



ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE
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Mr. Takis Solomonides
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Dear Mr. Solomonides:

Ambassador Ewing has called my attention to the contribution which you and the Sol Maritime Services Ltd. rendered in the recent evacuation of members of the Palestine Liberation Organization from Beirut. On behalf of the Bureau of Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs of the Department of State, I would like to express our appreciation.

The charter of your vessels was an important factor in our ability to meet the logistical requirements of this complicated operation. But beyond this, your personal interest in and dedication to assuring that your company's shipping schedules were met, that problems were anticipated and resolved rapidly, and that this complex and often rapidly changing movement was executed successfully, all contributed importantly to the outcome of Ambassador Habib's mission.

Please accept the thanks and high regard of all of us who were involved in that endeavor.

Sincerely,

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