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TERREP

E.O. : 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: PTER, EAIR, AG
SUBJECT: TWA HIJACKING: LIBERATED HOSTAGES EN ROUTE TO PARIS

1. ~~C~~ - ENTIRE TEXT

2. SIXTEEN PASSENGERS FREED FROM THE HIJACKED TWA AIRCRAFT, INCLUDING AT LEAST ONE GREEK CITIZEN AND ONE SUDANESE MALE, ARE NOW EN ROUTE TO ALGIERS AIRPORT TO BOARD CHARTER FLIGHT TO PARIS. NAMES WILL BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SCHEDULED DEPARTURE FOR FLIGHT IS 1350 LOCAL. BUT WE ANTICIPATE SOME DELAY. SOME PASSENGERS MAY NOT HAVE ANY IDENTIFICATION. SUDANESE MALE IS MOHAMED ABDULLAH MOHAMED.

3. NAME OF GREEK CITIZEN IS TZANOUDAKIS, KATHERINE. SHE HAS NO PASSPORT.

4. REQUEST EMBASSY PARIS MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE ALL PASSENGERS CAN DISEMBARK. REQUEST EMBASSY PARIS CONTACT GREEK EMBASSY AS WELL.

5. LATE NEWS IS THAT TWO UNIDENTIFIED WOMEN HAVE BEEN RELEASED FROM THE AIRPLANE, ONE ON A STRETCHER, BOTH REPEAT BOTH ARE AT ALGIERS AIRPORT. PLANS ARE TO PUT BOTH THESE WOMEN ON THE SCHEDULED 1350 FLIGHT TO PARIS. REQUEST PARIS HAVE APPROPRIATE MEDICAL PERSONNEL AVAILABLE TO MEET THEM ON ARRIVAL.
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AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE 2628

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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: EAIR, PTER, CASC, GR
SUBJECT: TWA HIJACKING

REF: ATHENS 11130

1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. AT APPROXIMATELY 1445 ATHENS TIME (1145 GMT), THE GREEK MFA ADVISED THE EMBASSY THAT AN OLYMPIC AIRLINE AIRCRAFT HAD LEFT ATHENS APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES EARLIER CARRYING ALI ATWA TO ALGIERS. THE MFA STATED THAT THE GOG HAD ACTED AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT WHICH BELIEVES THAT THIS ACTION MAY HELP IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE TERRORISTS. THE MFA HAD NO ETA BUT ESTIMATED THE FLIGHT TIME AT THREE HOURS (WE UNDERSTAND FLIGHT TIME IS CLOSER TO TWO AND A HALF HOURS).
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E. O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: PTERS, EAIR, GR
SUBJECT: TWA HIJACKING

REF: STATE 183820

1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ ENTIRE TEXT.

2. HERewith IS PRELIMINARY REPORT ON ACTIVITIES AND CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING HIJACKING OF TWA FLIGHT 847 ON JUNE 14 REPEAT JUNE 14. INFORMATION IS BASED ON PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY GOG AND INFORMATION SUPPLIED SO FAR BY GREEK POLICE AND AIRLINE OFFICIALS.

3. IT APPEARS THAT TWO SUSPECTED HIJACKERS, SOMIR SALWAN AND GHOLEB AL-HOBBI (ELKOBBI). TOGETHER WITH ACCOMPLICE ALI ATWA, APPREHENDED BY GREEK AUTHORITIES, ARRIVED IN ATHENS ON A MIDDLE EAST AIRLINES FLIGHT FROM BEIRUT ON JUNE 13. WE KNOW FROM TWA RESERVATION LIST THAT AL HOBBI AND SALWAN HAD CONFIRMED RESERVATIONS ON TWA 847 DEPARTING ATHENS JUNE 14. (TWA OFFICIALS INDICATE THAT COMPUTER INFORMATION ON RESERVATIONS CAN ONLY BE OBTAINED THROUGH TWA OFFICIALS IN NEW YORK AS IT NO LONGER AVAILABLE IN ATHENS.) GREEK AND TWA OFFICIALS CONFIRM THAT SUSPECTED TWO TERRORISTS PASSED THROUGH GREEK AND TWA SECURITY SCREENING [REDACTED]

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APPARENTLY THEIR ACCOMPLICE, ALI ATWA, WHO WAS LATER APPREHENDED AT AIRPORT BY GREEK POLICE, ALSO INTENDED TO TAKE TWA FLIGHT BUT WAS UNABLE TO BOARD AS HE DID NOT HAVE RESERVATION AND FLIGHT WAS FULL.

