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jane simpson --

f.y.i., and then please
have logged and placed
in central files

thanks--susan clough

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(Re Jimmy Allen/Lebanese Student)

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Mr. President --

In a low key way, John Rebsamen in ILS has talked with his people in Texas and they have agreed to grant 'voluntary departure' (they won't force the boy out of the U.S.), even though he deliberately violated the regulations very early upon his arrival in the states.....as well as the "A" prefix on his "Alien No." being a flag to them as a person for them to keep an eye on. Rebsamen has told Allen of this action.

When Rebsamen asked if you wanted them to think about granting special consideration for the boy allowing him employment permission -- I said no. That Allen had said in his letter to you the Convention could take care of that. That they should furnish the forms for the Lebanese student to fill out and submit in the proper manner (which he didn't do before), and consider his application in line and on its merits as with other students.

I also asked him to have his people, and Dr. Allen since he was involved in this actively, to let the student know that in the future he should comply with those regulations that pertain to him, and should try to seek 'reconsideration' and other courses of action which are open to him prior to violating status -- but to be told to him in a nice manner; not lecturing.

Mr. Rebsamen was very nice and expeditious about all of this, and understood that this was not something you were specifically requesting, that you had merely asked me to see what, if any, options were available before you determined if you would ask that anything be done.

--ssc

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tc with john rebseman

lebanese student

pulled file...no great problems

grant voluntary departure (not force
out of u.s....(if get out of status
would be forced)...

review & see if can give voluntary
employment permission? (ssc cmts/no)

will call allin....

5/2/79

tc frank wisner 632-2540

action legally falls in hands of ILS - leon castillo....no
say in domestic enforcement....let wisner's people 'bird dog
it'....ask to do very carefully so don't feel interference...

exercise sympathetic judgment...have flexibilitiy...good
people.

chief trouble shooter is jack ("john") rebsamen 633-2363

✓ ask if can take serious look at it, given circumstances
of case....

- what is he breaking?
- what is available?

tcwith rebsamen....lebanese policy is not to force any one
from there back home..

violated satus obviously voluntarily and quickly....
~~kxnd~~ binds hands a little.....threatening to deport?

with A prefix indicates a "watch" "lookout"

will get back in touch

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*Susan - a) who
Find out State
can help.
or Atty Gen.
b) how*

Susan

*I mentioned the matter
to the President on the telephone*

Thank

Jimmy Allen

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April 27, 1979

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I would like to ask your help for a young man from our mission work in Lebanon. His father is the maintenance man for our seminary in Beirut and has been faithfully on duty during the fighting there.

He is a student at Howard Payne University, our Baptist school in Brownwood, Texas. Grades, excellent. Character, good. He has been told he must choose to go back to Lebanon by May 20 or be deported. The problem is that he sought to solve his rising living costs by going to work. He worked for a discount house from September 1978 to March 1979. Ironically, his honesty about the job now has him in trouble for breaking regulations. He told the college about it in a routine interview.

He is on a scholarship with inadequate funding, but we can take care of that. The primary need is an act of compassion for his past action so he can continue his education.

He has been told he has to back to Lebanon, apply for another visa, and post a bond. His economic situation makes that not feasible. References are: Dr. Guy Newman, Chancellor, Howard Payne University, Brownwood, Texas 76801, telephone (915) 646-2502, and Mr. Bennett Ragsdale, Registrar at Howard Payne University. The Immigration official in San Antonio is Mr. Omer Bangs, 727 E. Durango, San Antonio, Texas 78207, telephone (512) 229-6350.

The student's name is Nabil Khalil Aboukhair. Birthdate 3/25/60; Visa 011400; Alien No. A-126; Passport Alien Registration 431236. Arrived in United States on August 12 or 13, 1978.

Things are shaping up well for the Southern Baptist Convention rally at the Astrodome on June 13 dedicating more than 1100 missionaries.

Gratefully yours

Jimmy R. Allen
Jimmy R. Allen

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P.S.

*Rejoicing over George Vinas -
Have called all our SBC to
Special Day? Thank you
May 13, 1979*