

Lebanon



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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

19 July 1982

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PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
SERIAL No. 71442/82

Dear Mr. President

Thank you for your recent message about the grave situation in Lebanon. I share your concern. The principles of international law have been violated and Security Council resolutions ignored. We and our European partners have condemned the Israeli action. Israel has, of course, often been the target of terrorist attacks and I join you in upholding all her rights as a state, including that of self-defence against such attacks. But self-defence is no justification for the invasion of a neighbouring country's territory, the destruction of people's homes and the enormous number of innocent civilian casualties which has been inflicted upon Lebanon.

These recent tragic events have once more underlined the urgent need to find a solution to the Palestinian problem as part of a comprehensive peace settlement. The Palestinian people are entitled to their right to self-determination. My Government and our European partners are working to bring all the parties to the negotiating table on the basis of the mutual acceptance of each other's rights. The Ten have said that the PLO will have to be associated with negotiations.

/We also



We also are fully aware of our responsibilities as a permanent member of the Security Council. We have taken every opportunity to urge Israel to comply with the relevant resolutions on the situation in Lebanon. The measures which we and our European partners have taken can have left the Israeli Government in no doubt about the strength of our feeling. We are continuing to watch the situation closely and you can be sure that we will not hesitate in our efforts to help bring about an acceptable settlement and thus reduce the terrible human suffering.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely  
Raymond Shabetai

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His Excellency Mwalimu Dr. Julius K. Nyerere





Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

12 July, 1982

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*Dear John,*

Message from President Nyerere

*4 July, at flap (Pt. 2)*

The Prime Minister recently received a message from President Nyerere of Tanzania about the situation in Lebanon.

I attach a draft reply from the Prime Minister to President Nyerere, cast in the form of a telegram to Dar es Salaam. We have recently received a typed copy of President Nyerere's message by bag, and it would be appropriate if a signed copy of the Prime Minister's reply could likewise follow to Dar es Salaam by bag.

*Yours ever*

*J E Holmes*

(J E Holmes)  
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq  
Private Secretary  
10 Downing Street



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	9	INFO PRIORITY UKMIS NEW YORK, WASHINGTON
	10	INFO SAVING PARIS, MOSCOW, PEKING, TEL AVIV, DAMASCUS
	11	YOUR TELNOS 270 AND 271
	12	1. Please pass the following message to President Nyerere
	13	from the Prime Minister in reply to his recent message on Lebanon
	14	as soon as possible.
	15	BEGINS:
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 20       With best wishes. Margaret Thatcher.  
 21 ENDS  
 22 2. Signed copy of the message follows by bag.  
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