4. GREEK OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED PUBLICLY THAT THE TWO LEBANESE PASSED THROUGH SCREENING FACILITIES BY WRAPPING THE PISTOL, AMMUNITION AND HAND GRENADES IN "PIECES OF FIBERGLASS." ACCORDING TO THE SEMI-OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY, THE GREEK GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED JUNE 14 THAT ALL PASSENGERS HAD BEEN SEARCHED BOTH BY GREEK AIRPORT AUTHORITIES AS WELL AS TWA OFFICIALS AND THAT THE SECURITY CHECKS BY CERTAIN AIRLINES IN CONJUNCTION WITH, AND WITH THE PERMISSION OF, THE GOG WAS DONE IN ORDER TO AVERT HIJACKINGS. THE GOG SPOKESMAN ALSO NOTED THAT IN THE IMMEDIATE PAST TWO AIRPLANES DEPARTING FRANKFURT AIRPORT HAD BEEN HIJACKED "DESPITE THE WELL KNOWN STRICT SECURITY MEASURES TAKEN BY THE WEST GERMAN AUTHORITIES."

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5. WHILE THE GREEKS STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO BEFORE AIRPORT SECURITY BECOMES TRULY EFFECTIVE. THEY HAVE BROUGHT ABOUT A DEGREE OF IMPROVEMENT. DEVOTED CONSIDERABLY MORE ATTENTION TO THE PROBLEM THAN BEFORE OUR CONSECUTIVE APPROACHES, AND DEMONSTRATED AN INCREASING WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH THE U. S. AS CONCERNS INFORMATION EXCHANGE, RECEPTIVENESS TO EXPERT ADVICE, TRAINING, ETC. THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEWLY ELECTED GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY SHOWN ITS SENSITIVITY TO ANTICIPATED CRITICISM BY MAKING THE HIGHLY DEFENSIVE REMARKS CITED ABOVE ABOUT TWA SCREENING IN ATHENS AND AIRPORT SECURITY LAPSES ELSEWHERE. ISSUANCE OF A TRAVEL ADVISORY OR CRITICAL PUBLIC REMARKS FROM WASHINGTON IN THE WAKE OF THE TWA HIJACKING WOULD SURELY JEOPARDIZE OUR ABILITY TO INFLUENCE GREEK ATTITUDES AND ACTIONS FAVORABLY AND CAST FUTURE COOPERATION IN DOUBT. MOREOVER, IT APPEARS FROM MESSAGE TRAFFIC THAT THE GREEKS MAY BE IN A POSITION TO SUPPORT U. S. OBJECTIVES IN THE CURRENT TWA CASE, E. G., IN DAMASCUS, AND THAT THEY ARE MOTIVATED TO DO SO BY THE PRESENCE OF GREEK NATIONALS AMONG THE HIJACKING VICTIMS.

6. FOR BOTH SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM REASONS, THEREFORE, WE RECOMMEND AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF A TRAVEL ADVISORY OR OTHER PUBLIC ACTIONS OR COMMENTS AT THIS TIME. FOR NOW, WE SHOULD EXPRESS OUR CONCERNS PRIVATELY IN AN EFFORT TO CLOSE THE SECURITY GAPS AND BUILD ON PROGRESS ACHIEVED WITH THE GREEKS OVER THE PAST MONTHS. STEARNS
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TAGS: PTER, EAIR, AG, US
SUBJECT: PASSENGERS RELEASED IN ALGIERS: LIST OF THOSE
STAYING IN ALGIERS AND THOSE GOING TO PARIS

