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Dear John

LEBANON

/ For the record I should pass to you the attached message from the Lebanese Foreign Minister which we here have received via COMBRITFORLEB. Apparently this was passed on a roneoed sheet because telephones were not working. It was received here at about 7 pm but I cannot say when it was originated.

I am copying this letter and the attachment to Peter Ricketts, FCO.

Yours etc.

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FOLLOWING NOTE FROM LEBANESE GOVERNMENT TO ALL MNF CONTRIBUTORS
PASSED BY HAND TO COMBRITFORLEB ON RONEOD SHEET.

FROM ELIE SALEEM, FOREIGN MINISTER

1. IN VIEW OF CURRENT POLITICAL AND MILITARY SITUATION I HAVE
ASKED THE US TO REFOCUS THE EFFORT OF ITS MNF CONTINGENT TO
PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN COPING WITH THE CURRENT THREATS FROM
FOREIGN INTERVENTION, SPECIFICALLY ARTILLERY FIRE FROM THE
SYRIAN CONTROLLED ZONE AND THE INFILTRATION OF FOREIGN
TERRORISTS INTO BEIRUT.

2. I ALSO REQUEST THAT THE MNF GOVERNMENT CONSIDER ADJUSTING
THEIR MNF PRESENCE TO CONFORM TO THE CURRENT MILITARY SITUATION
AND THE EXTERNAL THREATS WE FACE.