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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 August 1982

**PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE**  
SERIAL No. T 159/82

Your Highness.

Thank you for your message of 31 July.

I share your anguish at the terrible sufferings inflicted on the Lebanese and Palestinians in Lebanon. Israel's invasion is a clear breach of international law. We have vigorously condemned it and made clear to the Israelis through every channel that they should keep to an effective cease-fire and disengage their troops from around Beirut, as a first step towards their complete withdrawal. With our partners in the Ten we have taken a number of practical measures to show the strength of our feeling. We decided at the end of June not to supply any military equipment to Israel until further notice. We have also been active in providing food and medical supplies to the victims of the war.

We support the efforts of Mr. Habib to achieve a peaceful settlement, which should involve the orderly departure of all foreign forces who are in Lebanon against the wishes of the Lebanese Government. The Lebanese people must be left in peace to rebuild their shattered land. The Ten have said that they are ready to assist in this work.

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As you suggest, the Palestinian problem lies close to the heart of the conflict in the Lebanon. We have long worked for an overall peace settlement which would allow the Palestinians to exercise their right to self-determination. Despite the tragedy of Lebanon, these efforts must not be abandoned. We all have a role to play in bringing the parties to accept each others rights. Without this essential first step, negotiations cannot begin.

With every good wish  
to your Royal Highness,

Yours sincerely

Jaber Al Sabah

His Highness Shaikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah, G.C.M.G.



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*From the Private Secretary*

11 August 1982

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Thank you for your letter of 10 August enclosing a draft reply for the Prime Minister to send to the Amir of Kuwait. The Prime Minister has approved the draft and I attach the message duly signed. I should be grateful if you would make the arrangements for its despatch as proposed.

Timothy Flesher

S.M.J. Lamport, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

Lebanon



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London SW1A 2AH

10 August 1982

Tim Flesher Esq  
10 Downing Street

*Dear Tim,*

I enclosed with my letter of 5 August a message we had received from the Amir of Kuwait to the Prime Minister, and said that we were preparing a draft reply. This I now enclose.

When the message has been approved. I suggest that we send the original through the Kuwaiti Ambassador here, and a copy in parallel to HM Embassy Kuwait together with a copy of the Amir's message.

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Private Secretary to Mr Hurd

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FROM: Prime Minister

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TO: Amir of Kuwait

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9 August 1982

Thank you for your letter of 5 August enclosing a message to the Prime Minister from the Amir of Kuwait which the Prime Minister has now seen. I note that you are preparing a draft reply.

TIM FLESHER

Francis Richards, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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London SW1A 2AH

5 August 1982

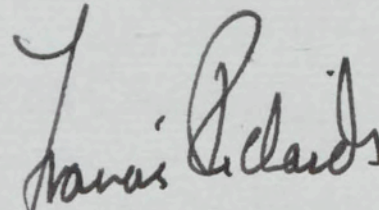
Dear John,

Message to the Prime Minister from  
the Amir of Kuwait

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/ The Kuwaiti Embassy called on the Department this morning to leave the attached message from the Amir of Kuwait, Shaikh Jaber al Ahmad Al Sabah, to the Prime Minister about the situation in Lebanon.

We are preparing a draft reply.

Yours ever,

for   
(J E Holmes)  
Private Secretary

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