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SUBJECT: TWA HIJACKING WORKING GROUP SITUATION REPORT  
NO. 9, SITUATION AS OF 0500 EDT, JUNE 18, 1985

1. ~~SECRET~~ ENTIRE TEXT.

2. THE SITUATION IN BEIRUT REMAINED ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED OVERNIGHT, ALTHOUGH THE TWA PLANE WAS MOVED TO THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE AIRPORT DURING THE NIGHT SO THAT EMBASSY OBSERVERS CAN NOW ONLY VIEW THE TAIL SECTION OF THE AIRCRAFT. THE AIRCRAFT WAS REFUELED WITH 24,000 POUNDS OF FUEL (APPROXIMATELY 2/3 FULL). REPORTS THAT THE AIRCRAFT HAD UNDERGONE REPAIRS JUNE 17 WERE SUBSEQUENTLY DENIED BY MEA AND AIRPORT OFFICIALS IN CONTACT WITH EMBASSY BEIRUT. AMBASSADOR BARTHOLOMEW HAS CONTINUED HIS CONTACTS WITH NABIH BARRI AS INSTRUCTED. FURTHER REPORTS THAT THE AIRCRAFT TOOK ON EXPLOSIVES WHILE IN BEIRUT, MONITORED ORIGINALLY ON VOICE OF LEBANON, WERE ALSO DENIED BY BOTH MIDDLE EAST AIRLINES AND AIRPORT OFFICIALS. THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE PASSENGERS REMAINS UNCLEAR.

3. IN PUBLIC REMARKS LAST NIGHT ISRAELI DEFENSE MINISTER RABIN SAID THAT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE HIJACKERS AND THE WELL-BEING OF THE HOSTAGES REST SOLELY WITH THE AMERICANS. RABIN REPEATED THE ISRAELI FORMULA THAT, SHOULD THE UNITED STATES APPEAL TO ISRAEL, THE CABINET WOULD DISCUSS WHETHER TO COMPLY WITH THE APPEAL. SHULTZ  
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SUBJECT: THE HIJACKING OF THE TWA AIRCRAFT

REPORTS ON THE HIJACKING OF THE TWA FLIGHT BY SHIITE  
TERRORISTS AND THE FATE OF THE AMERICAN HOSTAGES MADE  
FRONT-PAGE NEWS IN ALL THE LOCAL MEDIA. SO FAR COVERAGE  
HAS BEEN STRAIGHTFORWARD. THE ONLY EDITORIAL TO DATE  
APPEARS IN TODAY'S LEADING LISBON DAILY "DIARIO DE  
NOTICIAS" (INDEPENDENT) WHICH DRAWS A PARALLEL BETWEEN  
THE CURRENT SITUATION AND THAT OF THE IRAN HOSTAGE  
CRISIS. IN VERY STRONG TERMS "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS"  
CONDEMNS TERRORISM AND COMMENTS THAT "TO GIVE IN IS THE  
WORST OF ALL SOLUTIONS."  
UNDER THE HEADLINE "TENSION IN BEIRUT" THE PAPER STATES  
THAT "THE ATTENTION OF THE WORLD IS NOW FOCUSED ON THE  
WHITE HOUSE," ADDING:  
"...THE SITUATION IS AT LEAST AS SERIOUS AS THE ONE  
BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE KIDNAPPING OF AMERICAN EMBASSY  
PERSONNEL IN TEHRAN IN 1979. BUT WILL REAGAN BE AS  
PRUDENT OR AS PATIENT AS CARTER WAS? WILL HE BE WILLING  
TO WAIT FOR SO LONG FOR A LIBERATION THAT COST HIS  
PREDECESSOR HIS POLITICAL FUTURE AND GAVE THE UNITED  
STATES THE MOST BITTER HUMILIATION IN ITS HISTORY? IT IS

DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE RONALD REAGAN MAKING THE SAME MOVES  
AS JIMMY CARTER. AND A LOT DEPENDS ON THE MASTERY OF  
THOSE MOVES.... CAN VULNERABILITY BE THE OTHER SIDE OF  
DEMOCRACY? IN TOTALITARIAN COUNTRIES THERE ARE NO  
KIDNAPPINGS, HIJACKINGS, SUICIDAL COMMANDOS.... IT DOES  
NOT SEEM, HOWEVER, THAT DEMOCRACY HAS TO BE  
VULNERABLE.... ON THE CONTRARY, DEMOCRATIC ACHIEVEMENTS  
MUST BE PROTECTED FROM THOSE WHO, ON BEHALF OF VARIOUS  
GROUP INTERESTS, DO NOT HESITATE TO RESORT TO  
VIOLENCE.... IT IS IMPOSSIBLE, UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES SUCH AS  
THESE, WHICH SHAKE THE CONSCIENCE OF WESTERN SOCIETIES,  
NOT TO RECALL ALDO MORO AND HIS TRAGIC DEATH AT THE HANDS  
OF TERRORISTS.... TO GIVE IN IS THE WORST SOLUTION,  
BECAUSE IT SETS A PRECEDENT; WE SHOULD NOT SUBMIT TO  
TERRORISM, BLACKMAILING AND THE VIOLATION OF  
INTERNATIONAL COEXISTENCE. IT IS CERTAINLY EASIER TO  
YIELD, TO SAVE QUICKLY THE LIVES OF THE HOSTAGES,  
WHEREVER THEY MAY BE. BUT CAN DEMOCRATIC STATES BREAK,  
THEMSELVES, THEIR OWN LAW? THE ATTENTION OF THE WORLD IS  
NOW FOCUSED ON THE WHITE HOUSE WHERE THE NATIONAL  
SECURITY COUNCIL IS MEETING AND FROM WHERE DECISIVE WORDS  
CAN COME--DECISIVE NOT ONLY FOR THE AMERICAN HOSTAGES  
SOMEWHERE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.  
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SUBJECT: BARTHOLOMEW-BARRI CONVERSATION 0003  
-- LOCAL, JUNE 18

1. ~~S~~ ENTIRE TEXT.

2. FOLLOWING GISTS FOR THE RECORD BARTHOLOMEW-BARRI TELCON WHICH WAS IMMEDIATELY REPORTED VIA TACSAT TO TASK FORCE JUNE 18. BARRI INITIATED CALL.

3. NB: GOT ROBERT PEAL OFF SAFELY. TOMORROW (JUNE 18) WILL TRY TO RELEASE THREE MORE PRISONERS--GREEK SINGER AND WIFE AND ONE AMERICAN. DON'T RECALL AMERICAN'S NAME--BIG (LONG?) NAME. DOING THIS TO CONVINCE PEOPLE OF GOOD FAITH. AMB: GOOD. NOW GET ME THE REST.

4. NB: CONVINCE ISRAEL TO RELEASE ATLIT PRISONERS. AMB: CONVINCE HIJACKERS TO DROP DEMAND AND RELEASE PASSENGERS.

5. NB: PERSONALLY MADE MANY ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING FOOD FOR PASSENGERS. THEY ARE IN GOOD HEALTH, EVEN APPROVED MENU.

6. NB: HAVE ALL PASSENGERS NOW TOGETHER UNDER MY CONTROL, EXCEPT FIVE. HAVE CONNECTIONS WITH THE FIVE KEPT SEPARATE AND HAVE IT UNDER CONTROL. WORKING TO BRING FIVE TOGETHER WITH THE REST. AMB: KEEP THEM SAFE AND SOUND.

7. AMB: WHAT IS HAPPENING IS BAD. LEBANESE TOOK INNOCENT PEOPLE AS HOSTAGES FOR TRADE. WILL HURT EVERYONE. ISRAELIS LETTING PRISONERS GO AND SAID WILL CONTINUE. THIS ACTION ONLY DISCOURAGE AND DELAY.

8. NB: TOMORROW (JUNE 18) I WILL ADDRESS U.S. PEOPLE. WILL ASK PRESSURE ON US GOVERNMENT TO PRESSURE ISRAEL TO RELEASE ATLIT PRISONERS. AFTER ALL, ISRAELIS LET GO

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THOUSAND PLUS PALESTINIANS AND OTHERS FOR THREE OR FOUR SOLDIERS. WILL ASK AMERICAN PEOPLE WHY ISRAELIS CAN'T LET ATLIT PRISONERS GO TO FREE 40 AMERICANS. HAVE RIGHT TO ADDRESS AMERICAN PEOPLE--AFTER ALL. HAVE GREEN CARD.

