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ATTACK AGAINST THE AMERICAN EMBASSY
PREMISES IN BEIRUT

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, today released the following text of his message of condolence to the American Secretary of State, the Honourable George Shultz.

"I was deeply shocked when I learned of the brutal and senseless attack against your Embassy premises in Beirut today. I extend to you, to the families of the victims and to your colleagues in the foreign service my deepest sympathies. We are very conscious of the often appalling risks to which their commitment exposes them.

I offer my strong support to you personally, and look forward to our discussion next week in New York when we might give further attention to the threat to peace which international terrorism represents. We must work closely together against this senseless violence which has had such tragic results for those who have dedicated themselves to the service of their country."