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Exchange of Notes

between the Government of the
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
and the Government of the Lebanese Republic
concerning the Deployment of a
British Contingent for the
Multi-National Force in Lebanon

Beirut, 31 January 1983

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OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE LEBANESE REPUBLIC CONCERNING
THE DEPLOYMENT OF A BRITISH CONTINGENT
FOR THE MULTINATIONAL FORCE IN LEBANON

No. 1

*The Deputy-Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lebanon to
Her Majesty's Ambassador at Beirut*

*Ministère des Affaires Etrangères
et des Libanais d'Outre-Mer
Beirut*

31 January 1983

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the discussions which have taken place between representatives of our two Governments concerning the establishment of a temporary Multi-National Force (MNF) in the Beirut area. The Mandate of the MNF is to provide an interposition Force at agreed locations and thereby provide a multi-national presence to assist the Lebanese Government and the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) in the Beirut area. This presence will facilitate the restoration of Lebanese Government sovereignty and authority over the Beirut area, and thereby further efforts of my Government to assure the safety of persons in the area. The MNF may undertake other functions only by mutual agreement among Governments. The MNF is currently composed of contingents of the Armed Forces of France, Italy and the United States of America.

In the foregoing context, I have the honour to propose that the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland deploy a Force of approximately 100 personnel to Beirut for a period of three months, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- (i) The British Military Force shall carry out such tasks as may be agreed between the United Kingdom and Lebanese Governments, consistent with the Mandate of the MNF;
- (ii) Command authority over the British Force will be exercised exclusively by the British Government through existing British Diplomatic and Military Channels;
- (iii) The LAF and MNF will form a Liaison and Co-ordination Committee, composed of representatives of the MNF participating Governments and Chaired by the Representatives of my Government. The Liaison and Co-ordination Committee will have two essential components:
 - (a) supervisory liaison; and
 - (b) military and technical liaison and co-ordination;

- (iv) The British Force will operate in close co-ordination with the Lebanese Armed Forces. To assure effective co-ordination with the LAF, the British Force will assign liaison Officers to the LAF and the Government of Lebanon will assign Liaison Officers to the British Force. The LAF Liaison Officers to the British Force will, *inter alia*, perform liaison with the civilian population and with the United Nations Observers and manifest the authority of the Lebanese Government in all appropriate situations. The British Force will provide security for LAF personnel operating with the UK Contingent;
- (v) In carrying out its duties, the British Force will not engage in hostilities or other operations of a warlike nature. It may, however, exercise the right of self-defence;
- (vi) Notwithstanding the time limits proposed above, the British Force will depart from Lebanon upon the request of the President of Lebanon or upon the decision of the British Government. Any proposal for renewal of the Mandate would be subject to consultation between the Government of the Lebanon and Her Majesty's Government and the agreement of both parties;
- (vii) The Government of Lebanon and the LAF will take all measures necessary to ensure the protection of the British Force's personnel (to include securing assurances from all armed elements not now under the authority of the Lebanese Government that they will refrain from hostilities and not interfere with any activities of the MNF);
- (viii) The British Force will enjoy both the degree of freedom and movement and the right to undertake those activities deemed necessary for the performance of its mission for the support of its personnel. Accordingly, the members of the British Force shall enjoy the privileges and immunities accorded the technical and administrative staff of the British Embassy in Beirut, and shall be exempt from Immigration and Customs requirements, and restrictions on entering or departing from Lebanon. The appropriate British authorities may exercise jurisdiction over the British Force in accordance with British Service Law. Personnel, property and equipment of the British Force introduced into Lebanon shall be exempt from any form of tax, duty, charge or levy.

I have the further honour to propose, if the foregoing is acceptable to Your Excellency's Government, that Your Excellency's reply to that effect, together with this Note, shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments which shall come into force on the date of Your Excellency's reply.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

ELIE A. SALEM

No. 2

*Her Majesty's Ambassador at Beirut to the
Deputy-Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lebanon*

*British Embassy
Beirut*

31 January 1983

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to Your Excellency's Note of the 31st of January 1983 requesting the deployment of a British Force to the Beirut area in the following terms.

[As in No. 1]

I am pleased to inform you that the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is prepared to deploy for the period of 3 months a Force of approximately 100 personnel.

I have the further honour to inform Your Excellency that my Government accepts the terms and conditions concerning the presence of the British Force in the Beirut area as set forth in your Note, and that Your Excellency's Note and this reply accordingly constitute an Agreement between our two Governments which shall come into force today.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

D. A. ROBERTS