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E. O. 12356: N/A
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SUBJECT: G. A. L. MURDERS TWO MEN ON BASQUE COAST
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1. ON FRIDAY EVENING JUNE 14 CLOSE TO MIDNIGHT TWO MEN BURST INTO A BAR FREQUENTED BY BASQUES AT CIBOURE ON THE FRENCH BASQUE COAST. ONE SHOUTED SOMETHING UNINTELLIGIBLE AND THREW A GRENADE (WHICH DID NOT EXPLODE), WHILE THE SECOND MAN SPRAYED THE BAR AREA WITH BULLETS FROM AN AUTOMATIC WEAPON. TWO MEN WHO HAD BEEN PLAYING CARDS WERE KILLED ON THE SPOT. EMILE WEISS. AGED 25, AND GINO DOERR. AGED 28. NEITHER MAN IT SEEMS WAS BASQUE. AND INDEED PRESS ACCOUNTS STATE THAT AT THE TIME OF THE SHOOTING THERE WERE NO BASQUES IN THE BAR. WEISS AND DOERR HAD JUST ARRIVED THAT AFTERNOON FROM PAU.
2. WITNESSES STATED THAT A THIRD PERSON, A WOMAN, WAS DRIVING THE CAR FOR THE TWO GUNMEN. LATER IN THE WEEKEND, THE G. A. L. (''ANTI-TERRORIST LIBERATION GROUP '') CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE KILLINGS.
3. COMMENT. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN SEVERAL MONTHS THAT THE G. A. L. HAS SURFACED HERE. PROBABLY WHAT IS INVOLVED IS THEIR RETALIATION FOR THE RECENT WAVE OF KILLINGS BY E. T. A. IN SPAIN. IF SO, IT IS NOT IMMEDIATELY APPARENT THAT THE MEN KILLED WERE PARTICULAR TARGETS. IT SEEMS MORE LIKELY THAT THEY WERE IN THE WRONG PLACE AT THE WRONG TIME, AND THAT G. A. L.'S OBJECTIVE IN THE SHOOTING MAY WELL BE TERRORISM DIRECTED GENERALLY AGAINST BASQUE REFUGEES. END COMMENT.
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- B. DIA/ MSG DTG 151100Z JUN 85

1. (S/NF) THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED DURING 17 JUNE AM DEBRIEF OF THOSE RELEASED PASSENGERS STILL REMAINING IN PARIS; THE GROUP WITH WHOM DEBRIEFERS MET CONSISTED OF APPROXIMATELY 25-30 PEOPLE; AND FOR THE MOST PART, WERE ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN. THIS INFO IS KEYED TO ALPHA NUMERIC SEQUENCE OF REF B.

PARA 2:

A. (S/NF) HIJACKER REST PATTERNS, SCHEDULES, PLACES OF REST: NO REST PATTERN WAS DISCERNIBLE ALTHOUGH IT WAS REMARKED THAT THE ORIGINAL TWO HIJACKERS WENT FOR APPROXIMATELY 20-24 HOURS WITHOUT ANY REST. UPON ARRIVAL OF THE SECOND GROUP, ONE OF THE ORIGINAL TWO APPEARED TO BE COMPLETELY FATIGUED AND STRETCHED OUT OVER 3 SEATS. AN AREA CONSISTING OF 2 TO 3 ROWS LOCATED BY THE FIRST EMERGENCY EXIT AT APPROXIMATELY ROW 12 WAS TAKEN OVER BY THE HIJACKERS AS A REST AREA IN ADDITION TO THE COMPLETE FIRST CLASS AREA WHICH WAS BEING USED AS THEIR HQ.

B. (S/NF) LOCATION OF TERRORISTS: AT ANY GIVEN TIME, THERE WERE AT LEAST FOUR HIJACKERS IN THE HOSTAGE AREA WANDERING UP AND DOWN THE AISLES. AT ALL TIMES THERE WAS ONE HIJACKER IN THE COCKPIT AREA. THE REMAINING HIJACKERS WERE IN THE "HQ AREA" MENTIONED IN A ABOVE.