REF: ALGIERS 1000

1. PASSENGERS EN ROUTE TO PARIS:
LORRAINE ANDERSON
MARGARET JOHNSON
EUNICE MILTON
PAULA LOFTUS
AGNES LEBER
ELAINE GROSSMAYER
MRS. DOROTHE TRESSLER
MARIE LIEBST
DEBBIE TOGA
JUDITH L. CHUDIGIAN
HELEN ARGEPIE
ESTELLE EOSTOLUPES
PENNY LASCARIDES
MOHAMED ABDELLA M' HAMEDIA (SUDANESE CITIZEN)
KATHERINE TZANOUDAKIS (GREEK CITIZEN)
ISABEL CARPIO
2. PASSENGERS STAYING IN ALGIERS (SIX):
MARY LEE HARRIS
MARSHA WILLETTE
JOSHUA WILLETTE (CHILD)
PATRICIA KNODLE WEBER
JOHN MAZUROWSKI
MILISSA MAZUROWSKI (DAUGHTER OF JOHN)
ABDELKADER MARZOUKI (TUNISIAN CITIZEN--HE WILL MAKE HIS
OWN WAY TO TUNISIA)

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ALGIERS 3123

TERREP

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: PTER, EAIR, AG
SUBJECT: HIJACKED TWA FLIGHT: DEPARTURE OF CHARTER FLIGHT

CHARTERED FLIGHT WITH 16 RELEASED HOSTAGES
DEPARTED ALGIERS AIRPORT 1416 HOURS LOCAL TIME.
PLEASE NOTIFY LEGAL ATTACHE TALLIA SOONEST. NEWLIN
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E.O. 12356: N/A

TAGS: PTER, AG

SUBJECT: TWA HIJACKING: PRESS GUIDANCE

REQUEST DEPARTMENT SEND PRESS GUIDANCE SOONEST ON
SITUATION EVOLVING IN ALGERIA.

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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR

TAGS: PTER, EAIR, CASC, CY

SUBJECT: EVACUATION OF PASSENGERS FROM LARNACA TO PARIS--JUNE 15

REF: (A) HOOVER-JUDY SCHMIDT TELCON JUNE 15

(B) STATE 183879

1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ ENTIRE TEXT.

2. ALL 19 OF THE RELEASED HOSTAGES IN LARNACA HAVE
ACCEPTED A TWA OFFER TO DEPART LARNACA, CYPRUS FOR PARIS
AT 1815 HOURS, JUNE 15, ABOARD AIR FRANCE FLIGHT 141. THEY
WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A TWA ESCORT. THE GROUP CONSISTS
OF EIGHTEEN AMERICAN CITIZENS AND ONE MEXICAN, MRS. IRMA
GARZA. MRS. GARZA IS TRAVELING ON A LETTER ISSUED BY OUR
CONSULAR OFFICER WHICH IS VALID FOR ENTRY INTO THE U.S.
SHE LOST HER GREENCARD ON BOARD THE HIJACKED FLIGHT.

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3. FYI: AS A CONDITION OF THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF THE TWA OFFER, THE AMCITS OBTAINED AN EXPLICIT GUARANTEE FROM TWA HEADQUARTERS IN PARIS (VIA TWA ATHENS AGENT LANGER) THAT TWA WOULD PUT THEM UP IN PARIS UNTIL THE END OF THE CRISIS. OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT ALL OR MOST MEMBERS OF THE GROUP STRONGLY WISH TO REMAIN IN PARIS PENDING RESOLUTION OF THE HIJACKING.

4. THE GROUP IS ELDERLY, TIRED AND THEIR NERVES ARE STRAINED. THEY HAVE ONLY THE CLOTHES ON THEIR BACKS. WE RECOMMEND THAT THEY RECEIVE MAXIMUM TENDER LOVING CARE.

