

Remarks of Senator Bob Dole

AMERICAN TASK FORCE FOR LEBANON AWARDS DINNER

Los Angeles, February 3, 1990

I AM TRULY HONORED TO RECEIVE THE PHILIP C.
HABIB AWARD.

IT HAPPENS THAT A MEMBER OF MY STAFF ONCE
WORKED FOR PHIL HABIB -- AL LEHN, HE'S HERE WITH ME
TONIGHT. WHEN AL CAME TO WORK FOR ME, I WARNED
HIM: GET READY FOR LONG HOURS, LOW PAY, NO
PRAISE, AND PLENTY OF FLAK. HIS REPLY WAS: I AM
READY -- I USED TO WORK FOR PHIL HABIB.

SO I DO APPRECIATE AN AWARD BEARING THIS
DISTINGUISHED NAME.

I'M ALSO HONORED TO BE FOLLOWING IN THE
FOOTSTEPS OF LAST YEAR'S RECIPIENT, SENATE
MAJORITY LEADER GEORGE MITCHELL. HE'S A GREAT
DEMOCRAT -- I HAPPEN TO BE A REPUBLICAN. EACH OF
US IS PROUD OF OUR PARTY -- AND I ADMIT IT: I WANT HIS
JOB -- MAJORITY LEADER.

BUT ANY PARTISANSHIP WE HAVE IS TEMPERED BY A
REAL FRIENDSHIP, AND BY MUTUAL RESPECT.

AND WHEN IT COMES TO THE ISSUE OF LEBANON,
GEORGE MITCHELL AND BOB DOLE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN,
AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE, OF ONE MIND.

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LIKE MANY OF YOU, I'VE COME A LONG WAY TO
ATTEND TONIGHT'S DINNER. I'VE MADE THE JOURNEY
FOR ONE REASON ABOVE ALL OTHERS -- I CARE DEEPLY
ABOUT LEBANON.

WE LIVE IN A REMARKABLE TIME. EVERY DAY, OUR
HEADLINES TELL ANEW OF PEOPLE LONG OPPRESSED,
SEIZING THEIR OWN FREEDOM; TAKING CONTROL OF
THEIR OWN FUTURE.

FOR MOST OF US, IT IS THE MOST HOPEFUL TIME IN
THIS CENTURY. A TIME WHEN TYRANNY, FOREIGN
DOMINATION AND DEPRIVATION SEEM TO BE MELTING
AWAY IN PLACES FROM PANAMA TO POLAND.

YET LEBANON'S LONG NIGHT OF DEATH AND
DESTRUCTION CONTINUES.

FOREIGN FORCES OCCUPY THE COUNTRY, WITH A
CHOKER HOLD ON NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY.

RADICAL FORCES TERRORIZE THE POPULATION,
LEBANESE AND FOREIGN.

INNOCENT COMMERCE HAS BEEN NEARLY SNUFFED
OUT -- WHILE ILLICIT MARKETS IN HUMAN LIVES, LETHAL
ARMS, AND DEADLY DRUGS FLOURISH.

AS IT HAS FOR MONTHS, LEBANON TEETERS ON A
CRITICAL EDGE -- AND ANY NEW MISSTEPS CAN BRING
THE FINAL DESTRUCTION OF THAT GREAT NATION.

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BY CONTRAST, ONLY THE MOST EXTRAORDINARY
EFFORTS -- BY LEBANESE, BY THE LEADERS OF THE
NATIONS OF THE WORLD, BY US -- ONLY THE MOST
EXTRAORDINARY EFFORTS CAN SAVE LEBANON.

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YOUR PRESENCE HERE DEMONSTRATES THAT YOU
ARE NOT PREPARED TO STAND BY AND WATCH THAT
NATION -- THE NATION OF YOUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS --
DISAPPEAR FROM HISTORY.

BUT WHAT CAN YOU -- WHAT CAN WE -- DO?

THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS IS TO SPEAK OUT.

CLEARLY, PERSISTENTLY.

I SPOKE A MOMENT AGO ABOUT HEADLINES. LIKE IT
OR NOT, OURS IS A POLITICAL SYSTEM TOO OFTEN
DRIVEN BY HEADLINES.

TODAY'S CRISIS IS TOMORROW A VAGUE MEMORY.
TODAY'S TOP PRIORITY IS TOMORROW LOST IN THE
SHUFFLE OF MORE PRESSING BUSINESS.

WE HAVE TO FACE THE FACTS: FOR TOO MANY IN
WASHINGTON, LEBANON HAS FALLEN OFF THE SCREEN.
THE ONLY "ISSUES LIST" THAT IT TOPS -- IS THE LIST OF
THOSE ISSUES TO AVOID LIKE THE PLAGUE.

TO MANY POLITICIANS, IT IS TOO COMPLEX, TOO
SENSITIVE. TO NATIONAL SECURITY PLANNERS, IT IS TOO
DANGEROUS.

SADDEST OF ALL, FOR MANY PEOPLE -- IT IS SIMPLY
SEEN AS TOO LATE; LEBANON, MANY SAY, IS ALREADY
LOST.

THOSE ARE THE FACTS OF LIFE IN WASHINGTON IN
1990. IF WE ALLOW THOSE ATTITUDES TO PERSIST AND
PREVAIL; IF WE BECOME TOO PREOCCUPIED WITH OUR
OWN PROBLEMS -- THEN WE WILL SHARE THE BLAME FOR
LEBANON'S DEMISE.

WE CANNOT LET THAT HAPPEN.

YOU IN THE TASK FORCE ARE PLEDGED TO SEE THAT
IT WON'T HAPPEN. TONIGHT, I RENEW TO YOU MY PLEDGE

-- I WON'T LET IT HAPPEN, EITHER.