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C. (S/NF) ADDITIONAL WEAPONS IN CARRY-ON BAGGAGE: CONFUSION REIGNS AS TO THE ORIGINAL WEAPONS CARRIED ON BOARD BY THE TWO HIJACKERS -- THERE WAS AT LEAST ONE AND PROBABLY TWO "SHINY WEAPONS WITH PEARL HANDLES" SEEN. AS WELL AS TWO TO THREE HAND GRENADES. ALL PASSENGERS, HOWEVER, SAY THEY HEARD ONE STEWARDESS EXCLAIM THAT THEY (THE HIJACKERS) WERE CARRYING A FULL BAG OF GRENADES.

D. (S/NF) AIRCRAFT DOORS BOOBY TRAPPED: TWO PASSENGERS STATED THAT THE COCKPIT AREA AND THE ENTIRE FIRST CLASS AREA HAD BEEN WIRED WITH PLASTIC EXPLOSIVES; NO OTHER PASSENGER WAS ABLE TO CONFIRM THIS INFORMATION. NONE OF THE OTHER DOORS APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN BOOBY TRAPPED.

E. (S/NF) AIRCRAFT DOORS BLOCKED/SECURED: UNDETERMINED.

F. (S/NF) TERRORIST WEAPONS: THE NEW GROUP, WHICH ARRIVED AFTER THE ORIGINAL TWO HIJACKERS, CARRIED A FULL COMPLEMENT OF MILITARY-TYPE WEAPONS: AUTOMATICS, PISTOLS, BANDOLIERS OF AMMUNITION, AND GRENADES. THE GROUP WAS HEAVILY ARMED, BUT EXACT NUMBERS WERE UNKNOWN. ONE FORMER INFANTRYMAN IDENTIFIED THE WEAPONS AS BEING OF SOVIET, AMERICAN AND ISRAELI ORIGIN AND LISTED THE FOLLOWING: A SOVIET AK-47, AN UZI SUBMACHINE GUN, A CHROME-PLATED BERETTA WITH PEARL HANDLE, A COLT-38, AND A BRITISH STEN.

G. (S/NF) ALL PASSENGERS INDICATED THE ORIGINAL NUMBER OF TERRORISTS INVOLVED TO BE TWO; ONE PASSENGER THOUGHT THAT THERE MAY HAVE BEEN A THIRD "SLEEPER" IN THE GROUP. THE SPOKESMAN AND POSSIBLE LEADER OF THE HIJACKERS WHO BOARDED THE PLANE IN BEIRUT WAS LAST SEEN WEARING A COWBOY HAT GIVEN TO HIM BY ONE OF THE PASSENGERS. HE SPOKE ENGLISH, AND IS SAID TO HAVE TOLD SEVERAL PASSENGERS THAT HE WAS A TEACHER BY BACKGROUND. THE OTHER TERRORISTS WERE DRESSED IN QUASI-MILITARY TYPE CLOTHING.

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E. O. 12356: N/A
SUBJECT: TWA PLANE HIJACKING: ALGERIAN MEDIA REACTION

