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Committee of Disappeared  
Widad Hilwani  
El Saraya El Kabeer  
Shari Ryad El Suluh  
Beirut, Lebanon

Dear Sir, Dear Madame,

Our family lived in Lebanon until 1965, and when there, we knew an American family who sent their children to multi-lingual schools; the children became fluent in Arabic as well as English and French. We left, but the Yff family stayed on, and when the conflicts erupted, the youngest, in view of his knowledge of Arabic, hoped to help resolve some of the problems by communicating with conflicting sides. He was an 18 year old idealist. He traveled between fighting areas, and very near the beginning of the fighting, he disappeared, and, like more than 17,000 others, was never heard from again.

We have kept in touch with the family. His mother died a few months ago, never having learned the fate of her son.

Being an active member of Amnesty International, I learned recently that Lebanon has decided to set up a commission of inquiry to try to discover the fates of these 17,415 people who disappeared.

I would very much like to know if the boy, Eric Yff, is on the list of those who are being looked for, and if there is any way I could find out if anything has been discovered about Eric Yff, who would, if alive, be almost 40 years old by now. It seems, after so many years, an extraordinarily difficult task, but, like so very many other families, his father, two brothers, and sisters need to know what happened to him.

Would you be able to inform me if any information emerges about the fate of Eric Yff? I would appreciate this deeply, as would his family. *Is his name on the list of the disappeared?*

Sincerely yours,

*Sonja Krummel*  
(Mrs.) Sonja Krummel