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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
LEBANON**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement on United States participation in a multinational force in Beirut (with annex). Beirut, 18 and 20 August 1982**

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE  
et  
LIBAN**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à la participation des États-Unis à une force multinationale à Beyrouth (avec annexe). Beyrouth, 18 et 20 août 1982**

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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND LEBANON ON UNITED STATES PARTICIPATION IN A MULTINATIONAL FORCE IN BEIRUT

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*The Lebanese Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador*

RÉPUBLIQUE LIBANAISE  
MINISTÈRE DES AFFAIRES ÉTRANGÈRES ET DES LIBANAIS D'OUTRE-MER  
LE MINISTRE

Beirut August the 18th, 1982

Your Excellency,

I have the honor to refer to the many conversations between their Excellencies the President of the Republic of Lebanon the Prime Minister and myself on the one hand, and with Ambassador Philip C. Habib, Special Emissary to the President of the United States of America, on the other hand, as well as to the Resolution of the Council of Ministers passed on to day.

I have the honor to refer to the schedule set up by the Government of Lebanon, after consultation with interested parties, in order to assure the withdrawal from Lebanese territory of the Palestinian leaders, offices and combatants related to any organization now in Beirut in a manner which will:

- 1) assure the safety of such departing personnel;
- 2) assure the safety of the persons in the area; and
- 3) further the restoration of the sovereignty and authority of the Government of Lebanon over the Beirut area.

In this context, the Government of Lebanon is proposing to several nations that they contribute forces to serve as a temporary multi-national force (MNF) in Beirut. The mandate of the MNF will be to provide appropriate assistance to the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) as they carry out the foregoing responsibilities, in accordance with the annexed schedule. The MNF may undertake other functions only by mutual agreement. It is understood, that in the event that the withdrawal of the Palestinian personnel referred to above does not take place in accord with the predetermined schedule, the mandate of the MNF will terminate immediately and all MNF personnel will leave Lebanon forthwith.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 20 August 1982, the date of the note in reply, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

In the foregoing context, I have the honor to propose that the United States of America deploy a force of approximately 800 personnel to Beirut, subject to the following terms and conditions:

-- The American military force shall carry out appropriate activities consistent with the mandate of the MNF.

-- Command authority over the American force will be exercised exclusively by the United States Government through existing American military channels.

-- The American force will operate in close coordination with the LAF. To assure effective coordination with the LAF, the American force will assign liaison officers to the LAF and the Government of Lebanon will assign liaison officers to the American force. The LAF liaison officers to the American force will, inter alia, perform liaison with the civilian population and manifest the authority of the Lebanese Government in all appropriate situations.

-- In carrying out its mission, the American force will not engage in combat. It may, however, exercise the right of self-defense.

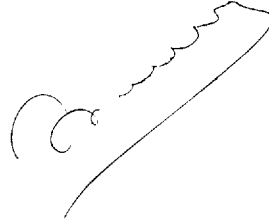
-- The American force will depart Lebanon not later than thirty days after its arrival, or sooner at the request of the President of Lebanon or at the direction of the United States Government, or according to the termination of the mandate provided for above.

-- The Government of Lebanon and the LAF will take all measures necessary to ensure the protection of the American force's personnel, to include securing assurances from all armed elements not now under the authority of the Lebanese Government that they will comply with the cease-fire and cessation of hostilities.

The American force will enjoy both the degree of freedom of movement and the right to undertake those activities deemed necessary for the performance of its mission or for the support of its personnel. Accordingly, it shall enjoy all facilities necessary for the accomplishment of these purposes. Personnel in the American force shall enjoy the privileges and immunities accorded to the administrative and technical staff of the American Embassy in Beirut, and shall be exempt from immigration and customs requirements, and restrictions on entering or departing Lebanon. Personnel, property and equipment of the American force introduced into Lebanon shall be exempt from any form of tax, duty, charge, or levy.

I have the further honor to propose, if the foregoing is acceptable to Your Excellency's Government, that Your Excellency's reply to that effect, together with this note, shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments, to enter into force on the date of Your Excellency's reply.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

FOUAD BOUTROS  
Deputy-Prime Minister  
Minister of Foreign Affairs

His Excellency  
Mr. Robert Dillon  
Ambassador of the United States of America  
Beirut

## ANNEX

## SCHEDULE OF DEPARTURES

*August 21, 1982—Departure Day:*

The advance elements of the MNF (approximately 350 men) land at the Port of Beirut at about 0500 and deploy in the Beirut Port area in preparation for the initial departures of PLO groups by sea.

