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TAGS: PTER, ASEC, CASC, EAIR, LE, US
SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR PRESSES BARRI, HAMMADA, GEMAYEL,
- AND SKAFF ON CLOSING BIA

REFS: (A) BEIRUT 3540, (B) LYNE/BARRETT TELCON 16 JUNE,
- (C) BARTHOLOMEW/PELLETREAU TELCON 16 JUNE

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2. AMBASSADOR 16 JUNE AGAIN TELEPHONED AMAL LEADER
NABIH BARRI AT HIS OFFICE.

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3. AMBASSADOR INFORMED BARRI THAT HE HAD CONFERRED AT "HIGH LEVELS" IN WASHINGTON AND SAID HE WANTED TO CONFIRM AND UNDERSCORE TO BARRI WHAT HE HAD SAID BEFORE, THAT IS, "WE URGE YOU TO CLOSE THE AIRPORT AND NOT LET THE PLANE LAND, WHATEVER THE THREATS OR POSSIBLE RESULTS."

4. AMBASSADOR SAID THIS WAS USG POLICY, IT WAS FIRM. AND IT HAD BEEN DECIDED AT A "HIGH LEVEL." HE TOLD BARRI THAT THE PLANE WAS DUE HERE IN APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR AND A HALF. AMBASSADOR TOLD BARRI THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT LARNACA WAS READY TO LET THE PLANE LAND THERE, IF IT COULD LAND HERE. THEREFORE, AMBASSADOR SAID, PLANE HAD SOME PLACE TO GO BESIDES BEIRUT.

5. AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED TO BARRI THAT HE PASS WORD TO THE CONTROL TOWER TO CONTACT THE AIRCRAFT AND TO PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE HIJACKERS AND PILOT: FIRST, THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON, AND ALL LEBANESE, INCLUDING WALID JUMBLATT AND BARRI, HAD TAKEN FIRM DECISION THAT AIRPORT IS CLOSED AND THAT AIRPLANE WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO LAND; SECOND, THAT TOWER UNDERSTOOD PLANE COULD LAND AT LARNACA AND THAT PILOT AND HIJACKERS SHOULD CONTACT LARNACA TOWER. AMBASSADOR UNDERLINED IMPORTANCE OF GETTING TO THE CONTROL TOWER TO PASS SUCH A MESSAGE TO THE AIRCRAFT.

6. AMBASSADOR REPEATED THAT IF THE AIRPLANE WERE TO LAND, THERE COULD BE A DISASTER.

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7. BARRI SAID. "I WILL DO MY BEST TO CONTROL THE SITUATION."

8. AMBASSADOR ASKED BARRI IF HE WAS TAKING CONCRETE STEPS. BARRI RESPONDED YES, "IF THE AIRPLANE COMES DOWN, I AM TRYING TO BE SURE I CAN CONTROL THE SITUATION."

9. AMBASSADOR REITERATED STRONGLY, "WE DO NOT WANT THE AIRPLANE TO LAND." BARRI RESPONDED, "YES, YES, I KNOW. I WILL TRY."

10. SUBSEQUENTLY, GOL ACTING MINISTER OF INTERIOR JOSEPH SKAFF TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR TO SAY THAT ETA OF THE AIRPLANE IS NOW 1400 LOCAL. AMBASSADOR INFORMED SKAFF OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH BARRI AND MADE SAME POINTS TO HIM, I.E., THAT WE WANTED THE AIRPORT CLOSED, THAT AIRPLANE NOT BE PERMITTED TO LAND, REGARDLESS OF THREATS OR POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES, AND THAT TOWER SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO PASS THAT MESSAGE TO PLANE. SKAFF SAID HE WOULD RELAY THIS TO AIRPORT COMMANDER IN HIS CAPACITY AS MINISTER OF INTERIOR.

11. AMBASSADOR THEN REACHED MARWAN HAMMADA, RIGHT HAND MAN OF PSP LEADER AND PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER WALID JUMBLATT (JUMBLATT UNAVAILABLE IN MUKHTARA), WHO RETURNED AMBASSADOR'S CALL IMMEDIATELY ON RETURNING FROM MUKHTARA.

