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THE PRIME MINISTER

6 July 1982

**PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE**

SERIAL No. T142B/82

Dear Mr. President.

Thank you for your message of 28 June.

I have been deeply shocked by the scale of suffering and devastation in Lebanon following the Israeli invasion. We have joined our European partners in roundly condemning it and in providing help for those in need. As you will have seen from the recent communique issued by the European Council, we and our European partners are doing all we can to bring home to the Israelis the damaging consequences of their action. We ourselves are also in close touch with the American Administration and very much hope that your joint efforts will succeed in restoring to the Lebanon the peace and prosperity she deserves.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Thatcher

His Excellency Mr. Elias Sarkis