



EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Nicosia, Cyprus

September 9, 1982

His Excellency  
Philippe Olivier  
Ambassador of France  
Nicosia

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

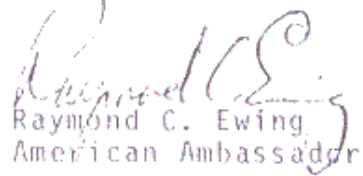
With the successful completion of Ambassador Habib's mission in Beirut, I am writing to tell you how much we appreciated the excellent assistance and close cooperation throughout this period by Mr. Takis Solomonides, Honorary Consul of France in Limassol and owner of Sol Maritime Services Ltd.

The vessels chartered from Mr. Solomonides' company were crucial for the orderly onward movement of those from the Palestine Liberation Organization who departed from Beirut. However, Mr. Solomonides' efforts went well beyond those normally associated with a commercial arrangement of this kind. I know that he spent long hours meticulously planning the complex requirements of his ships' schedules; he was in frequent communication with us about problems or potential difficulties he discovered in meeting the requests made to him; and in turn, he was always available to us at whatever hour to receive and quickly deal with new problems under short deadlines. His advice and counsel on numerous shipping matters unfamiliar to us were of invaluable assistance to our own efforts to successfully support Ambassador Habib's mission.

If you deem it appropriate, I would be most grateful if this expression of our gratitude for Mr. Solomonides' fine work could be brought to the attention of your Government.

With renewed expressions of my highest esteem,

Sincerely,

  
Raymond C. Ewing  
American Ambassador