12. AMBASSADOR TOLD HAMMADA THAT HE HAD SPOKEN WITH AMAL LEADER BARRI AND INTERIOR MINISTER SKAFF. HE TOLD HIM THAT AFTER CONSULTATIONS AT

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HIGH LEVELS IN WASHINGTON HE HAD CONFIRMED U.S. POSITION THAT GOL SHOULD CLOSE AIRPORT, AND SHOULD NOT ALLOW PLANE TO LAND. HE SAID THAT HE WANTED TO TALK TO HAMMADA SINCE JUMBLATT WAS MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THEREFORE HAD AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR AIRPORT.

13. HAMMADA RESPONDED THAT HE HAD JUST CONFERRED WITH BARRI, COMMENTING THAT ALTHOUGH JUMBLATT WAS MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS THERE WAS ALSO THE "SITUA-
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TION ON THE GROUND" TO CONSIDER (MEANING AMAL IN
CONTROL). HAMMADA SAID THAT "WE" (MEANING HIMSELF
AND BARRI) HAD GIVEN THE ORDER TO CLOSE THE AIRPORT
AND TO BLOCK THE RUNWAYS. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT
HE COULD NOT ELIMINATE THE EVENTUALITY OF THE
PLANE ARRIVING HERE WITH ONLY FIVE MINUTES OF FUEL
AND THUS PUTTING EVERYONE IN A "DRAMATIC SITUATION."
HE SAID HE WAS VERY CONCERNED.

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14. AMBASSADOR RESPONDED THAT WE TOO WERE CONCERNED ABOUT LIVES. HE SAID WE BELIEVE HAMMADA NEEDED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE CONTROL TOWER AND TO INSTRUCT IT TO TELL THE AIRCRAFT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION THAT THE AIRPORT WAS CLOSED AND THAT THE PLANE COULD NOT LAND, BUT THAT IT COULD LAND AT LARNACA.

15. HAMMADA RESPONDED THAT BARRI HAS PUT AN AMAL NEGOTIATOR IN THE TOWER TO TALK WITH THE HIJACKERS AND THE PILOT BEFORE THE PLANE GETS HERE. WE BOTH WANT TO AVOID A CATASTROPHE, HAMMADA SAID. AMBASSADOR SAID IT WAS CRUCIAL TO TELL THE HIJACKERS AND THE PILOT NOT TO LAND IN BEIRUT, BUT TO GO TO LARNACA. HAMMADA SAID HE UNDERSTOOD.

16. AMBASSADOR SUBSEQUENTLY TELEPHONED PRESIDENT GEMAYEL. HE PROVIDED HIM WITH UPDATE ON THE SITUATION AND REVIEWED WITH HIM HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH BARRI AND HAMMADA. HE STRESSED THE USG POSITION THAT THE PLANE SHOULD NOT LAND. HE SAID THE GOL MUST STOP THE PLANE FROM LANDING, AND REPEATED POINTS MADE TO HAMMADA AND BARRI. AFTER REVIEWING CONVERSATIONS WITH HAMMADA AND BARRI IN DETAIL, HE SAID THAT ANYTHING PRESIDENT COULD DO TO HELP CLOSE THE AIRPORT WOULD BE APPRECIATED. HE SAID DO EVERYTHING YOU CAN; IF THE PLANE SHOULD LAND, IT COULD BE DISASTROUS, THE ULTIMATE DISASTER FOR LEBANON.

17. PRESIDENT RESPONDED THAT HE IS FOLLOWING SITUATION CLOSELY AND WOULD DO ALL HE COULD.

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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
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SUBJECT: TWA HIJACKING: ASAD'S RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT
REAGON'S MESSAGE

1. ~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. AT 1415LOCAL (1115Z), JUNE 16, CHARGE WAS SUMMONED TO PRESIDENCY BY PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR ILYAS. IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE FROM ASAD TO PRESIDENT REAGAN'S MESSAGE (TEXT BELOW), ILYAS SAID HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO SAY PRESIDENT ASAD CONTINUES TO BE IN TOUCH WITH "THE PARTIES" IN BEIRUT, BARRI IN PARTICULAR; ASAD HAD BEGUN HIS CONTACTS IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING PRESIDENT REAGAN'S FIRST MESSAGE. (COMMENT: THIS TRACKS WITH THE TIMING OF BARRI'S FIRST CALL TO AMBASSADOR BARTHOLOMEW). CHARGE ASKED ILYAS TO CONVEY OUR GRATITUDE TO PRESIDENT ASAD AND NOTED THAT WITH THE PLANE AGAIN AIRBORNE WE WOULD NEED HIS HELP AS MUCH AS EVER. ILYAS SAID WE COULD BE SURE ASAD WILL CONTINUE TO TRY.

