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~~SECRET~~Ambassador Bartholomew's Meeting with Prime Minister Karami,
June 15

In a friendly but direct meeting with Prime Minister Karami on Friday, Ambassador Bartholomew stated that the slaughter of civilians last Monday was a horrific display of irresponsibility by all of Lebanon's leaders. Karami had no good answer to what happened or why, but was confident that the problem of the army could and would be solved this week. Karami:

- o Confirmed that Khaddam would be arriving today or Tuesday and would be conducting various discussions with all players individually and collectively.
- o Stated that "we will take measures concerning Dubayah next week. Our decision to close Dubayah cannot go unexecuted."

Bartholomew expressed his view that Lebanese action against Dubayah would be a "serious mistake" and that the net result would be to push the south farther away from Lebanon. Bartholomew also questioned Lebanese "press statements" claiming that the U.S. has offered to mediate on the south if asked by Israel and Lebanon, and noted our strongly held view that direct Israeli-Lebanese contacts are the proper way to handle the status of the south.

- o Bartholomew comments that while the Lebanese may well follow through on Dubayah, "this is Lebanon and Karami is one of the emblems of its politics and misdirection."
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