5. DEPARTMENT INFORM EMBASSIES BEIRUT AND ALGIERS, IF DESIRED.

6. WE ARE REPEATING FOR PARIS, NICOSIA 3168 WHICH PROVIDES NAMES OF THE RELEASED HOSTAGES AND NEXT OF KIN.

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SUBJ: TWA 847 HIJACKING (U)

(C) AARIF RAYAH IS NO LONGER IN CYPRIOT CUSTODY. HE WAS CONVICTED WITH ANOTHER ARAB MAN FOR THE HIJACKING OF A ROMANIAN AIRLINER IN 1983 AND WAS SERVING A SENTENCE IN A CYPRIOT PRISON FOR THAT CRIME.

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RAYAH WAS RELEASED ON 30 MAY IN DAMASCUS, SYRIA.

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SUBJECT: LIST OF SECOND GROUP OF ALGIERS HOSTAGES RELEASED

1. THERE FOLLOWS LIST OF HOSTAGES RELEASED JUNE 15 PM:
NAME NEXT OF KIN AND TEL NO.

ASHMORE, ANN S
ASHMORE, ARLENE
BAMFORD, PENNY
BARNES, SHERRY
BERGMAN, LAURA
BROWN, JUDY MR.
BYRON, CAROLYN
BYRON, PAMELA
CATALDO, JANINE
CESARETTI, ETTORE (ITALIAN)
COOKE, CHRISTINE
DAVIS, KATHY
DEUTSCH, SUZIE
DORIS, GENEVIEVE
DORIS, MARTHA
GARZ, ADRIANA
HABTE, DR. BERHANU
KOWALCZYK, DOLORES
LAZANSKY, JO ANN
PALESSE, MARY
PALMER, JOE DON
PALMER, SAMMIE
PEEL, KRISTINE
RICE, PAMELA
SCHWARTZ, MAURI
SHARP, JANE
SUKEFORTH, PAULA
SUMMERS, ANN
TARTOS, THEOPHILOS
TURNER, ARLENE
WALSH, FRANCIS
WALSH, KATHLEEN
WEBER, MARY PAT
WEBER, LYNN
WILLETT, CHRIS
ZILLGITT, GAIL
AIRCREW:
DERICHSON, ULNIKE
COX, JUDY
HOWES, ELIZABETH
SHEHAN, HELEN
HESP, HAZEL

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CREEK CITIZENS:

THANOS MINAS

THANOS, DIAMANTOULOS

THANOS, JOHN

LAGOU, HELEN

MINGOS, DIMITRIOS

AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS:

HENDERSON (FAMILY OF THREE) NEWLIN

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TAGS: PTER, EAIR, AG, US
SUBJECT: DETAILS OF HIJACKER ACTIONS IN TWA PLANE

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1. ACCORDING TO PASSENGERS INTERVIEWED IN PARIS AFTER ARRIVAL FROM ALGIERS, THE TWO HIJACKERS TOOK OVER THE AIRCRAFT IMMEDIATELY AFTER TAKE-OFF FROM ATHENS. HOSTESSES WERE IN PROCESS OF EXPLAINING LIFE JACKET AND EMERGENCY OXYGEN PROCEDURES WHEN TWO HIJACKERS SITTING TOGETHER IN LAST ROW OF TOURIST CLASS RAN FORWARD UP THE AISLE, BOTH WITH GRENADES IN EACH HAND. THE TWO HIJACKERS SWEEPED THE HOSTESSES ASIDE AND RAN INTO THE COCKPIT. THEY REMAINED IN THE COCKPIT ALMOST ENTIRE TIME FROM ATHENS TO BEIRUT.
2. BEFORE ARRIVAL IN BEIRUT, ONE OF THE HIJACKERS WITH A GRENADE AND A PISTOL ORDERED ALL PASSENGERS TO LAY THEIR HEADS ON THE SERVING TRAYS IN FRONT OF THEM. ANYONE WHO RAISED HIS HEAD TO LOOK AROUND WAS STRUCK ON THE HEAD BY THE MAN WITH THE PISTOL. HE THEN CALLED IN ALL PASSPORTS, USING THE HOSTESSES TO COLLECT THEM. PASSPORTS IN ARABIC WERE RETURNED. U. S. MILITARY PERSONNEL TRAVELING ON GREEN I. D. CARDS WERE SINGLED OUT AND SEVERELY TREATED BY HIJACKERS. TWO, ONE A BLACK, WERE SEVERELY BEATEN ENROUTE BETWEEN BEIRUT AND ALGIERS. THE SECOND MILITARY PERSONNEL BADLY BEATEN MAY HAVE BEEN DEAD, ACCORDING TO PASSENGERS, AS HE NEVER MOVED AFTER THE BEATING. AT THE SAME TIME THAT THEY WERE IDENTIFIED, # IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AND TO COME TO THE AIRCRAFT. # AIRCRAFT. ACCORDING TO THE PASSENGERS, (#) FORWARD
3. THE HIJACKERS WERE FAIRLY COURTEOUS TO WOMEN AND TALKED OCCASIONALLY WITH THEM. THE PASSENGERS SHOWED EXTREME NERVOUSNESS AFTER LANDING IN BEIRUT. THE TRIP BETWEEN BEIRUT WAS VERY TENSE AS HIJACKERS APPEARED VERY EXCITED AND NERVOUS. THE LEADER CALLED HIMSELF "CASTRO" AND CLAIMED TO HAVE "LOST HIS SON IN THE U. S." HE SPOKE FAIRLY GOOD GERMAN AND A FEW WORDS OF ENGLISH. ANOTHER HIJACKER CLAIMED HE HAD HELPED "BLOW-UP" THE U. S. EMBASSY