AND LET ME BE SPECIFIC: ONE WAY TO INSURE THAT
THE ISSUE OF LEBANON ENJOYS THE PRIORITY IT MUST
HAVE -- IS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROPOSAL OF THE TASK
FORCE, THAT WE HAVE A SPECIAL AMERICAN ENVOY FOR
LEBANON; SOMEONE WHO WILL DEVOTE FULL TIME AND
ATTENTION TO LEBANON; SOMEONE WHO WILL MAKE IT
CLEAR THAT THE UNITED STATES IS SERIOUS ABOUT
LEBANON.

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BUT IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO JUST SPEAK OUT. WE
MUST TALK SENSE.

TALKING SENSE ABOUT LEBANON STARTS WITH
PUTTING FIRST THINGS FIRST.

THE FIRST PRIORITY MUST BE AN ^{TO}END FOREIGN
INTERVENTION. UNTIL THAT IS ACCOMPLISHED, NO
OTHER PERMANENT PROGRESS IS POSSIBLE.

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THERE IS NO NEED TO EQUIVOCATE.

ALL FOREIGN FORCES MUST LEAVE LEBANON --

STARTING RIGHT NOW.

SOME REPORTS SAY SYRIA HAS AGREED TO A
"SECRET TIMETABLE" FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF ITS
FORCES, AT LEAST TO THE BEKKA VALLEY. I HOPE THOSE
REPORTS ARE TRUE, AND THAT THE "SECRET TIMETABLE"
WILL LEAD TO A RAPID, TOTAL WITHDRAWAL OF SYRIA'S
FORCES.

WHEN I VISITED MOROCCO LAST AUGUST, I SPOKE TO
KING HASSAN ABOUT THE ISSUE OF LEBANON. I
STRONGLY URGED HIM TO PERSIST IN HIS EFFORTS, AS
PART OF THE TRIPARTITE COMMITTEE, WITH SAUDI ARABIA
AND ALGERIA. THE LEADERS OF THOSE NATIONS HAVE
WORKED HARD. THEY DESERVE OUR ADMIRATION AND
THANKS.

BUT THEY MUST DO MORE.

THEIR AGENDA IS NOT COMPLETE, AND WON'T BE,
UNTIL THEY HAVE SECURED BINDING COMMITMENTS FOR
THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL SYRIAN FORCES.

TONIGHT, I CALL ON THE ARAB LEAGUE TO RENEW
ITS EFFORTS TO PIN DOWN THAT TIMETABLE WITH ASSAD;
AND TO LET THE WORLD -- AND, MORE IMPORTANT, THE
PEOPLE OF LEBANON -- KNOW THAT IT IS REAL AND
BINDING ON DAMASCUS.

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NOW LET ME SAY CANDIDLY: I'M NOT HOLDING MY
BREATH.

I BELIEVE THERE IS NO PRACTICAL ALTERNATIVE TO
GIVING THE ARAB LEAGUE THE LEAD, AND I HOPE IT WILL
KEEP PUSHING. BUT IT CANNOT DO THE JOB WITHOUT
THE STRONG, SUPPORTING PRESSURE OF AN ACTIVE
AMERICAN DIPLOMACY.

WE CAN'T CONTINUE TO "SIT THIS ONE OUT." WE
MUST STEP UP OUR DIRECT DIPLOMACY -- YES, OUR
PRESSURE -- ON SYRIA.

WE CANNOT PULL OUR PUNCHES IN DAMASCUS, IN
THE HOPE THAT IT WILL SOMEHOW MAKE ASSAD MORE
WILLING TO JOIN IN A BROADER PEACE PROCESS IN THE
MIDDLE EAST. LEBANON CANNOT BE THAT KIND OF
"SIDESHOW" TO A "CENTER STAGE" EFFORT TO BRING
OTHERS TO THE BARGAINING TABLE.

THE FACT IS, WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE THAT
BROADER MIDDLE EAST PEACE AS LONG AS LEBANON
LIES BLEEDING TO DEATH. WITH ASSAD, LEBANON
SHOULD BE OUR FIRST THOUGHT -- NOT AN
AFTERTHOUGHT.

AND I WANT TO MAKE A RELATED POINT. NEXT WEEK,
SECRETARY BAKER WILL SIT DOWN WITH FOREIGN
MINISTER SHEVARDNADZE -- TO DISCUSS, AMONG OTHER
KEY TOPICS, SO-CALLED "REGIONAL CONFLICTS."

I HAVE A CANDIDATE ITEM FOR THE VERY TOP OF THE
AGENDA: SOVIET POLICY TOWARD SYRIA.

YESTERDAY, MY SENATE COLLEAGUE FROM
CALIFORNIA, PETE WILSON, AND I SENT A LETTER TO
SECRETARY BAKER. WE URGED THAT BAKER DELIVER
THIS CLEAR MESSAGE TO SHEVARDNADZE: AS LONG AS
MOSCOW GIVES ASSAD THE "GREEN LIGHT" FOR
AGGRESSION IN LEBANON, THE UNITED STATES WILL
KEEP OUT THE "YELLOW CAUTION LIGHT" ON THE PATH
OF U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS.

THE RECENT RUMORS OF GORBACHEV'S POLITICAL
DEMISE NOW APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN PREMATURE. BUT
ONE THING IS CLEAR TO ME: WITH HIS PARTY IN
SHAMBLES, HIS COUNTRY FALLING APART, AND HIS
ECONOMY FLAT ON ITS BACK -- GORBACHEV DOESN'T
HAVE MANY CARDS TO PLAY. HE NEEDS US --
DESPERATELY.

