealed agreement on the following matters.

The military authorities of the United States shall have the exclusive right to exercise all criminal and disciplinary jurisdiction over all persons subject to its military law. The United States undertakes to maintain discipline over all such persons and to insure full respect by them for the laws of Lebanon.

No civil action shall be brought in Lebanese courts against any person subject to the military laws of the United States, and claims arising out of the acts of any such persons shall be referred to a foreign claims commission of the United States for appropriate disposition.

The forces of the United States, including its members and instrumentalities, shall be exempt from any form of taxation in Lebanon including but not limited to taxation on property, death, inheritance, estate, gift, and income. Property of military forces of the United States shall be allowed to enter Lebanon without duty or inspection. Members of the forces of the United States shall be allowed to import without duty various items for personal use. Mail and packages addressed to members of the military forces and transmitted through United States postal facilities shall be allowed free entry without inspection. Official mail and packages of the military forces of the United States shall be allowed free entry without inspection and without regard to method of transmission.

Military forces of the United States shall have the right to take such measures as they deem necessary to provide adequate security for their installations, movement

¹ Came into force on 6 August 1958 by the exchange of the said notes.

of supplies and personnel in Lebanon. Outside these installations, military police of the forces of the United States, subject to such further arrangements as may be made with the Lebanese authorities, will be used, insofar as such employment is necessary, to maintain discipline and order among the members of the United States forces.

The military forces of the United States shall have the right to make administrative and logistical support movements as required. Large movements which might disrupt the freedom of movement of the civilian population will be coordinated with the appropriate Lebanese authorities. Official vehicles of the forces of the United States shall be distinctly marked and shall be exempt by the Lebanese Government from registration, licensing or any tax payable in respect to the use of vehicles on the roads.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

Robert McCLINTOCK

His Excellency Charles Malik
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Beirut

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The Lebanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the American Embassy

RÉPUBLIQUE LIBANAISE

MINISTÈRE DES AFFAIRES ÉTRANGÈRES ET DES LIBANAIS D'OUTRE-MER

Le Ministre¹

No. 1316/5/10046.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of its note No. 132 dated July 31, 1958, the contents of which are as follows :

[See note I]

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the pleasure of informing the Embassy of the United States of America of the agreement of the Government of Lebanon to the matters contained in the above mentioned note.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

Beirut, August 6, 1958

C. M.

Embassy of the United States of America
Beirut, Lebanon

¹ Republic of Lebanon.
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Lebanese Overseas.
The Minister.