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Mr. Gerry Thompson
Executive Assistant
to Governor Atiyeh
State Capitol
Salem, Oregon 97310

Dear Mr. Thompson:

I have been asked to reply further to your letter of January 23, 1984 to Lee L. Verstandig concerning Governor Atiyeh's planned travel to several countries in the Middle East. We in the Department of State would be pleased to offer briefings by country officers in preparation for the Governor's travel as well as briefings and assistance at the U.S. embassies in the countries he will visit.

Because of the serious security situation in Beirut, we suggest that the Governor not plan on including Beirut on his itinerary at this stage.

You may wish to contact Mr. Philip Wilcox, Director of the Office of Regional Affairs, Bureau of Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, at (202) 632-1154 to arrange details of such briefings.

Sincerely,

Jayne Plank
Director
Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

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