IT IS IN OUR INTEREST TO SEE GORBACHEV
SUCCEED. BUT WE CAN, AND SHOULD, EXTRACT A PRICE
FOR ANY "HELPING HAND" WE EXTEND. AND A PART OF
THAT PRICE OUGHT TO BE MORE RESPONSIBLE SOVIET
POLICIES TOWARD SYRIA.

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LET ME BE CLEAR ABOUT THIS, TOO: WHEN I SAY
"ALL FOREIGN FORCES" -- I MEAN ALL FOREIGN FORCES.
LEBANON BELONGS TO THE LEBANESE: NOT TO THE
SYRIANS, NOT TO THE IRANIANS -- AND NOT TO THE
ISRAELIS, EITHER.

THE ONLY LASTING SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF
LEBANON IS A UNIFIED LEBANESE GOVERNMENT, IN
CONTROL OF ALL OF THE TERRITORY OF A DEMOCRATIC
LEBANON.

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I HAVE SPOKEN, TO THIS POINT, ABOUT WHAT WE
SHOULD DO, AND WHAT OTHERS -- THE SOVIETS, THE
SYRIANS, THE IRANIANS AND THE ISRAELIS -- WHAT THEY
SHOULD DO.

BUT, FINALLY, WHAT WILL BE REALLY DECISIVE IS
WHAT THE LEBANESE, THEMSELVES, DO. LEBANON
BELONGS TO THE LEBANESE -- AND IT IS BOTH THE RIGHT,
AND THE RESPONSIBILITY, OF THE LEBANESE TO CARVE
OUT THEIR OWN FUTURE.

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LET ME SPEAK FRANKLY: THE SYRIANS, THE SOVIETS,
AND THE NEGLECT OF SOME IN WASHINGTON -- ALL
THESE ARE BARRIERS TO A SOLUTION TO LEBANON'S
PROBLEMS.

BUT THE FACT IS -- THE BIGGEST BARRIER TO THE
CREATION OF A PEACEFUL, UNITED, DEMOCRATIC
LEBANON -- IS THE UNWILLINGNESS OF SOME LEBANESE
TO PUT THE NEEDS OF THE NATION OF LEBANON ABOVE
NARROWER INTEREST.

THERE IS PLENTY OF BLAME TO GO AROUND. IT IS
NEITHER MY PLACE, NOR MY INTENTION, TO POINT THE
FINGER AT ANYONE, OR ANY FACTION, OR ANY RELIGION.

I DO BELIEVE IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY, AS SOMEONE
WHO CARES DEEPLY ABOUT LEBANON, TO PLEAD WITH
EVERY FACTION AND EVERY LEBANESE LEADER -- END
THE SENSELESS KILLING; JOIN TOGETHER WITH A
UNIFIED DEMAND FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN
FORCES; AND GO ON, IN A SPIRIT OF PATRIOTISM AND
NOT FACTIONALISM, TO A SERIOUS DIALOGUE ABOUT THE
POLITICAL FUTURE OF LEBANON.

SPECIFICALLY, NOW -- I CALL ON BOTH SIDES IN
CHRISTIAN EAST BEIRUT TO HALT THEIR BLOODY TEST OF
MIGHT AND WILL. MANY OF THE CAUSES THAT THE
CHRISTIANS OF LEBANON ESPOUSE ARE JUST AND
URGENT CAUSES -- BUT NONE OF THOSE CAUSES ARE
SERVED WHEN CHRISTIAN KILLS CHRISTIAN.

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: WE ARE HERE TONIGHT
BECAUSE WE CARE ABOUT LEBANON; AND BECAUSE THE
CRISIS IN LEBANON DEMANDS OUR PERSISTENT,
PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT.

IF WE DON'T STAND UP FOR LEBANON NOW -- WHO
WILL?

IT IS OUR JOB. WE CAN'T DUCK IT. LET US JOIN
TOGETHER, AND GET THE JOB DONE.

Countries Funded in the President's Budget
which had to be Zeroed out in FMS and
ESF in actual FY-90 Allocation

FY 90

- 1) Nepal
- 2) Argentina
- 3) Belize
- 4) Dominican Republic
- 5) Eastern Caribbean
- 6) Ecuador
- 7) Uruguay
- 8) Central African Republic
- 9) Somalia
- 10) Sudan
- 11) Fiji
- 12) Indonesia

12 zeroed out
totally

Countries Funded with ESF in the President's Budget
but that had to be Zeroed out in FY90 Allocation

- 1) Chad
- 2) Kenya
- 3) Liberia
- 4) Senegal

4 zeroed out
in ESF

Countries Funded with FMS in the President's Budget
but that had to be Zeroed out in FY90 Allocation

- 1) Costa Rica
- 2) Jamaica

2 zeroed out
in FMS

31 countries
zeroed out
or reduced

JANUARY 31, 1990

FY 1990 SECURITY ASSISTANCE ALLOCATIONS
FMF AND ESF PROGRAMS
(\$ MILLIONS)

