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Given all of these factors, it is clear that even without details, the situation is one of devastating proportions. We are doing what we can, but more must be done.

1. We are calling on the Amal militia to:

- stop their assault on the camps;
- stop taking civilian Palestinians prisoners;
- stop execution of prisoners;
- allow relief efforts to proceed in and around the camps.

2. We are calling on the Syrian government to use its significant influence in Lebanon to:

- secure an end to the fighting in the camps;
- provide for relief and rescue efforts to take place in order to assist the victims in the camps.

3. We are calling on the State Department office of Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs to intervene with a rescue effort for the Palestinians in Lebanon. There is a written U.S. commitment to protect and provide for the Palestinians in Lebanon -- it must be honored.

4. We are calling on the Reagan Administration to immediately free up and send the \$55 million in U.S. aid to the Lebanese government that Congress appropriated in 1982. It is disgraceful that 3 years after the bloody Israeli invasion, of the \$150 million appropriated by Congress, only \$55 million have been spent in Lebanon -- while \$40 million have been unconsciously diverted to Granada. As an act of goodwill, concern and commitment to Lebanon and its peoples, the \$55 million ought to be immediately sent to Lebanon earmarked for projects that will in a non-discriminatory way aid all the