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YOUR TELNOS 3 AND 4: LEBANON

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER TO UN.
SECRETARY GENERAL:

BEGINS 'SIR JOHN THOMSON EXPRESSED TO YOU BEFORE CHRISTMAS, ON INSTRUCTIONS, BRITISH INTEREST IN THE REMARKS WHICH YOU MADE AT YOUR END OF YEAR PRESS CONFERENCE ABOUT UN PEACEKEEPING FORCES BEING PERHAPS THE BEST WAY OF PRESERVING PEACE IN THE LEBANON. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS, AS YOU KNOW, BOTH IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND ELSEWHERE REPEATEDLY MADE CLEAR OUR WISH TO SEE A GREATER INVOLVEMENT BY THE UN IN PEACE KEEPING IN THAT TRAGIC COUNTRY. MY SUPPORT FOR THIS HAS NOT ALTERED SINCE WE HAD OUR USEFUL DISCUSSION ON THE SUBJECT LAST SEPTEMBER. I AM THEREFORE MUCH ENCOURAGED BY YOUR OWN CONTINUING ADVOCACY OF SUCH A COURSE. CLEARLY EVERY EFFORT HAS TO BE MADE TO FIND A SOLUTION TO WHAT IS A COMPLEX AND POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS SITUATION AND WE SHOULD NOT BE DETERRED FROM ATTEMPTING THIS BY POSSIBLE OBJECTIONS FROM SOME OF THE INTERESTED PARTIES. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL WORK ACTIVELY IN CO-OPERATION WITH OTHERS CONCERNED TO PROMOTE MORE EXTENSIVE INVOLVEMENT BY THE UNITED NATIONS IN PEACEKEEPING IN THE LEBANON. WE ARE CONSULTING OUR PARTNERS IN THE MULTINATIONAL FORCE, AND WILL WANT TO REMAIN IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH YOU IN ORDER TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE POSSIBILITIES, AND TO OFFER OUR ASSISTANCE WHERE THIS MAY BE HELPFUL TO YOU. ENDS.

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From the Private Secretary

5 January 1984

Lebanon: Message from the Prime Minister to the UN Secretary-General

The Prime Minister has considered the draft message from herself to the UN Secretary-General which was enclosed with your letter of 4 January.

She has approved the text with the following changes:

- (a) In line 18 substitute "The British" for "My".
- (b) Replace the penultimate sentence with "The British Government will work actively in co-operation with others concerned to promote more extensive involvement by the United Nations in peacekeeping in the Lebanon".

The message in its amended form may now be despatched.

The Prime Minister considered a further strengthening of the draft message enclosed with your letter. In accepting the version described above, she asked me to make it clear that in her view it should be the British objective to replace the present Multi-National Force during the early months of this year with an expanded UN presence. Mrs. Thatcher recalls earlier advice that UNIFIL could be given truce supervisory functions and presumes that this is one of the ways of expanding the UN presence which is now under consideration.

The Prime Minister would be grateful to receive regular reports on the progress we are making to secure our objective.

A. J. COLES

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Peter Ricketts, Esq.,
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Prime Minister
Agree message?



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Duty Clerk

Not just
enough - see 4/1/84

4 January 1984

Proposed
amendments

Dear John,

Lebanon: Message from the Prime Minister to the UN Secretary-General

/ write to enclose a draft message from the Prime Minister to the UN Secretary-General. This is based closely on the draft suggested by Sir J Thomson in his telno 4 (copy enclosed). We believe that a message along these lines would usefully encourage Sr Perez de Cuellar to follow up his declared interest in an expanded UN peacekeeping role in Lebanon. We recognise that if we are to make progress in this direction it will be necessary at the appropriate time to test the extent of Soviet intransigence and, if need be, expose this as a factor in the situation. At the same time there is a risk that if we put too much emphasis on the question of a UN force at this stage, before we have clarified the intentions of our MNF partners, we would play into Soviet hands by indicating to them the strength of their position on this point.

As regards the views of our MNF partners, Sir J Leahy had a useful meeting this afternoon with representatives of the US, French and Italian Embassies here. A separate report of this meeting will reach you shortly. We have asked the representatives to attend a further meeting on 6 January.

/ Sir J Thomson's telno 3 (copy also enclosed) set out a number of ideas on how we might pursue wider UN involvement in Lebanon in the longer term. These will clearly need careful thought and we shall be letting you have our considered views shortly. This need not, in our view, affect the terms of the Prime Minister's message to Sr Perez de Cuellar.

Yours ever,

Peter Ricketts

(P F Ricketts)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
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	12	YOUR TELNOS 3 AND 4 : LEBANON
	13	1. Please pass following message from Prime Minister to
	14	UN Secretary General:
	15	" Sir John Thomson expressed to you before Christmas, on instruc-
	16	tions, British interest in the remarks which you made at your end
	17	of year press conference about UN peacekeeping forces being
	18	perhaps the best way of preserving peace in the Lebanon. <i>No intel</i>
	19	Government has, as you know, both in the Security Council and
	20	elsewhere repeatedly made clear our wish to see a greater involve-
	21	ment by the UN in peace keeping in that tragic country. My
///	22	support for this has not altered since we had our useful dis-
//	23	cussion on the subject last September. I am therefore much
/	24	encouraged by your own continuing advocacy of such a course.
	25	Clearly every effort has to be made to find a solution to what is

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 2 a complex and potentially dangerous situation, and we should not
 3 be deterred from attempting this by possible objections from
 4 some of the interested parties. I should like to assure you that
 5 my Government stands ready to do what we can in cooperation with
 6 others concerned to promote further constructive involvement by
 7 the UN. We are consulting our partners in the Multinational
 8 Force, and will want to remain in close touch with you in order
 9 to exchange views on the possibilities, and to offer our
 10 assistance where this may be helpful to you.

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19 Not short enough. - J. Williams

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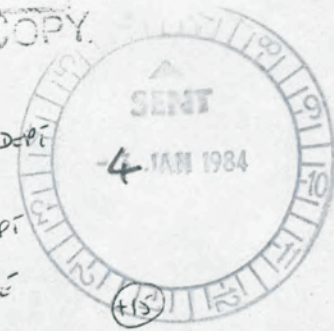
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THOMSON