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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.

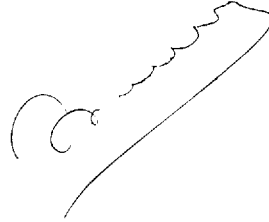
-- The American force will depart Lebanon not later than thirty days after its arrival, or sooner at the request of the President of Lebanon or at the direction of the United States Government, or according to the termination of the mandate provided for above.

-- 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