NEAR EAST AND SOUTH ASIA				ESF			
	CPD REQUEST	ALLOCATION	DIFFERENCE	CPD REQUEST	ALLOCATION		
AFGHAN HUMANITARIAN	0.000	0.000		35.000 *	34.850 *	0.004	
EGYPT	1300.000	1294.410 *	0.004	815.000 *	811.495 *	0.004	
ISRAEL	1800.000	1792.260 *	0.004	1200.000 *	1194.839 *	0.004	
JORDAN	48.000	47.794 *	0.004	35.000 *	34.850 *	0.004	
LEBANON	0.000	0.000		2.000 *	3.734 *	-0.867	
MIDDLE EAST REGIONAL	0.000	0.000		17.500 *	23.897 *	+0.366	
MOROCCO	40.000	42.815 *	+0.070	15.000 *	19.914 *	+0.328	
NEPAL	0.500		-1.000				
OMAN	0.000	0.000		20.000	12.546	0.373	
PAKISTAN	240.000	229.011 *	0.046	250.000 *	229.011 *	0.084	
TUNISIA	30.000	29.871	0.004	12.500	12.446	0.004	
YEMEN	2.000	0.501	0.750	0.000	0.000		
SUBTOTAL	3460.500	3436.662	0.007	2402.000	2377.582	0.010	
EUROPE							
ARMENIA HUMANITARIAN	0.000	0.000		0.000 *	4.979 *		
CYPRUS	0.000	0.000		7.000 *	14.936 *	+1.134	
GREECE	350.000	348.495 *	0.004	0.000	0.000		
HUNGARY	0.000	0.000		0.000 *	2.489 *		
IRELAND	0.000	0.000		0.000	19.769		
POLAND	0.000	0.000		0.000 *	227.517 *		
PORTUGAL	125.000	84.635	0.323	50.000	40.002	0.200	
TURKEY	550.000	497.850 *	0.095	60.000	14.264	0.762	
SUBTOTAL	1025.000	930.980	0.092	117.000	323.956	+1.769	
AMERICAN REPUBLICS							
ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE	0.000	0.000		0.000 *	6.970 *		
ARGENTINA	2.000	0.000	-1.000				
BELIZE	0.500	0.000	-1.000	2.000		-1.000	
BOLIVIA	7.000	39.728	+4.675	30.000	20.163	0.328	
CENTRAL AMERICA DEVELOPMENT	0.000	0.000			0.000		
COLOMBIA	20.000	48.789	+1.439	12.000 *	0.498 *	0.959	
COSTA RICA	1.500	0.000	-1.000	0.000	0.000		
DOM REP	2.000	0.000	-1.000	57.000	63.544 **	+0.115	
E. CARIBBEAN	5.000	0.000	-1.000	20.000		-1.000	
ECUADOR	3.000	0.000	-1.000	15.000		-1.000	
EL SALVADOR	97.000	84.635	0.127	9.000		-1.000	
GUATEMALA	9.000	2.887	0.679	180.000	130.615 **	0.274	
GUYANA	0.000	0.000		87.000	56.483 **	0.351	
HAITI	0.000	0.498		0.000	0.996		
HONDURAS	60.000	20.163	0.664	0.000	0.000		
JAMAICA	5.000	0.000	1.000	87.000	60.017 **	0.310	
PERU	5.000	35.945	+6.189	25.000	4.978	0.801	
URUGUAY	0.500	0.000	1.000	5.000	3.286	0.343	
MISCELLANEOUS DRUG Reg., C. America	0.000	4.481		0.000	0.000		
SUBTOTAL	217.500	237.126	+0.090	15.600	2.090	0.866	
				544.600	349.640	0.358	
AFRICA							
AFRICAN CIVIC ACTION	6.000	4.979	0.170	0.000	0.000		
BOTSWANA	4.000	0.996	0.751	0.000	0.000		
C.A.R.	0.500		1.000				
CHAD	10.000	2.987	0.701	10.000	0.000	1.000	
DJIBOUTI	2.000	1.991	0.004	3.000	1.742	0.419	
KENYA	15.000	9.956	0.336	9.000	0.000	1.000	
LIBERIA	1.000	0.996	0.004	15.000	0.000	1.000	
MADAGASCAR	1.000	0.299	0.701	0.000	0.000		
MALAWI	1.200	1.991	-0.659	0.000	0.000		
NIGER	2.000	1.693	0.154	0.000	0.000		
SENEGAL	2.000	0.996	0.502	10.000	0.000	-1.000	
SEYCHELLES	0.000	0.000		3.000	1.991	0.336	
SOMALIA	15.000		1.000	20.000		-1.000	
SOUTH AFRICA	0.000	0.000		3.300 *	9.958 *	+2.018	
SUDAN	5.000		1.000	10.000		-1.000	
ZAIRE	9.000	2.987	0.668	0.000	0.000		
SUBTOTAL	73.700	29.871 *	0.595	83.300	13.691	0.836	

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CAMBODIAN RESISTANCE	0.000	0.300		7.000	5.075	- 0.275
FIJI	0.300	0.000	1.000	1.000		1.000
INDONESIA	5.000	0.000	1.000	0.000	1.991	
PHILIPPINES	200.000	140.095	0.300	-160.000	124.022	0.225
SOUTH PACIFIC TUNA	0.000	0.000		11.200	10.000	0.107
THAILAND	45.000	3.038	0.932	5.000	2.539	0.492
SUBTOTAL	250.300	143.133	0.428	184.200	143.630	0.220
OTHER						
ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	41.432	29.870	0.279	0.000	0.000	
WAR VICTIMS	0.000	0.000		0.000	2.489	
SUBTOTAL	41.432	29.870	0.279	0.000	2.489	
GRAND TOTAL	5068.432	4807.642	- 0.051	3331.100	3210.988	- 0.036

18 countries - at least 10 programs sponsored
12 countries eliminated entirely



The American Task Force for Lebanon

The American Task Force for Lebanon is comprised of approximately 100 prominent Americans of Lebanese descent. These individuals have lent their prestige to the Task Force believing that now is the time to initiate a series of programs in the United States designed to:

- Heighten the awareness of the American public and U.S. policy-makers to the plight of Lebanon and the ongoing suffering of its people, while advocating an immediate return to a free, sovereign Lebanon, where the rights and aspirations of all citizens are respected — free from all foreign forces of influence.
- Enhance Lebanon's image in the U.S. and publicize the accomplishments of the Lebanese-American community as a source of ethnic pride of all Arab-Americans in pursuit of the American Dream.
- Educate members of Congress and key Administration policy-makers on the current situation in Lebanon.
- Advocate an increased commitment of U.S. resources (U.S. aid has declined from \$164 million to \$20 million during the 1980's), to assist in the provision of basic commodities for the Lebanese people. Additionally, support an increased role for the U.S. government in advocating the withdrawal of all foreign forces for Lebanon, and constitutional reform designed to develop a strong, lasting central government.