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IN BEIRUT. THE HIJACKERS CLAIMED TO HAVE A BAG FULL OF
GRENADES IN THE BACK OF THE AIRCRAFT BUT ALL THE WEAPONS
SEEN BY PASSENGERS WERE FOUR GRENADES AND TWO PISTOLS
HELD BY THE TWO HIJACKERS. ROSEN
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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO ASAD
REF: STATE 184121

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2. MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT ASAD (REFTEL) WAS PASSED TO FOREIGN MINISTER'S CHEF DE CABINET MU'ALLIM, FIFTEEN MINUTES AFTER REFTEL WAS RECEIVED HERE AT 2330 LOCAL (2030 ZULU). BY CHARGE. FOREIGN MINISTER WAS IN HIS OFFICE WITH A VISITOR, AND WILL BE APPRAISED IMMEDIATELY OF THE MESSAGE'S CONTENT. IN THE MEANTIME, A FOREIGN MINISTRY COURIER HAS TAKEN OUR ENGLISH TEXT TO THE PRESIDENCY, WHERE WE UNDERSTAND THE PRESIDENT IS AWAITING IT.

3. WHEN MESSAGE WAS HANDED TO MU'ALLIM, HE ASKED SPECIFICALLY WHETHER THE MESSAGE WAS FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, CHARGE THOUGHT IT BEST TO SAY THAT IT WAS FROM THE WHITE HOUSE.

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SUBJECT: ARRIVAL OF LIBERATED HOSTAGES

REF: NICOSIA 3168

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2. ALL PASSENGERS LISTED IN REF ARRIVED PARIS AS SCHEDULED. ADDITIONAL PASSENGER, IRMA GARZA. MOTHER OF IRMA GARZA TRAUTMAN, WAS ALSO ON BOARD. ALL PASSENGERS HAD BEEN PROVIDED WITH PASSPORTS BY EMBASSY NICOSIA SO THERE WERE NO DOCUMENT PROBLEMS. WITH ONE OR TWO EXCEPTIONS THEY ARE ALL STAYING IN PARIS PENDING RESOLUTIONS OF HIJACK SITUATION. ALL MEMBERS OF REF GROUP AS WELL AS OF EARLIER GROUP FROM ALGIERS RECEIVED NECESSARY MEDICAL ATTENTION AT AIRPORT. ALL MEMBERS OF REF ARE ALSO STAYING AT THE HOTEL CONCORDE LAFAYETTE.
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SUBJECT: TWA HIJACKING: AMBASSADOR REACHES BARRI

REF: BARTHOLOMEW/CASEY TACSAT TELCON 6/15/85

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2. AMBASSADOR CALLED INTERIOR MINISTER SKAFF AND THEN
PRESIDENT GEMAYEL AT ABOUT 2120 HOURS LOCAL (1820Z)

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JUNE 15. HE REPORTED TO BOTH THAT THE HIJACKED AIRCRAFT REMAINS ON THE GROUND IN ALGIERS. HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO HARD EVIDENCE, THE HIJACKERS MAY WELL TRY TO BRING THE PLANE BACK TO BEIRUT. WE ARE NOT, HE SAID, SURE OF THIS.

