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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T. 169/83.

27th October , 1983.

Dear Prime Minister ,

I deem it necessary to write to you expressing our view-point with regard to the grave situation in the Middle East , following the despicable crime that was directed against members of the French and American contingents in the M. F. O. in Lebanon a few days ago.

Egypt has condemned that act whose victims have been serving a noble cause and performing a great mission , at the request of the legitimate government of Lebanon.

It is yet another example of the violence and turmoil that the Middle East is living , and will continue to live through , until we achieve a comprehensive peace in the entire region.

The prevailing sentiment is today one of condemnation and dismay vis-a-vis such cowardly act. It is our duty to transform this sentiment into a power for construction and positivism. It is therefore necessary to spare no effort to generate a new momentum for peace in the Middle East. In this context we strongly believe that the Reagan initiative must be revived without delay , and the occupation of Lebanon should be terminated at the earliest possible date.



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Currently I am contacting a number of influential Arab Leaders with a view to remedying the situation as follows :-

FIRST : Looking with us for ways and means for preventing the recurrence of such acts.

SECOND : Discussing various approaches for reactivating the efforts to attract new participants to it.

THIRD : Isolating the advocates of violence and terrorism in the region and helping the Lebanese Government boost its security's capabilities.

I am confident that you will support Egypt's action in that direction and will continue to play your constructive and positive role to bring about a comprehensive , just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

With best wishes and warmest regards.

Sincerely,
Mohamed Hosni Mubarak

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher , FRS , MP
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom

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TO IMMEDIATE FCO
TELEGRAM NUMBER 449 OF 27 OCTOBER

We must decide very soon how to respond
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MIPT FOLLOWING IS TEXT:

CAIRO, 27 OCTOBER 1983.

DEAR PRIME MINISTER,

WE DEEM IT NECESSARY TO WRITE TO YOU TO EXPRESS OUR VIEW POINT WITH REGARD TO THE GRAVE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST FOLLOWING THE DESPICABLE CRIME THAT WAS DIRECTED AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE FRENCH AND AMERICAN CONTINGENTS IN THE MFO IN LEBANON FEW DAYS AGO.

EGYPT HAS CONDEMNED THAT ACT WHOSE VICTIMS HAD BEEN SERVING A NOBLE CAUSE AND PERFORMING A GREAT MISSION AT THE REQUEST OF THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON.

IT IS YET ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE VIOLENCE AND TURMOIL THAT THE MIDDLE EAST IS LIVING AND WILL CONTINUE TO LIVE THROUGH UNTIL WE ACHIEVE A COMPREHENSIVE PEACE IN THE ENTIRE REGION.

THE PREVAILING SENTIMENT IS TODAY ONE OF CONDEMNATION AND DISMAY VERSUS SUCH COWARDLY ACTS. IT IS OUR DUTY TO TRANSFORM THIS SENTIMENT INTO A POWER FOR CONSTRUCTION AND POSITIVISM. IT IS THEREFORE NECESSARY TO SPARE NO EFFORT TO GENERATE A NEW MOMENTUM FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

IN THIS CONTEXT WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT THE REAGAN INITIATIVE MUST BE REVIVED WITHOUT DELAY AND THE OCCUPATION OF LEBANON SHOULD BE TERMINATED AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

CURRENTLY, I AM CONTACTING A NUMBER OF INFLUENTIAL ARAB LEADERS WITH A VIEW TO URGING THEM TO COOPERATE WITH US IN REMEDYING THE SITUATION AS FOLLOWS:

- FIRST: : LOOKING WITH US FOR WAYS AND MEANS FOR PREVENTING THE REOCCURRENCE OF SUCH ACTS.
- SECOND : DISCUSSING VARIOUS APPROACHES FOR REACTIVATING THE PEACE PROCESS AND INFUSING FRESH BLOOD IN OUR EFFORTS TO ATTRACT NEW PARTICIPANTS TO IT.
- THIRD : ISOLATING THE ADVOCATES OF VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM IN THE REGION AND HELPING THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT BOOST ITS SECURITY CAPABILITIES.

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I AM CONFIDENT THAT YOU WILL SUPPORT EGYPT'S ACTION IN THAT DIRECTION AND WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY YOUR CONSTRUCTIVE AND POSITIVE ROLE TO BRING ABOUT A COMPREHENSIVE, JUST AND LASTING PEACE TO THE MIDDLE EAST.

WITH BEST WISHES AND WARM REGARDS.

SINCERELY,

MOHAMMED HOSNI MUBARAK

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28 October 1983

Dear John,

Await draft reply.

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The attached letter from President Mubarak of Egypt to the Prime Minister was received by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office this morning (the text has already been telegraphed from Cairo). The Department concerned are at present drafting a reply to be forwarded shortly.

Yours ever,

Peter Ricketts

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Private Secretary

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"T" message attached



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The Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt presents its compliments to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and has the honour to enclose herewith the text of the message received from His Excellency Mr. Mohamed Hosni Mubarak, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

The Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office the assurances of its highest consideration.

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From the Private Secretary

28 October 1983

Middle East

The Prime Minister has seen Cairo telegrams numbers 448 and 449. As you know, the latter contains the text of a message to the Prime Minister from President Mubarak.

BA Mrs Thatcher has indicated that she wishes to reply quickly to the President's letter. I should be grateful for an early draft.

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P.F. Ricketts, Esq.,
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