1. FIRST ALGERIAN PRESS COMMENTARY ON TWA PLANE HIJACKING APPEARED IN GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY EL-MOUDJAHID JUNE 17. FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL ENTITLED ((CONFIDENCE)) STRESSED THAT THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN GUIDED BY ITS HUMANITARIAN PRINCIPLES IN HELPING TO RESOLVE THE AFFAIR.
2. PAPER NOTED THAT ALL THE PARTIES INVOLVED (AMERICANS, GREEKS, HIJACKERS) HAD CONFIDENCE IN THE ALGERIANS BECAUSE ALGERIA IS KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AS A COUNTRY THAT MAINTAINS ITS PRINCIPLES, RESPECTS HUMAN LIFE, AND ALSO SUPPORTS PEOPLE FIGHTING FOR THEIR RIGHTS AND INDEPENDENCE.
3. REGARDING PRESS REPORTS THAT WASHINGTON WAS PLANNING TO INTERVENE WITH ITS DELTA FORCE, EL MOUDJAHID SAID THAT ALGERIA WOULD NEVER PERMIT A FOREIGN FORCE TO OPERATE ON ITS SOIL, AND THAT ALGERIA HAS THE MEANS TO OPPOSE SUCH AN INTERVENTION IF NECESSARY.
4. EDITORIAL CONCLUDED THAT ALGERIA WOULD CONTINUE TO DO ITS DUTY AND THAT QUOTE: HER BEST REWARD IS HAVING CONTRIBUTED TO SAVING HUMAN LIVES AND TRYING TO WORK FOR THE LIBERATION OF IMPRISONED MILITANTS. UNQUOTE. ARCHIBALD
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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR PRESSES HAMMADA ON RELEASE OF
- HOSTAGES

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2. BEGIN SUMMARY: IN TELEPHONE CALL WITH JUMBLATT
LIEUTENANT MARWAN HAMMADA, AMBASSADOR WARNED HAMMADA
THAT IF HIJACKING DOES NOT END WELL, IT WILL HAVE A
"SHATTERING IMPACT" ON WORLD PUBLIC OPINION AGAINST
NOT ONLY BARRI, BUT ALSO AGAINST ALL OTHER GROUPS,
INCLUDING PSP. AMBASSADOR REVIEWED WITH HAMMADA
U.S. POLICY ON DEALING WITH TERRORISTS, I.E., IT

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DOES NOT NEGOTIATE WITH AND DOES NOT MAKE ANY CONCESSIONS TO TERRORISTS; FURTHERMORE. WE DO NOT PRESS OTHER COUNTRIES TO CONCEDE TO TERRORIST DEMANDS. HE STRESSED THAT WHILE HE WAS DEALING WITH BARRI, ALL GROUPS, INCLUDING PSP, BEAR RESPONSIBILITY FOR GETTING OUR PEOPLE OUT, AND TOLD HAMMADA "YOU HAVE TO HELP." END SUMMARY.

3. HAMMADA OPENED CONVERSATION (1045 LOCAL, 17 JUNE) BY SAYING THAT "AT LEAST WE DO NOT YET HAVE A CATASTROPHE." AMBASSADOR AGREED, BUT SAID PASSENGERS AND CREW WERE STILL CAPTIVE AND HE WAS DEALING DIRECTLY WITH AMAL LEADER NABIH BARRI. HAMMADA SAID THAT, INDEED, BARRI IS THE "PROPER CONNECTION."

4. HAMMADA SAID (DEFENSIVELY) THAT HE AND JUMBLATT HAD DONE THEIR BEST NOT TO ALLOW THE PLANE TO LAND. AT THE END, HE SAID, THERE WAS NOTHING ELSE TO DO BUT TO LET IT LAND. AMBASSADOR REPLIED HE REGRETTED THAT. THE PLANE WAS ON THE GROUND, AND WE HAD TO DEAL WITH THE SITUATION WE FACED NOW.

5. AMBASSADOR TOLD HAMMADA THAT HAMMADA SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE POSSIBLE REACTIONS ELSEWHERE TO THE HIJACKING. AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED HIS FEAR THAT IF THE EPISODE DOES NOT END WELL, IT WILL HAVE A "SHATTERING IMPACT" ON PUBLIC OPINION OUTSIDE LEBANON; PEOPLE WILL JUST SAY THAT LEBANON IS HOPELESS AND NO ONE CAN DEAL WITH IT. AMBASSADOR STRESSED THAT THIS VIEW WOULD BE DIRECTED NOT JUST TOWARD BARRI, BUT TOWARD ALL GROUPS IN LEBANON, INCLUDING PSP. AMBASSADOR

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SAID THAT. THEREFORE. THE STAKES TRANSCEND THE HIJACKING ITSELF. IT COULD BE A DISASTER FOR LEBANON IN THE LARGEST SENSE.

