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Mr. Walid Maloof
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Dear Mr. Maloof,

Thank you for sending me a copy of *The Road to 1559: Lebanon at the Core of the George W. Bush Administration*. It captures for the historical record all the work that you and others in the Bush Administration did to promote a free and democratic Lebanon. It also shows how difficult the real work of policymaking and diplomacy can be, particularly up at the United Nations.

In general, I found the book fair in how it represented those years. I did notice one place, however, where you say Elliot Abrams directed you to speak specifically with me, then the Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs. Though I and my staff were deeply involved in all the affairs before the UN Security Council at that time, I cannot recall anyone bringing you or such a request to my attention.

I do appreciate all your efforts to promote freedom and democracy not only for Lebanon, but throughout the Middle East and around the world.

All the best,



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