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3. AMBASSADOR THEN SAID HE WANTED TO SHARE SOME OF HIS THINKING BASED ON THE INFORMATION HE HAD, HIS CONTACTS WITH WASHINGTON, AND WHAT HE HAD GATHERED ABOUT REACTION ABROAD TO THIS HIJACKING. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT IF THE PLANE RETURNS TO BEIRUT, IS ALLOWED TO LAND, AND A DISASTER OCCURS WITHOUT ANY LEBANESE OFFICIAL OR FIGURE DOING ANYTHING TO PREVENT IT. THEN WORLD OPINION WOULD WRITE LEBANON OFF AS HOPELESS. THE REACTION IN OPINION IN THE U.S. AND ELSEWHERE WOULD BE THAT IT WAS USELESS TO TRY TO DEAL WITH LEBANON OR TO HELP IT WHEN IT WAS SO OUT OF CONTROL. FOR MANY, IT WOULD BE THE LAST STRAW. (HE MENTIONED THE RECENT CLOSURE OF THE CANADIAN EMBASSY HERE, THE SUSPENSION OF FLIGHTS BY ALMOST ALL FOREIGN AIRLINES TO BEIRUT, AND THE INTERNATIONAL PILOTS ASSOCIATION'S EFFORTS TO BAN FLIGHTS HERE.) THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT HE, AS A FRIEND OF LEBANON, WOULD BE SORRY TO SEE THIS HAPPEN AND THAT HE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT LEBANESE LEADERS REALIZED WHAT WAS AT STAKE IN THE HIJACKING. NO ONE OUTSIDE, HE CONCLUDED, COULD ACCEPT THE FACT THAT NO LEBANESE COULD DO ANYTHING TO HELP ON THIS HIJACKING.

4. THE AMBASSADOR TOLD SKAFF AND THE PRESIDENT THAT THEY MUST MAKE THE SAME EFFORTS AS US TO CONTACT JUMBLATT, BARRI, KARAMI, ETC. TO RESOLVE THIS CRISIS QUICKLY AND FAVORABLY SHOULD THE AIRCRAFT HEAD THIS WAY AGAIN. HE STRESSED AGAIN THAT BEYOND HUMANITARIAN

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CONCERNS. THIS WOULD ALSO BE IN LEBANON'S INTERESTS. THE AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT HE HAD FOUND IT ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT TO CONTACT AMAL LEADER BARRI AND HAD ONLY BEEN ABLE TO REACH AMAL POLIBURO HEAD AKIF HAYDAR.

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5. FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER BARRI CALLED THE AMBASSADOR, SAYING THAT HE WAS SORRY THAT HE HAD BEEN UNAVAILABLE THE PREVIOUS NIGHT. THE AMBASSADOR TOLD HIM HE WAS GLAD TO HEAR FROM HIM AND WENT THROUGH BASICALLY THE SAME POINTS AS PARA. 3 ABOVE IN DETAIL. HE EMPHASIZED THAT BARRI HAD A PARTICULAR RESPONSIBILITY TO ACT TO RESOLVE THIS AFFAIR AND THAT IT WAS IN HIS OWN INTERESTS TO DO SO.