6. HAMMADA ASKED ABOUT THE CURRENT SITUATION. AMBASSADOR RESPONDED THAT BARRI HAD TELEPHONED HIM LAST NIGHT TO EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT REPORTS OF ISRAELI MILITARY ACTIVITIES ALONG THE COAST. AMBASSADOR TOLD HAMMADA THAT HE HAD CHECKED OUT THE STORY, AND THE ISRAELIS WERE NOT THERE, THEY ARE NOT THERE NOW, AND THEY WILL NOT BE THERE; FURTHERMORE, HE SAID, ISRAEL WILL AVOID ANY ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT STIMULATE ACTIONS BY THE HIJACKERS.

7. AMBASSADOR THEN DESCRIBED TO HAMMADA THE HIJACKERS' PUSH ON ANSAR PRISONER ISSUE. AMBASSADOR STRESSED THAT THE U.S. AS A MATTER OF POLICY DOES NOT NEGOTIATE WITH, AND DOES NOT MAKE ANY CONCESSIONS TO, TERRORISTS. FURTHERMORE, HE SAID, WE DO NOT PRESS OTHER COUNTRIES TO CONCEDE TO TERRORIST DEMANDS. AMBASSADOR STRESSED THAT IT WAS NOT A QUESTION OF OUR RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL; HE SAID WE HAD NOT PRESSED KUWAIT FOR THE RELEASE

OF THE DAWA PRISONERS, FOR EXAMPLE. HE OBSERVED THAT EVEN IF WE WERE TO PUSH ISRAEL FOR CONCESSIONS, ISRAEL HAS ITS OWN POLICY THAT IT WILL NOT MAKE CONCESSIONS TO TERRORISTS.

8. AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT ISRAELIS HAVE SAID THEY WILL RELEASE THE ANSAR PRISONERS. HE NOTED THAT BARRI IN TURN TAKES THIS STATEMENT

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AND CONTENDS THAT SINCE THE ISRAELIS HAVE ANNOUNCED THEY INTEND TO RELEASE THEM, THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM. THE PROBLEM IS, AMBASSADOR SAID, THAT NEITHER ISRAEL NOR U.S. CAN GRANT CONCESSIONS WHEN FACED WITH A TERRORIST HIJACKING, IN EFFECT WITH A GUN AT OUR HEADS. HE TOLD HAMMADA THAT BARRI WAS TRYING TO GET THE ICRC INVOLVED, BUT THAT THE ICRC POLICY WAS THAT IT DID NOT NEGOTIATE BUT WOULD SIMPLY
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FACILITATE CARRYING OUT ANY AGREEMENTS REACHED.
HE SUGGESTED THAT THE ONLY COURSE IS FOR BARRI
TO TELL THE HIJACKERS THAT "I HAVE SATISFIED
MYSELF THAT YOUR STRATEGY OF PRESSURING ISRAEL
WILL NOT WORK, INDEED IT WILL HURT. NOT HELP."

9. HAMMADA ASKED IF BARRI COULD SAY TO HIJACKERS
THAT HE IS SATISFIED THAT ISRAEL WILL RELEASE THE
ANSAR PRISONERS SOON. AMBASSADOR RESPONDED THAT
ISRAELIS HAVE MADE IT A MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD
THAT THEY INTEND TO RELEASE THE ANSAR PRISONERS;
BARRI SHOULD USE THAT. INDEED, AMBASSADOR OB-
SERVED, EVERYONE KNOWS THAT THE ISRAELIS DO NOT
WANT THE ANSAR PRISONERS; ALL THE HIJACKERS ARE
DOING IS TO POSTPONE THEIR RELEASE.

10. AMBASSADOR THEN RAISED WITH HAMMADA REPORTS

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THAT HOSTAGES WERE TAKEN OFF AIRPLANE DURING LAST NIGHT. HAMMADA SAID HE DID NOT KNOW.