The Task Force believes that Lebanese-Americans must become involved in an effort to save their country of origin from foreign interference and internal strife. As has become so routine over the last 14 years, Lebanon is, once again, under siege and the results of the scourge of war remain the same. Families are torn apart, innocent women and children are killed, relief forces designed to mitigate the Lebanese people's suffering are negated, and the national economy is devastated. Since the war began in 1975, inflation has reached 700%, real economic output has declined by 50%, and unemployment is approximately 33% of the work force.

The American Task Force for Lebanon seeks to unify Lebanese Americans for the sole purpose of saving their homeland, and to inspire all Americans to become "partners for peace."

THE AMERICAN TASK FORCE FOR LEBANON

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Dole
FROM: Deborah *Deborah*
RE: Receiving the Philip C. Habib Award for Distinguished
Public Service for 1990.

Mr. Peter J. Tanous called this morning to ask if we could confirm on a date for this event. They have scheduled for February 3rd, a Saturday, in Los Angeles, California. They are expecting over 1,000 individuals to attend and therefore would like confirmation as soon as possible.

The proceeds for this event will be split 50/50 between the American Task Force for Lebanon and as you designate.

Last years recipient of the award was George Mitchell. Other individuals that are involved with the Task Force are Sununu, Habib, Joe Jacobs and Mounzer Chaarani.

You have already agreed to accept the award.

Should we:

- _____ Confirm for February 3
- _____ Regret for February 3
- _____ Tell him we'll give him a response next week.

Please find attached a letter from Mr. Tanous dated December 11, and information pertaining to last years Task Force event.

Also — no one so far there is nothing scheduled for the 3rd.

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Orange Co. - Marriott @ Disney World?

800 - 1,000 people
Lebanese Amer

Chairman: Mounzer Chaarani, CA
developer in Orange Co. (Nat'l co-chair DFP)
Pres. of Repub. in Orange Co
Co-chair - Joe Jacobs, Jacobs engineering

Dunne/-
6:30

organizers +
financial person
Bank
Just meetings
have not priced tickets
40-50,000 each
affordable
cheap

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December 11, 1989

Senator Robert Dole
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Senator Dole:

As you may recall, some time ago we announced that the American Task Force for Lebanon had voted to award you its Philip C. Habib Award for Distinguished Public Service for 1990. As you may know, this award was given to Senator George Mitchell in 1989 at an event in Washington on May 19th. The 1990 event is scheduled for Los Angeles/Orange County on Saturday, February 3rd, 1990. The Chairman of the event is Mounzer Chaarani who lives in Orange County and was one of your national campaign co-chairmen during the Presidential campaign. The event is very important to the Lebanese-American community and is eagerly awaited.

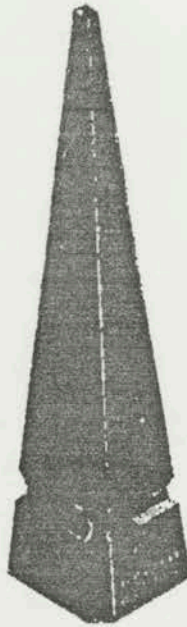
We are delighted that you have agreed to accept the award. Unfortunately, we have been unable to date to confirm with your staff that you would be available to receive the award in California on February 3rd. I realize that advance planning is difficult given your schedule, and that is one reason why we scheduled this event on a Saturday. However, because we expect over 1,000 guests at this affair, including other dignitaries, we must have sufficient lead time in order to properly prepare for the function. At present, we have less than 60 days to prepare which makes it somewhat tight, but if we can get your confirmation that you can attend on February 3rd, we can still get the job done.

Would you be so kind as to let me know as soon as possible if we may count on you.

Kindest personal regards

Peter J. Tanous
Chairman

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*The Philip C. Habib Award
for
Distinguished Public Service*

The Philip C. Habib Award for Distinguished Public Service was established by the American Task Force for Lebanon to honor those individuals who, through professional courage and commitment, work for lasting peace and prosperity for Lebanon.

The Habib Award was named after the Honorable Philip C. Habib, an active member of the American Task Force for Lebanon. Ambassador Habib has served the United States in diplomatic missions on four continents and is the recipient of numerous honors including the Presidential Medal of Freedom and Lebanon's Order of Cedars.

*Senator George J. Mitchell
Recipient of the
Philip C. Habib Award
for
Distinguished Public Service*

George Mitchell was born on August 20, 1933. His father, a laborer, was the son of Irish immigrants and was adopted by a Lebanese family at an early age; his mother was a Lebanese immigrant who spent her working years in the Waterville, Maine area mills.

Senator Mitchell's distinguished career in public service began in 1954, serving as an officer in the U.S. Army Counter Intelligence Corps. In 1960 he graduated from the Georgetown University Law Center at which time he joined the Anti-Trust Division of the Department of Justice as a trial lawyer. As Executive Assistant to Senator Edmund Muskie, George Mitchell became involved in the Congressional arena for the first time. He returned to Maine in 1965 where he joined the law firm of Jensen, Baird, Gardner and Henry.

In 1971, Senator Mitchell became Assistant County Attorney for Cumberland County and in 1977 ascended to U.S. Attorney for the State of Maine. He served as U.S. District Judge until May 1980, when he was appointed by Governor Joseph E. Brennan to complete the unexpired term of his former employer, Senator Edmund Muskie, who resigned his office to become Secretary of State. In 1982 Senator Mitchell was elected to his own full six-year term and was reelected in a landslide vote in 1988.

