



*Embassy of the United States of America*

*The Ambassador*

Beirut, Lebanon

May 5, 2006

Joe Gebeily  
American Lebanese Coalition  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Gebeily:

I am indeed honored to have been invited by the American Lebanese Coalition to celebrate the Cedar Revolution and to recognize the remarkable Lebanese –American partnership that played such a vital role in ending Syria's occupation of Lebanon. I applaud the American Lebanese Coalition for its courageous and determined role in helping to keep the vision of liberty and democracy alive for Lebanese everywhere.

While I regret not being present with you tonight, I assure you that, here in Lebanon, I remain committed as ever to seeing that the United States Embassy in Lebanon seizes every opportunity to promote President Bush's Freedom Agenda. Our united goal is to see that decision making for Lebanon remains in Lebanese hands. We will help ensure that the Lebanese have the tools they need to build a strong and secure, free and independent, democratic, united and prosperous country. Yes, the challenges are great, but the Lebanese people are not alone. U.S. support for Lebanon is enduring and non-negotiable. Thank you and congratulations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey Feltman', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jeffrey Feltman  
U.S. Ambassador