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6. BARRI ASKED. "IF THE PLANE RETURNS, SHOULD WE ACCEPT IT?" THE AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT OUR POSITION CONTINUES TO CORRESPOND WITH THAT OF THE GOL YESTERDAY, I.E., THE PLANE SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO LAND. BARRI THEN SAID, "I WILL TRY TO DO SOMETHING." HE NOTED THAT DURING THE RECENT ALIA HIJACKING HE HAD BEEN ABLE "TO DOMINATE" AND SAVE THE LIVES OF THE PASSENGERS AND GAIN THE RELEASE OF THE JORDANIAN SKYMARSHALS, BECAUSE THE HIJACKERS INVOLVED WERE "FROM OUR ATMOSPHERE," I.E., SYMPATHETIC TO AMAL. BARRI SAID THAT IN THE PRESENT HIJACKING, HOWEVER, HIZBALLAH WAS INVOLVED, AND THIS REPRESENTED A "TRAP" FOR HIM. NONETHELESS, HE CONTINUED, "THIS IS A HUMAN QUESTION NOW; I AM LOOKING TO SAVE PEOPLE."

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7. BARRI THEN SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD HELP IF WE COULD MEET ONE OF THE HIJACKERS' DEMANDS. HE MENTIONED THE RELEASE OF ARAB PRISONERS IN ISRAEL, STATING "THIS WOULD HELP ME." THE AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT IT WAS FIRM U.S. POLICY NOT TO NEGOTIATE WITH

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TERRORISTS. ALSO. IN THIS CASE. OTHER SOVEREIGN
STATES WERE INVOLVED. THE BEST THING, HE SAID, WOULD
BE TO PERSUADE THE HIJACKERS TO GIVE UP AS SOON AS
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8. BARRI COMMENTED THAT HE WAS "ANGRY" ABOUT U.S. POLICY IN LEBANON BUT THAT THIS WAS NOT THE TIME TO DISCUSS IT. RATHER, HE SAID, NOW WAS TIME TO DEAL WITH THE "HUMAN QUESTION" OF THE LIVES OF THE PASSENGERS. THE AMBASSADOR SAID HE WOULD WELCOME THE CHANCE TO DISCUSS POLICY WITH BARRI LATER. HE ALSO STRESSED THAT BEYOND THE HUMANITARIAN ASPECT, RESOLVING THE HIJACKING WAS IN LEBANON'S INTEREST AND BARRI'S

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INTEREST. THE AMBASSADOR BORE DOWN ON THIS LATTER POINT.

9. BARRI SAID, "ALL MY MEN ARE IN PLACE," AND STATED THAT HE WANTED TO STAY IN CONTACT. HE GAVE FOUR TELEPHONE NUMBERS WHERE HE COULD BE REACHED AND SAID THAT HE WOULD BE "DOING MORE THAN MY BEST TO WORK ON THE PROBLEM."

10. COMMENT. OUR MESSAGE YESTERDAY AND TODAY SEEMS TO HAVE REACHED BARRI AND IMPELLED HIM TO CONTACT US. HE WAS VERY INSISTENT ABOUT HIS INTENT TO TRY TO HELP, AND WE THINK HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH DIRECT AND INDIRECT MESSAGE HE GOT FROM US ABOUT POSSIBLE REACTIONS IN U.S AND OTHER OPINION WITH RESPECT TO LEBANON AND TO HIM AND AMAL.

11. THAT SAID, WE OF COURSE HAVE NO GUARANTEE AS TO HOW MUCH BARRI WILL DO OR WILL BE ABLE TO DO IF THE AIRCRAFT COMES THIS WAY. HIS REFERENCE TO THE HIJACKING AS A "TRAP" FOR HIM AND TO HIZBALLAH INVOLVEMENT ARE FOOD FOR THOUGHT. AT LEAST PART OF THE "TRAP" MAY BE BARRI'S CONTINUING CONCERN THAT ANYTHING HE APPARENTLY DOES "FOR OR WITH THE AMERICANS" CAN BE USED AGAINST HIM BY HIS COMPETITORS.

12. PER REFTELCON, WE WILL CONTINUE TO INSIST IN ALL OUR CONTACTS THAT AIRCRAFT NOT/NOT BE PERMITTED TO LAND AT BEIRUT AIRPORT SHOULD IT HEAD HERE AGAIN.
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2. AT US REQUEST ICRC WILL DISPATCH A FIVE-MEMBER TEAM FROM GENEVA TO ALGIERS TO ASSIST IN THE RESOLUTION OF THE TWA HIJACKING. THE TEAM WILL DEPART AT 2200 HOURS LOCAL JUNE 15 VIA A CHARTERED AIRCRAFT. WE ARE INFORMED BY THE ICRC THAT THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN NOTIFIED AND HAS GIVEN ALL NECESSARY CLEARANCES FOR THE TEAMS TRAVEL.