11. AMBASSADOR OBSERVED THAT HE IS DEALING WITH NABIH BARRI. HOWEVER, HE HAD TO TELL HAMMADA, "IN THE STRONGEST TERMS," THAT ALL GROUPS, INCLUDING HAMMADA'S, BEAR SOME OF THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR GETTING OUR PEOPLE OUT, FOR WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THEM, AND FOR WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN TO THEM. HE TOLD HAMMADA, "YOU HAVE TO HELP."

12. HAMMADA RESPONDED THAT JUMBLATT, IN TODAY'S PRESS, HAD PUBLICLY DENOUNCED THE HIJACKING (SEPTTEL). HAMMADA EXPLAINED THAT JUMBLATT'S STATEMENT REPRESENTED A POSITION OF PRINCIPLE ON PSP PART. HAMMADA SAID THAT JUMBLATT'S FIRST CONCERN WAS TO ENSURE A SAFE LANDING OF THE PLANE, AND THEN TO CALM THE SITUATION AND EVERYONE'S NERVES; HAMMADA SAID HE BELIEVED THEY HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL. HE NOTED THAT JUMBLATT HAD HAD TO SWALLOW HIS WORD WHEN HE HAD TO OPEN THE AIRPORT; HE REALLY HAD NOT WANTED TO.

13. HAMMADA THEN SAID THAT HE HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT THE ATMOSPHERE WAS NOW MORE RELAXED. HE NOTED THAT AS HE VIEWED IT, THE NEGOTIATIONS WERE CONCENTRATING ON ONE POINT, THE ANSAR PRISONERS, AND "THAT LOOKS POSSIBLE." HE EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT "NO ONE GOES INTO A ROBIN HOOD TYPE OPERATION" (A REFERENCE TO MILITARY ACTION AGAINST THE AIRCRAFT AND HIJACKERS). HE SAID THAT ALL LEBANESE GROUPS CAN CONTRIBUTE

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TO A PEACEFUL SOLUTION. AND PSP WOULD DO ITS PART. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE SAID. THE U.S. SHOULD TELL ISRAEL NOT TO DRAG ITS FEET ON THE PROBLEM OF THE ANSAR PRISONERS. THE ISRAELIS HAVE TO MOVE.

14. AMBASSADOR SAID THAT SUCH AN APPROACH STRUCK AT OUR GENERAL POLICY. IF THE ANSAR PRISONERS WERE EVER RELEASED IN RETURN FOR THE HOSTAGES SEIZED BY THE HIJACKERS. IT WOULD BE DECLARING OPEN SEASON ON AMERICAN CITIZENS AROUND THE WORLD. AMBASSADOR SAID THAT HE DID NOT EVEN LIKE THE IDEA OF DISCUSSING NEGOTIATIONS ON THE ISSUE. THERE ARE TWO SEPARATE ISSUES HE SAID: ON THE ONE HAND THERE WERE THE HOSTAGES WHO SHOULD BE RELEASED, WHO CANNOT BE KILLED OR MISTREATED. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE SAID, THERE WERE THE ANSAR PRISONERS WHICH IS AND MUST REMAIN A TOTALLY SEPARATE ISSUE.

15. HAMMADA SAID THAT HE WAS MEETING LATER IN DAY WITH NABIH BARRI. HE SAID HE WOULD SEE WHAT HE COULD DO TO "DISCONNECT THE TWO PROBLEMS."

16. AMBASSADOR SAID THAT YOU, JUMBLATT AND THE PSP HAVE A HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY IN THIS. HAMMADA DEMURRED, SAYING BARRI HAS THE CHANNEL.

