



Prime Minister.  
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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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25 June, 1982

Dear John,

Israel/Lebanon: Klibi's Message to Prime Minister

// Mr Chedli Klibi, the Secretary-General of the Arab League has recently sent two messages via our Embassy in Tunis to the Prime Minister on the subject of the Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

/ I enclose a draft reply from the Prime Minister to Mr Klibi. It is cast in the form of a telegram to Tunis, the headquarters of the Arab League.

Yours ever

(J E Holmes)  
Private Secretary

John Holmes

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12	ISRAEL/LEBANON: KLIBI'S MESSAGE	
13	1. Please convey the following message from the Prime Minister	
14	to Klibi, in reply to his two recent messages:	
15	BEGINS	
16	Thank you for your recent messages about the situation in	
17	Lebanon. I fully share your concern at the grave situation in	
18	Lebanon following the unjustified Israeli invasion. You will	
19	have seen that, together with our European partners, we vigorously	
20	condemned the invasion in a statement issued by the Ten Foreign	
21	Ministers on 9 June. We are committed to the territorial	
22	integrity of Lebanon and wish to see an immediate and	
23	unconditional withdrawal of all Israeli forces in accordance with	
24	Security Council Resolution 509. Meanwhile we are giving	
25	humanitarian assistance to the victims of this tragic episode	
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2 both bilaterally and through the European Community.

3 We have left the Israeli Government in no doubt as to the  
4 strength of our feeling on this matter. The Ten have made clear  
5 that they will consider the possibilities for future action  
6 should Israel refuse to withdraw. We are also keeping in close  
7 contact with the US Government who will have a crucial role to  
8 play in efforts to bring about Israeli withdrawal and a lasting  
9 peace in Lebanon. We have made clear to them our view that the  
10 Palestinian problem must also find a solution if real peace and  
11 stability is to-be achieved in the Middle East.

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MY TEL NO 97: LEBANON

1. KLIBI HAS ASKED ME TO TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING FURTHER MESSAGE  
TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

BEGINS

SON EXCELLENCE MADAME MARGARET THATCHER  
PREMIER MINISTRE DE GRANDE BRETAGNE  
LONDRES

LES DEVELOPPEMENTS DE LA SITUATION AU PROCHE-ORIENT DONNENT A  
PENSER QUE LE PERIL QUI MENACE BEYROUTH DANS LES JOURS A VENIR,  
VOIRE DANS LES PROCHAINES HEURES, SE PRECISE DE PLUS EN PLUS.  
IL SEMBLE QU'ISRAEL APRES AVOIR REDUIT LA CAPITALE LIBANAISE A  
UNE SITUATION SEMBLABLE A CELLE DU GHETTO DE VARSOVIE, LORS DE  
LA DERNIERE GUERRE MONDIALE, LUI MENAGE UN SORT IDENTIQUE.  
CONVAINCU QUE VOUS NE PERMETTEZ PAS DE TELLES ATROCITES, JE VOUS  
ADJURE D'USER DE TOUTE VOTRE INFLUENCE POUR QUE LA CATASTROPHE  
SOIT EVITEE, QUE BEYROUTH SOIT EPARGNE ET QUE CESSE LA BOUCHERIE.  
HOMMAGES ET TRES HAUTE CONSIDERATION  
CHEDLI KLIBI  
SECRETAIRE GENERAL DE LA LIGUE DES ETATS ARABES  
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LEBANON

1. KLIBI HAS ASKED ME TO FORWARD THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

BEGINS

ON BEHALF OF THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES I AM ADDRESSING YOUR EXCELLENCY IN YOUR CAPACITY OF PERMANENT MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL, ENTRUSTED WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PEACE AND SECURITY, TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES IN ORDER TO PUT AN END TO THE ISRAELI CRIMINAL ACTS WHICH CONSTITUTE AN OPEN VIOLATION OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS AND OF THE PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

WE HOPE AND EXPECT YOUR DIRECT INTERVENTION WITH ALL AVAILABLE MEANS TO EXERT EFFECTIVE PRESSURE ON ISRAEL SO THAT IT MAY CEASE ITS GENOCIDAL WAR AGAINST INNOCENT CIVILIAN POPULATIONS.

THE CONTINUOUS DETERIORATION OF THE SITUATION GREATLY ENDANGERS THE STABILITY OF THE REGION AND MAY WELL END UP IN AN EXPLOSION OF UNPREDICTABLE CONSEQUENCES FOR WORLD PEACE AND THE VITAL INTERESTS OF ALL PARTIES.

HOPING IN THIS CRITICAL CIRCUMSTANCE, THAT YOU WILL SPARE NO EFFORT TO DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH THE CURRENT SITUATION PLEASE ACCEPT, YOUR EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGH CONSIDERATION.

CHEDLI KLIBI

SECRETARY GENERAL, LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES.

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2. KLIBI HAS ADDRESSED SIMILAR MESSAGES TO THE HEADS OF STATE OF OTHER PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, TO CHANCELLOR SCHIMIDT, TO THE EC PRESIDENCY, TO THE PRESIDENTS OF THE OAU, THE NAM, AND THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION AND TO PEREZ DE CUELLAR.

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