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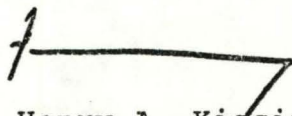
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

June 20, 1976

Dear Don:

I want to express my thanks and admiration for the magnificently effective efforts of our armed services in carrying out this morning's sealift of American and other foreign nationals from Beirut. Their calm and thoroughly professional performance of the operation was superb. The readiness and high skill with which they met this and other challenges of the past tragic week were very much appreciated.

Warm regards,



Henry A. Kissinger

The Honorable
Donald H. Rumsfeld,
Secretary of Defense.

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