—Meanwhile, the LAF deploys to previously agreed positions in the Beirut area, primarily in the so-called demarcation line area, to assist in the departure of PLO personnel. The LAF will take over positions occupied by the PLO.

—The PLO will ensure that National Movement (NM) forces which had occupied these positions jointly with the PLO shall also withdraw.

As the day proceeds, the LAF will take up such other positions as necessary to assist in the departure of PLO personnel.

Meanwhile, the initial group of PLO personnel assemble in preparation for departure by sea later in the day (or on August 22). The vessel or vessels to be used for this purpose will arrive at pier on August 21.

—The initial groups could include the wounded and ill, who would be transported in accordance with agreed arrangements—by sea or land, or both—to their destinations in other countries.

—The initial group or groups of PLO personnel destined for Jordan and Iraq would move from their assembly point to the waiting commercial vessel or vessels for onward transport by sea.

*August 22:*

—All groups destined for Jordan or Iraq will have boarded ship and will have sailed from Beirut.

—Duplicating the model followed on August 21, PLO groups destined for Tunisia assemble and move to the Port of Beirut for departure by sea.

*August 23:*

—All PLO personnel destined for Tunisia complete their assembly and embark on commercial vessel for Tunisia.

PLO personnel destined for South Yemen assemble and move to a vessel for departure then or on August 24.

*August 24-25:*

—Assembly and departure by sea of PLO personnel destined for North Yemen.

*August 25:*

—Provided that satisfactory logistical arrangements have been completed, the initial groups of PLO personnel destined for Syria assemble and move overland via the Beirut-Damascus highway to Syria.

—The advance French elements of the MNF already in the Port area will have taken up such other agreed positions on the land route in the Beirut area as necessary to assist in the overland departure of the PLO personnel for Syria.

—The LAF joins with the French in occupying such positions.

—(If it should be agreed that these initial groups should go by sea to Syria rather than by land, this departure schedule also is subject to amendment to assure that logistical requirements are met.)

*August 26-28 (approximately):*

The remaining forces of the MNF (from the U.S., France and Italy) arrive in the Beirut area and deploy to agreed locations as determined through the Liaison and Coordination Committee. This movement may be accompanied by the transfer of the advance French elements previously in the Port area and elsewhere to other locations in the Beirut area.

*August 26-27-28:*

—PLO groups destined for Syria continue to move—by land or sea—to Syria.

*August 22-September 4:*

—Turnover to the LAF of PLO weaponry, military equipment, and ammunition in a continuing and orderly fashion.

*August 29-30-31:*

—Redeployment out of Beirut of the Syrian elements of the ADF.

*September 1-4:*

—Completion of the departure to Syria—by land or sea—of all PLO or PLA personnel destined for Syria.

*September 2-3:*

—Assembly and departure by sea of all PLO personnel destined for the Sudan.

—Assembly and movement by sea of all PLO personnel destined for Algeria.

*September 4-21:*

—The MNF assists the LAF in arrangements, as may be agreed between governments concerned, to ensure good and lasting security throughout the area of operation.

*September 21-26:*

—Departure of MNF.

Beirut the 18th of August 1982

FOUAD BOUTROS

## II

*The American Ambassador to the Lebanese Minister of Foreign Affairs*

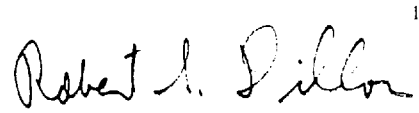
Beirut, August 20, 1982

Excellency,

I have the honor to refer to Your Excellency's note of August 18, 1982 requesting the deployment of an American force to Beirut. I am pleased to inform you on behalf of my Government that the United States is prepared to deploy temporarily a force of approximately 800 personnel as part of a Multinational Force (MNF) to provide appropriate assistance to the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) as they carry out their responsibilities concerning the withdrawal of Palestinian personnel in Beirut from Lebanese territory under safe and orderly conditions, in accordance with the schedule annexed to Your Excellency's note. It is understood that the presence of such an American force will in this way facilitate the restoration of Lebanese Government sovereignty and authority over the Beirut area, an objective which is fully shared by my Government.

I have the further honor to inform Your Excellency that my Government accepts the terms and conditions concerning the presence of the American force in the Beirut area as set forth in your note, and that your note and this reply accordingly constitute an agreement between our two governments.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my  
highest consideration.

 <sup>1</sup>

His Excellency  
Fouad Butrus  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Beirut, Lebanon

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<sup>1</sup> Robert S. Dillon.