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*From the Private Secretary*

30 June, 1982

Beirut

The Prime Minister has considered your two letters of 29 June concerning the possibility of a message to President Reagan about the situation in the Lebanon. Mrs. Thatcher has concluded that she does not wish to send a message of this kind to the President. She very much doubts whether he would be prepared to make it plain publicly that an Israeli attack on Beirut would not have his support. Nor does she believe that the Israelis, if they decide to move into Beirut, would be deterred by an American statement of this kind.

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