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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEETING WITH ARAB AMERICAN LEADERS

DATE: Tuesday, August 7, 1990
TIME: 4:00 PM
LOCATION: Roosevelt Room
THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR COMMUNICATIONS
FROM: BOBBIE KILBERG
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR PUBLIC LIAISON
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DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR PUBLIC LIAISON

I. PURPOSE

To discuss issues of mutual concern in the foreign policy arena with prominent members of the Arab American community. The topics of discussion will include the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, the Lebanese situation, and Israeli-Palestinian relations.

II. BACKGROUND

There have been a number of requests from individuals in the Arab American community to meet with you to discuss the Middle East. Governor Sununu has reviewed these requests and has put together a group of prominent Arab Americans who can provide a constructive dialogue. They are Americans of Lebanese, Palestinian, Iraqi and Syrian background with the majority being Lebanese-Christian.

Please note that Joseph Audi, one of the participants, just became an American citizen on June 14, 1990, which is his birthday.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President
Governor Sununu
General Scowcroft
David Demarest, Assistant to the President
for Communications
Richard Haas, Special Assistant to the President
and Senior Director of Near East and South Asian Affairs
Bobbie Kilberg, Deputy Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

Sichan Siv, Deputy Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

List of attendees is attached.

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- The President enters the Roosevelt Room and greets the participants.
- The President makes brief remarks.
- The President turns to Peter Tanous who will moderate the session with David Sadd.
- Discussion.
- The President departs the Roosevelt Room.

V. MEDIA

Photo Pool

Talking Points provided by the National Security Council
to be forwarded in the morning.

LIST OF ATTENDEES FOR ARAB AMERICAN MEETING

A. ROBERT ABOUD

Houston, TX; Chairman, First City Bank in Houston.

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Portland, OR; Former Governor of Oregon

JOSEPH G. AUDI

New York, NY; President, Bank Audi.

NAIM AWEIDA

Boulder, CO; Computer entrepreneur; former President and co-founder of Storage Technology Corp.

JAMAL BARZINJI, Ph.D.

Herndon, VA; President, SAAR Foundation, a prominent investment group.

MOUNZER CHAARANI

Orange County, CA; real estate developer, Chaarani Associates. Founder, Orange County Arab American Club.

NAJEEB HALABY

Washington, DC; Former CEO of Pan American World Airways; President, Halaby International; father of Queen Noor of Jordan.

TANYA RAHALL

Washington, DC; Executive Director, American Task Force for Lebanon

ELAINE SALIBA

Shrewsbury, MA; Vice President, G. MS. Abodeely Insurance Agency.

TALAT OTHMAN

Chicago, IL; Banker and Investor.

ALBERT PHILLIPS

Annapolis, MD; President, First Phillips Corp.

DAVID SADD

Washington, DC; President, David Sadd Company; former Executive Director of National Association of Arab Americans.

SALMAN SESSI

Detroit, MI; Attorney, private practice.

PETER J. TANOUS

New York, NY; Executive Vice President, Bank Audi; Chairman,
American Task Force for Lebanon.

HARRY M. "MAC" ZACHEM

Ashland, KY; Vice President of Ashland Oil.

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RICHARD HAAS

TANYA RAHALL

HARRY ZACHEM

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NAJEEB HALABY

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SALMAN SESSI

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JOSEPH AUDI

GOVERNOR SUNUNU

The Roosevelt Room

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