The respect and trust he inspires was exemplified this year when he was elected by his colleagues to the the Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate.





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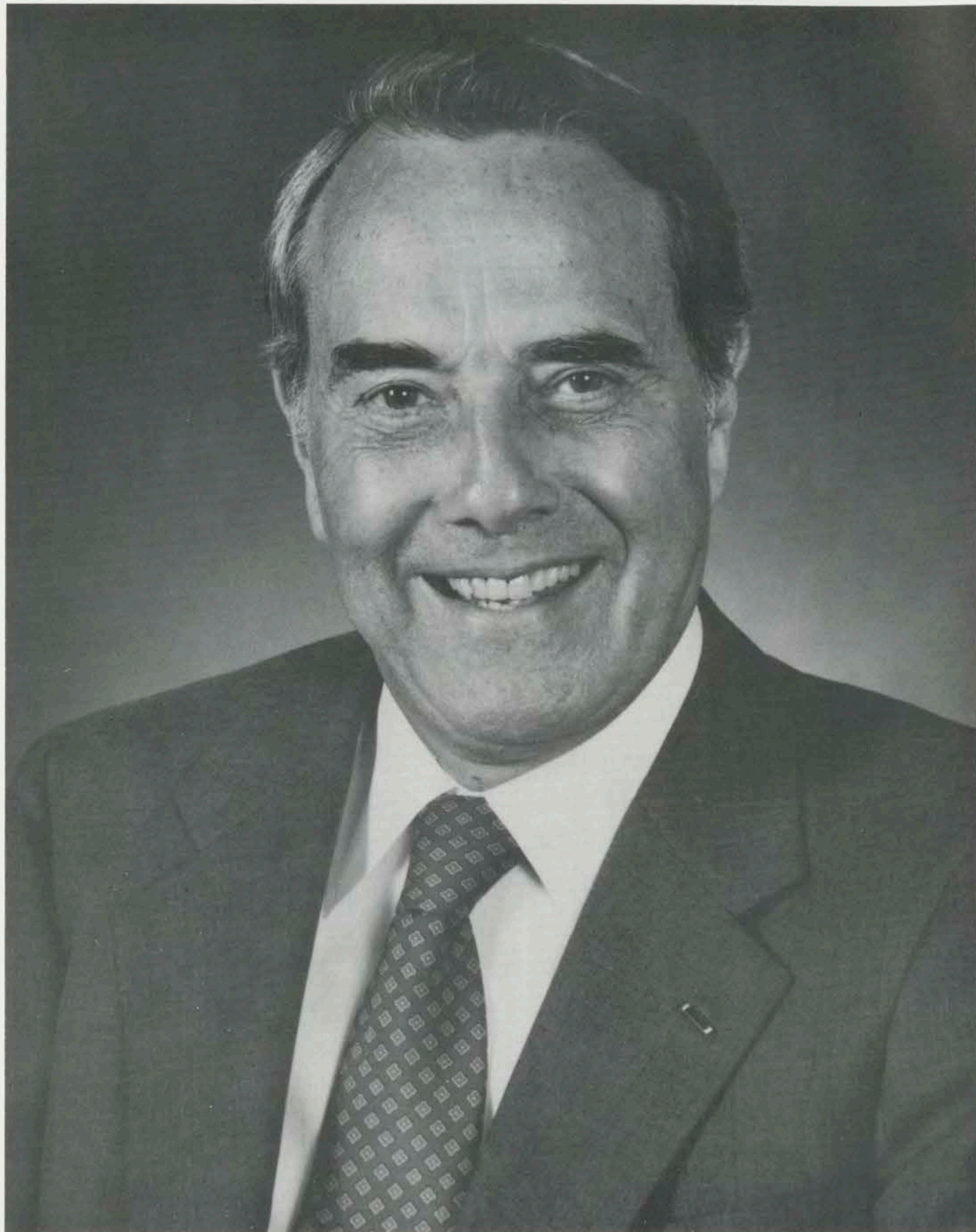


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*1990 Award Dinner
honoring*

*Senator Bob Dole
Senate Republican Leader
for distinguished public service*

*February 3, 1990
Marriott Hotel
Anaheim, California*



Senator Bob Dole

SENATOR BOB DOLE

Senator Bob Dole, one of America's most respected and best known leaders, has a distinguished record of public service that spans almost four decades. Senator Dole has earned national acclaim with his leadership for budget responsibility, tax reform, a sound Social Security system, quality and affordable health care, rights for the disadvantaged and persons with disabilities, and for a better future for rural America. Also respected as a master legislator, he was unanimously reelected by his Republican colleagues to a third term as their Senate Leader on November 28, 1988.

Bob Dole was first elected to the United States Senate in 1968, after serving four consecutive terms in the House of Representatives. From 1981 to 1984, he was Chairman of the powerful Senate Finance Committee, where he was instrumental with President Reagan in laying the foundation for America's strongest economic recovery in thirty years. Born and raised on the plains of western Kansas, Bob Dole has been a fixture on the Agriculture Committees ever since he came to Washington in 1961. In fact, he has often been called the voice of American agriculture on Capitol Hill.

During the second World War, Bob Dole left premedical studies at the University of Kansas to enlist in the Army. Rising quickly to a position of command, he became a platoon leader in the legendary Tenth Mountain Division in Italy. In 1945, he was gravely wounded on the battlefield and was later twice decorated for heroic achievement. His decorations include two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star with Oakleaf Cluster. As a result of his injuries, Bob Dole spent thirty-nine months in hospitals fighting for his life, an experience that helped make him a lifelong advocate for veterans and individuals with disabilities. In 1948, he was honorably discharged from the Army with the rank of Captain.

