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Lebanon Documents Now Available For Research at the Carter Presidential Library *Ambassador John Gunther Dean's Papers Detail American Diplomacy in Lebanon 1978-1981*

Atlanta, GA. – A treasure-trove of information about American diplomacy in Lebanon from 1978 to 1981 is now available to researchers at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum in Atlanta, Georgia.

The documents are included in the newly-opened Lebanon folders from the country files of Ambassador John Gunther Dean's donated historical materials. The materials consist of approximately 3,200 pages and cover the full tenure of Dean as Ambassador to Lebanon.

Most of the material is composed of correspondence in the form of telegraphic reports from the embassy in Beirut to the State Department in Washington D.C. The reports provide depth for research into U.S. foreign policy in the region, including such things as Palestinian and Israeli actions regarding Lebanon.

Personal notes included in the material shed new light on the assassination attempt on then-Ambassador Dean. In addition, the material provides insight into the responsibilities and efforts of U.S. foreign missions and particularly the efforts of Ambassador Dean, to advance U.S. foreign policy in the complex maze of Middle Eastern politics and culture.

Students of Middle Eastern studies will find these materials extremely helpful to their research. Online access to the Dean Papers finding aid will be provided through the National Archives and Records Administration's Archival Research Catalog (ARC) at http://archives.gov/research_room/arc/index.html. For more information, call the Carter Presidential Library at 404-865-7100.