3. ICRC IS TAXING THIS ACTION WITHOUT MAKING A FORMAL DECISION TO INTERVENE. ICRC HAS APPROVED THE DEPARTMENT'S ISSUANCE OF A PRESS RELEASE WHICH STATES THAT ICRC HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE US AND ALGERIAN GOVERNMENTS AND IS NOW CONSIDERING HOW IT WILL ACT IN THIS MATTER. ICRC HAS TOLD US THAT THE DEPARTURE OF THE TEAM IS NOT A SECRET AND ICRC IS WILLING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS ON ITS ACTIVITIES. MISSION IS NOW IN PROCESS OF MOTIVATING INQUIRIES FROM THE GENEVA BASED INTERNATIONAL PRESS.

4. ICRC HAS ALSO TOLD US THAT UNDER ITS INTERNAL REGULATIONS IT HAS THREE CONDITIONS FOR FORMAL INVOLVEMENT IN AIRCRAFT HIJACKING. THESE CONDITIONS ARE:

--DIRECT REQUESTS FROM ALL PARTIES IN THE INCIDENT (I.E. THE US AND ALGERIAN GOVERNMENTS AND THE HIJACKERS);

--KNOWLEDGE THAT NO OTHER AUTHORITIES ARE IN CONTACT WITH THE HIJACKERS (ICRC POINTS OUT THAT IN THIS CASE THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT IS IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE HIJACKERS); AND,

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--PLEDGES FROM ALL PARTIES THAT THEIR WILL BE NO VIOLENCE DURING THE TIME THE ICRC IS ATTEMPTING TO RESOLVE SITUATION.

ONCE THESE CONDITIONS ARE MET THEN A DECISION TO FORMALLY INTERVENE REQUIRES APPROVAL OF THE ICRC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. ACCORDING TO ICRC REPRESENTATIVES THESE PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED OVER THE PAST 15 YEARS AS A RESULT OF LONG AND OFTEN BITTER EXPERIENCE WITH HIJACKINGS.

5. AT THE BEGINNING OF OUR CONTACT WITH ICRC ON THIS INCIDENT, MISSION ASKED THAT ICRC INTERVENE, MAKE ITS INTERVENTION PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE AND INTERCEDE WITH THE ISRAELIS TO OBTAIN THE RELEASE OF TWO PRISONERS AS DEMANDED BY THE HIJACKERS. ALTHOUGH ICRC HAS NOT TAKEN FORMAL ACTION, IT NOW APPEARS THAT OUR FIRST TWO REQUESTS HAVE BEEN MET. AS FOR THE THIRD, ICRC HAS TOLD THEY HAVE NO INTENTION OF CONTACTING THE ISRAELIS SINCE THE US IS IN CONTACT WITH THE GOI. AT THE SAME TIME, WE UNDERSTAND THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT HAS TOLD US THAT IT HAS NO INTENTION OF CONTACTING THE ICRC. THIS ISSUE NOW APPEARS AT AN IMPASSE. MISSION INFORMED ICRC OF INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTEL.

6. IN REACTING TO THIS SITUATION, ICRC HAS BEEN HAMPERED BY ITS LACK OF OFFICIAL REPRESENTATION IN ALGIERS AND THE

STATE OF ITS RELATIONS WITH SHI'ITE GROUPS WHICH ICRC REPRESENTATIVES DESCRIBE AS "TERRIBLE". ICRC WAS ALSO HANDICAPPED BY LACK OF EMERGENCY PRESS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS FACILITIES. IT WAS THUS NECESSARY FOR PUBLIC STATEMENTS TO BE ORIGINATED IN WASHINGTON, AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH THE ICRC IN GENEVA.

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