17. AMBASSADOR SAID YOU HAVE THE RIGHT, INDEED THE RESPONSIBILITY, TO GET INVOLVED TO SEE THAT EVERYTHING COMES OUT RIGHT. THE CONSEQUENCES, THE AMBASSADOR SAID, WOULD AFFECT NOT ONLY AMAL AND BARRI, BUT WOULD AFFECT HAMMADA, THE PSP, AND LEBANON AS A WHOLE. AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT IF BARRI KNEW CLEARLY HAMMADA'S VIEWS ON THIS

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CLIMATE TO GET OUR PEOPLE BACK.

18. HAMMADA RESPONDED THAT THE U.S. "MUST HELP US." IN ADDITION, HAMMADA SAID, U.S. SHOULD TAKE "NO IRREPARABLE ACTION THAT MEANS KILLING"; "I AM RELYING ON YOU TO CALM PEOPLE'S NERVES."

19. AMBASSADOR SAID THAT WHEN BARRI CALLED ABOUT THE REPORTS OF ISRAELI MILITARY ACTIVITY HE GOT RIGHT ON TO IT AND VERIFIED THAT NOT ONLY WAS THERE NOTHING GOING ON, BUT THERE WILL BE NOTHING GOING ON THAT WILL UPSET PEOPLE. THE AMBASSADOR STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT IN CALMING THINGS DOWN THE PURPOSE IS TO GET BACK THE AMERICAN HOSTAGES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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20. HAMMADA REPEATED HE WOULD BE MEETING WITH
BARRI TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE IN THIS CONTEXT.
AMBASSADOR TOLD HAMMADA WE WOULD VALUE WHATEVER
HE COULD DO IN THIS SITUATION.

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SUBJECT: ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR IN BEIRUT TO ASSIST IN EFFORTS
TO FREE TWA HOSTAGES.

REF: SECRETARY SHULTZ-NEWLIN TELCON; OAKLEY-NEWLIN TELCON

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2. AMBASSADOR SPOKE TO MFA SEC GEN KERROUM AT 2130 GMT AND
SAID WE UNDERSTOOD ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR TO LEBANON HAD
RETURNED TO BEIRUT. KERROUM CONFIRMED THIS WAS THE CASE.

3. AFTER EXPRESSING OUR PROFOUND GRATITUDE FOR GOA EFFORTS
WHICH RESULTED IN THE FREEING OF 86 HOSTAGES IN ALGIERS,

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AMBASSADOR SAID HE HAD HAD A CALL FROM SECRETARY SHULTZ REQUESTING ALGERIAN ASSISTANCE IN BEIRUT.

4. ACCORDING TO OUR JUDGEMENT, THE BEIRUT PROBLEM WAS SOLVABLE. ISRAEL WAS PREPARED TO RELEASE THE EX-ANSAR SHIITE DETAINEES BUT NOT AS A CONDITION FOR THE FREEING OF THE TWA HOSTAGES. THE ESSENTIAL THING WAS TO CONVINCE NABIH BARRI AND THE OTHERS INVOLVED TO FREE THE REMAINING HOSTAGES AND CREW, WHICH, IN TURN, WOULD PAVE THE WAY FOR THE RETURN OF THE EX-ANSAR DETAINEES.

5. KERROUM SEEMED TO AGREE WITH ABOVE ANALYSIS. HE CONFIRMED THE ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR WAS PREPARED TO DO HIS UTMOST TO FACILITATE THE HOSTAGES' RELEASE. IN REPLY TO A QUESTION, KERROUM NOTED AMAL WAS COMPOSED OF DIFFERENT FACTIONS AND THUS IN GOA EYES IT WAS NOT CERTAIN THAT THE HOSTAGES WERE ENTIRELY UNDER BARRI'S CONTROL.

6. KERROUM SAID HE WOULD TRANSMIT OUR VIEWS TO PRESIDENT BENDJEDID AND FM IBRAHIMI. IN THE MEANTIME, AMBASSADOR COULD ASSURE WASHINGTON THAT ALGERIA WOULD DO WHATEVER IT COULD IN BEIRUT WHERE IT ENJOYED CONTACTS WITH PRACTICALLY ALL FACTIONS.

7. DEPT PLEASE PASS BEIRUT.
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