

*Derniere reunion avec Shultz le 18 sept. Resolutions importantes:*

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD BETWEEN HIS EXCELLENCY MR. PRESIDENT CHEIKH AMINE GEMAYEL AND MR. RICHARD MURPHY AND MR. DANIEL SIMPSON ON SEPTEMBER 18TH, 1988 AT 13:45 P.M. IN BICKFAYA PALACE.

Mr. President: I would like to tell you that we appreciate your initiative. Secretary Shultz and yourself have tried a lot to help us. I thought our last meeting would be the last one, but here we are again. I can assure you that I feel confident with you, and that, if I was able to end up my term, it is due to your efficient support and backing. During those six years, your support was substantial. Without this support, I would not have been able to finish my six years in office. I am grateful to President Reagan's support, to that of Mr. Shultz and that of Mr. Murphy, to my country as well as to myself. I would like to pursue maintaining close contacts with the U.S. and I am permanently available to any kind of action or initiative which could help my country and the American interests. I am very satisfied of this unofficial joint venture. I am leaving office confident in our relations. We will certainly be able to achieve something in the future. It was important to say this message before we talk of other problems.

Mr. Murphy: Thank you, Mr. President. We will continue to support Lebanon and will do our best to help this country to restore authority which has been, at this point paralysed by different factions. Our support will continue and I hope that in the next days you will make the transition normally. Peace in the Middle East needs a settlement in Lebanon. This situation is horrible for your people and it has to improve whatever happens. Things are not yet mature for a solution to the Palestinian problem and we do not know when would this happen. The situation in the region is difficult and this is a key part of it. We will continue to support the independence, sovereignty and integrity of Lebanon.