-- BEGIN TEXT OF PRESIDENCY TRANSLATION: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT, I ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF YOUR MESSAGE ON THE HIJACKED AMERICAN AIRCRAFT, AND I WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT WE SHARE WITH YOU YOUR CONCERN REGARDING THE HIJACKED AIRCRAFT AND THE DISTRESS OF ITS PASSENGERS.

-- I ASSURE YOU THAT WE STARTED LAST NIGHT OUR EFFORTS TO CONTRIBUTE IN SOLVING THIS MATTER, AND TODAY WE SHALL MAKE FURTHER CONTACTS WITH THE SIDES REFERRED TO IN YOUR MESSAGE.

-- IT IS OUR WARMEST HOPE THAT THE PASSENGERS WILL NOT SUFFER ANY HARM. SINCERELY, HAFEZ AL-ASAD. END TEXT.

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BEGIN TEXT OF PRESIDENCY TRANSLATION: DEAR MR.

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I ASSURE YOU THAT WE STARTED LAST NIGHT OUR EFFORTS TO
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MAKE FURTHER CONTACTS WITH THE SIDES REFERRED TO IN YOUR
MESSAGE.

IT IS OUR WARMEST HOPE THAT THE PASSENGERS WILL NOT
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SUBJECT: TWA HIJACKING: STATEMENT OF DEMANDS

1. ~~SECRET~~ ENTIRE TEXT.

2. THERE FOLLOWS FYI AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF
TEXT OF STATEMENT WHICH HIJACKERS MADE SHORTLY AFTER
RETURN OF AIRCRAFT TO BEIRUT ON JUNE 16.

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3. BEGIN TEXT.

WE REMIND AMERICANS AND ISRAEL THAT WE ARE NOT READY TO RELEASE ANY MORE, AND THERE WILL BE BLOOD TO WITNESS IF THERE IS ANY DELAY IN RELEASING OUR BROTHERS KIDNAPPED IN ISRAEL.

WE ASK THE RED CROSS TO REACT VERY QUICKLY IN ORDER TO REACH GOOD RESULTS FOR OUR BROTHERS AND THE KIDNAPPED PEOPLE. WE ARE READY TO MEET AGAIN WITH THE RED CROSS IF IT IS POSSIBLE TO BRING AGREEMENT FROM THE U.S. AND ISRAEL. AT THE SAME TIME, WE REMIND YOU THAT WE PERMITTED THE RED CROSS TO ENTER THE PLANE IN ALGERIA. IT WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT HIJACKERS HAVE DONE THAT. WE REMIND YOU WE RELEASED THREE AMERICAN PEOPLE. WE HOPE THE RED CROSS WILL RELEASE FIFTY OF OURS FROM ISRAELI PRISONS. WE REMIND THE WORLD THAT ISRAEL WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING IF THE AMERICANS HAD NOT GIVEN THEM MONEY AND ARMS. WE REMIND THAT WE WOULD NOT HAVE KIDNAPPED ANY PEOPLE IF ISRAEL HAD NOT INVADED OUR LAND. AND FINALLY WE ARE NOT HIJACKERS AND KILLERS. WE ARE THE DEMANDERS OF RIGHTS THAT ISRAEL AND AMERICA TOOK, AND OUR RIGHTS NOW CAN ONLY BE TAKEN BACK BY FORCE.

WE PROCLAIM THAT OUR STATEMENT IS FINISHED. THE NEXT ONE, NUMBER FIVE, WILL BE THE LAST.

END TEXT.

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RETURN OF AIRCRAFT TO BEIRUT ON JUNE 16.

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