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*Memorandum of Conversation, by the Second Secretary of Embassy
in Lebanon (Meyer)*¹

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Subject: Lebanon

Participants:

United States
Honorable John Foster Dulles,
Secretary of State

Lebanon
His Excellency George Bey
Hakim, Minister of Foreign
Affairs

Present:

Honorable Harold E. Stassen,
Mutual Security
Administrator

His Excellency Fuad Bey
Ammoun, Director-General of
Foreign Affairs

Honorable Harold B. Minor,
American Ambassador

Halim Bey Abu-Izzudin, Chief of
Protocol

Honorable Henry A. Byroade,
Assistant Secretary of State

Honorable Douglas MacArthur
II, State Department
Counselor

Mr. John H. Bruins, Counselor
of Embassy

Lieutenant Colonel Stephen
Meade, United States Army

1. *Opening Remarks.* Expressing his pleasure at being in Lebanon, Secretary Dulles explained that his presence and that of Mr. Stassen, during a time when there was much to keep them busy in Washington, testified to the importance which the United States government attaches to the Near East. When Foreign Minister Hakim noted that as an intermediary between East and West, Lebanon had much in common with the latter, the Secretary noted that one of Lebanon's great assets was its Ambassador in Washington Dr. Charles Malik. Recalling Dr. Malik's speech at the Japanese Peace Treaty Conference in San Francisco and his other accomplishments, the Secretary declared that Dr. Malik's voice "carries great authority". The Foreign Minister noted agreement on

¹ This conversation took place at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.