At age 26, Bob Dole entered public office for the first time when he was elected to the Kansas House of Representatives. Two years later, he became Russell County's prosecuting attorney, an office he held until his 1960 election to Congress. Senator Dole later became Republican National Chairman and President Gerald Ford's running mate in the 1976 Presidential election. In the past two Senate elections in Kansas — 1980 and 1986 — Bob Dole won every one of the state's 105 counties.

Senator Dole was born in Russell, Kansas on July 22, 1923, the eldest son of Doran and Bina Dole. He attended local public schools and later the University of Kansas. After the war, he continued his education at the University of Arizona at Tucson and at Washburn Municipal University in Topeka, from which he earned his bachelor's and law degrees.

Senator Dole is married to Elizabeth Hanford Dole, President Bush's pick to be America's new Secretary of Labor. She also served in Ronald Reagan's cabinet as Secretary of Transportation, only the seventh woman in history to hold a cabinet post. Senator Dole also has a daughter, Robin, who resides in Washington, D.C.



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Dear Friends:

I am delighted that you have chosen to spend the evening with us as we gather to honor Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole. As you know, Senator Dole has been a true friend of Lebanon and the Lebanese people and is a worthy recipient of the American Task Force for Lebanon's Second Annual Philip C. Habib Award for Distinguished Public Service.

Our gathering here tonight has another important meaning. By our presence, we are providing living testimony to the ideals upon which Lebanon was founded. Through our support and encouragement, we must continue the process by which our national leaders are reminded of the need to help the people of Lebanon regain their sovereignty and independence. As Senator Dole himself said in remarks to the American Task Force for Lebanon in Washington, "Lebanon is a vital concern of everyone in this room; and it must remain an important concern of our government and of all Americans." The American Task Force for Lebanon is dedicated to heightening the awareness of Lebanon, not only among our leaders in Washington, but also among the Lebanese-American community and all people who care about the fate of the Lebanese. Your presence here tonight is eloquent testimony to your concern.

On behalf of all members of the American Task Force for Lebanon, I thank you for attending. Through our collective efforts, we will help to insure that the land of our forefathers survives as a free, independent and sovereign nation, which will be an example of multi-confessional harmony and peaceful coexistence to all nations.



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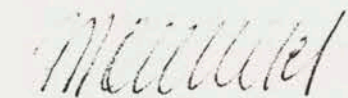
Dear Members and Friends of the American Task Force for Lebanon:

Welcome,

The ATFL has had a proud and eventful first year, and we are off to a rousing start for our second year. We gather tonight to acknowledge our nation's Republican leader, Senator Bob Dole for his outstanding leadership in the Senate as well as in the foreign policy arena. He has long been a leading proponent of stronger United States involvement in Lebanon, and it is only fitting that we honor him with the Second Annual ATFL Phillip C. Habib Distinguished Public Service Award.

The Task Force and the Arab American community have been successful in elevating the issue of Lebanon before the U.S. Congress and the American public. Now our job is to rebuild ties between the U.S. and Lebanon and embark on a path toward reconstruction.

Despite difficulties and disappointments, our vision is clear, and our hope is boundless. We must intensify our efforts to secure a free, independent, sovereign Lebanon. Your presence here tonight is a step in that direction, and I thank you very much for coming.



Mounzer Chaarani
Dinner Chairman

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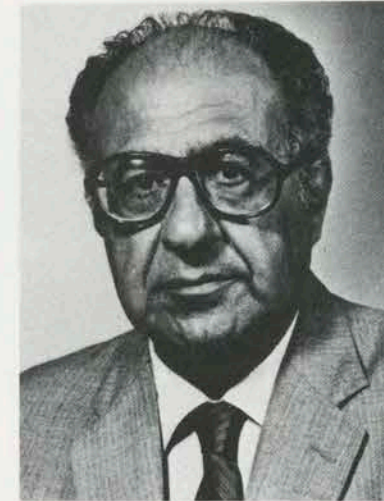
The American Task Force for Lebanon (ATFL) is a non-profit, tax exempt organization comprised primarily of dedicated Americans of Lebanese heritage and others who share a common interest in Lebanon and the goals of the ATFL. Non-sectarian and non-partisan, the ATFL unites American leaders of Lebanese heritage who seek to fulfill the following objectives:

Provide a national structure within which Americans of Lebanese heritage may articulate their shared concerns and promote the national unity, independence and security of a free and democratic Lebanon.

Heighten awareness of the American public and United States government officials and policy-makers to the situation in Lebanon.

Encourage greater involvement by the United States in efforts to promote a peaceful settlement of the conflict in Lebanon, and to help restore the basic infrastructure of Lebanese economic, political, education and social institutions.

The American Task Force for Lebanon seeks to enhance Lebanon's image in the U.S. by promoting the accomplishments of the Lebanese-American community and to set an example within the Task Force of the kind of non-sectarian, non-partisan support to a free and united Lebanon.



Honorary Chairman Philip C. Habib

For over forty years, Ambassador Philip Habib has played a key role in shaping foreign policy. He has served as Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, Senior advisor to the Secretary of State, Personal Representative of the President of the United States to the Middle East, to the Philippines and to Central America.

In addition, Ambassador Habib is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, a trustee of the American University in Beirut, Chairman of Mihaly Associates, Inc., San Francisco, Chairman of Interact, Inc., in Burlingame and Senior Research Fellow at Hoover Institute in Stanford.

Ambassador Habib was born in Brooklyn, New York. He received his B.S. from the University of Idaho and his Ph.D. from University of California, Berkeley.

