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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION BETWEEN PRESIDENT REAGAN AND  
PRESIDENT GEMAYEL  
(11:14 - 11:20 am, April 18, 1983)

Gemayel: Hello?

President: Mr. President? Good morning.

G: Good morning. How are you?

P: Just fine.

G: I wanted to tell you how sorry I am Mr. President for the tragedy that happened to the embassy this noon.

P: Well, I appreciate that very much Mr. President and I of course feel very badly about that myself and what has happened but I realize that that's the climate we're trying to solve.

G: Yes. You know there is no doubt that your courageous efforts to restore peace here in Lebanon has made some extremist unhappy. There is always a price for courage as you know.

P: Yes.

G: But I am confident also that such acts will not in any way discourage you from continuing to push for your peace initiative for which we are completely with you in this peace initiative.

P: Well, rest assured Mr. President we're not going to retreat, we're going to continue.

G: We'll be together sir, we'll be with you.

P: Well I appreciate that very much and we shall continue to fight to bring peace to the area.

G: Thank you. I wish to express also in my name and in the name of the Lebanese people my deepest condolences to you and to the families of the victims.

P: Well, thank you very much. I appreciate that.

G: Thank you.

P: Alright and I shall pass that word on to them.

G: Thank you. Goodbye.

P: Alright, good bye Mr. President.

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