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Dear Prime Minister;

I appreciate the opportunity you are giving our Foreign Minister to brief you on policies we are following to restore Lebanon's freedom and sovereignty. The support of the great democracies is essential for us at this stage. We need your help to effect the withdrawal of all foreign armies and forces from Lebanon and to support our army, for a transitional period, in maintaining peace and order throughout the country.

Lebanon is now on the threshold of a great future. The prospects of salvaging Lebanese democracy from the conflicts of the region are good; and a restored and strengthened Lebanon will itself be a leading force in the resolution of hitherto intransigent regional conflicts.

The United Kingdom has an important role to play in the Middle East, and Lebanon now provides it with the opportunity to play this role in the context of a partnership for peace, justice and freedom.

Amine GEMAYEL

The Right Honorable Mrs. Margaret Thatchef
Prime Minister
United Kingdom