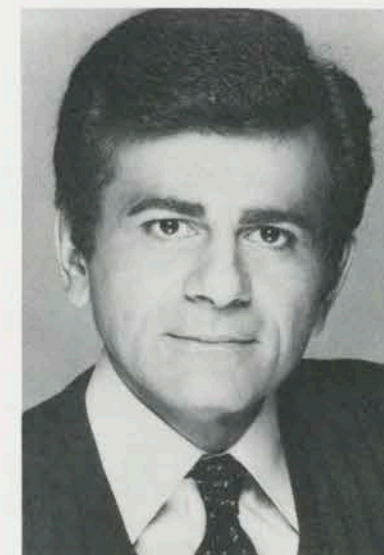


Dr. Joseph J. Jacobs

Dr. Joseph J. Jacobs was born in New York City in 1916. He received his Bachelor, Master and Ph.D. Degrees in Chemical Engineering from Polytechnic Institute of New York (Polytechnic University). He was the president of Jacobs Engineering Company from 1947-1974 and as the chairman and chief executive officer of Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. since 1974.

His accomplishments include the 1983 Hoover Award as "Eminent engineer, distinguished builder of worldwide enterprises in chemical engineering; a vital humanitarian force devoted to the support of education in engineering and the sciences for the welfare of society both nationally and internationally; and a dedicated contributor to improving an understanding of the problems of the elderly."

He is married and is the father of three daughters and belongs to many clubs and organizations.



Casey Kasem

To millions of fans around the world, the name Casey Kasem and radio musical countdowns are synonymous. For 18 years the voice of "American Top 40", Casey continued to present the hits each week on his new countdown show for the Westwood One Network. And he continues to host TV's "America's Top Ten" now in its 9th year.

Casey is also a highly respected character actor in films, as well as a past veteran of countless voice-over commercials and Saturday morning cartoon shows. He and his wife Jean, also an actress, have three children, Kerri, Michael and Julie.

Besides being one of the busiest performers, he is also involved in many social and humanitarian causes from anti-smoking campaigns to anti-discrimination projects and more. Casey is a member of the board of directors for FAIR (Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting). He has worked with the Foundation for Mideast Communications and has received the Goodwill Ambassador Award from the Arab American Press Guild.

Program

Opening Remarks	Mounzer Chaarani
Master of Ceremonies	Casey Kasem
Invocation	Reverend Darrel Meyers
Presentation of Colors	Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps
National Anthem	George Taweel

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For The American Task Force for Lebanon (ATFL)	Peter J. Tanous
Remarks	Ambassador Philip C. Habib
ATFL Man of the Year Award Presented by	Dr. Ray Irani
Screening of ATFL Film "LEBANON — THE HERITAGE LIVES"	
Presentation of 1990 American Task Force for Lebanon Philip C. Habib Award for Distinguished Public Service to Senator Bob Dole	Governor Vic Atiyeh
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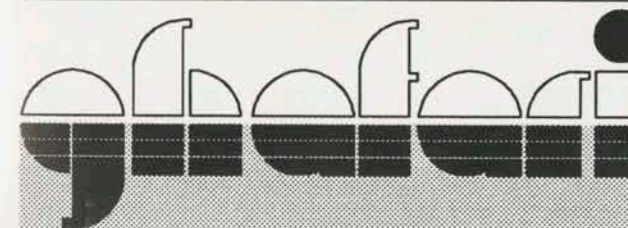
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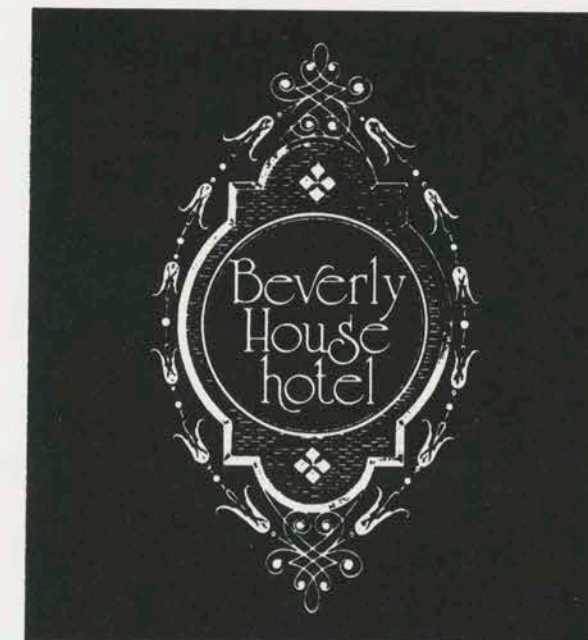
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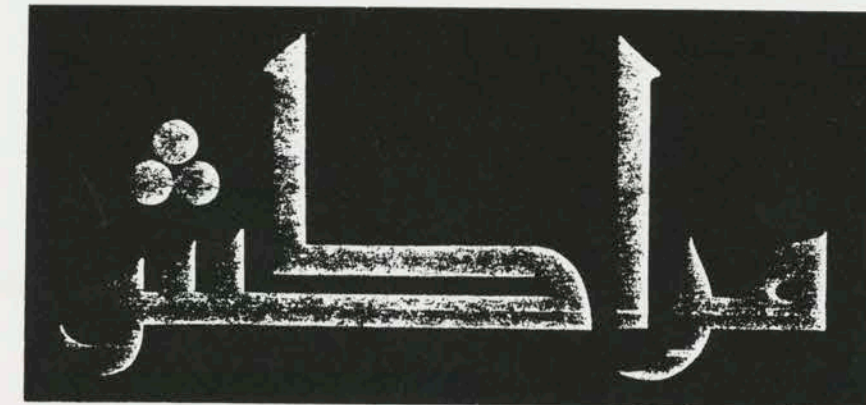
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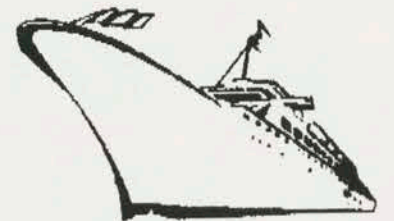


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