9. AMB: YOU WON'T GET ANYWHERE. AMERICAN PEOPLE VIEW THIS AS TERRORIST THREAT AGAINST THEM. BE CAREFUL. ROLE YOU ARE PLAYING HAS YOU VERY CLOSE TO HIJACKERS. NB: I DIDN'T KIDNAP THE AMERICANS. I DIDN'T ASK TO BE A MEDIATOR. I WILL SAY USG NOT DOING ITS DUTY TO CITIZENS BY NOT PRESSURING ISRAEL TO RELEASE ATLIT PRISONERS. WHY DO AMERICANS NOT RECOGNIZE SHIA ARE HUMAN BEINGS AND THEIR PROBLEMS?

10. AMB: HIJACKING AND HOSTAGE TAKING AND TRADING FOR ATLIT PRISONERS WILL NOT BUILD SYMPATHY AND RESPECT IN U.S. OR ANYWHERE FOR SHIA OR FOR YOU. TO THE CONTRARY, ALREADY DAMAGING LEBANON AND YOU ALL.

11. AMB: YOUR FOCUS SHOULD BE TO CONVINCE HIJACKERS THAT HOSTAGE TAKING AND TRADING IS NOT RIGHT, WILL NOT WORK, WILL DELAY RELEASE OF ATLIT PRISONERS. AND WILL DAMAGE LEBANON AND THEM AND THEIR COMMUNITY IN PARTICULAR. NB: WITHOUT ME, WE WOULD HAVE HAD 10 OR 15 KILLED. AMB: APPRECIATE WHAT YOU ARE DOING FOR PROTECTION AND

WELL-BEING OF PASSENGERS. YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.

12. NB: WAITING FOR PHONE CALL FROM YOU SAYING ATLIT PRISONERS WILL BE FREED. AM NERVOUS AND TOO BUSY WITH THIS MATTER. WANT TO END IT SOON. EVEN HAVE TO LOOK AT MENUS FOR PASSENGERS. FREE THE ATLIT PRISONERS.

13. AMB: TELL YOU AGAIN, WE DO NOT MAKE CONCESSIONS NOR DO WE ASK OR PRESSURE OTHERS TO DO SO. NB: I UNDERSTAND POLICY. BUT I KNOW YOU. YOU ARE CLEVER. YOU CAN FIND SOME WAY TO DO INDIRECTLY. DO IT THROUGH THE RED CROSS. AMB: TELL YOU AGAIN, YOU ARE WORKING ON THE WRONG PROBLEM. SHOULD BE WORKING TO CONVINCE HIJACKERS THIS WILL GO NOWHERE AND WILL HURT.

14. NB: MAYBE I WILL JUST GET OUT OF THIS BUSINESS. DROP MY EFFORTS. AMB: YOU KNOW YOU CANNOT DO THAT. WHATEVER HAPPENED WOULD BE ON YOU.

15. NB: IT IS LATE, WE WILL STAY IN CONTACT. BARTHOLOMEW  
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PRISONERS IT HOLDS. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT IT INTENDS TO RELEASE THEM ALL. THIS HIJACKING WILL NOT FURTHER THEIR RELEASE. IT COULD CAUSE A DELAY.

6. THIS ACT OF TERRORISM IS A STAIN ON LEBANON AND PARTICULARLY ON THOSE LEBANESE IN WHOSE NAME IT HAS BEEN DONE. LEBANON AND ITS COMMUNITIES HAVE SUFFERED ENOUGH. WE UNDERSTAND AND SYMPATHIZE WITH THEIR HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS, AND WANT TO HELP REALIZE THEM. INDEED, LEBANON AND ALL ITS COMMUNITIES NEED THE HELP AND SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. THOSE IN LEBANON WHO COMMIT THESE ACTS OF TERRORISM AND THOSE WHO SUPPORT THEM MUST UNDERSTAND THAT THEY WILL IRREPARABLY DAMAGE THEIR COUNTRY, THEIR CAUSE, AND THEMSELVES IN THE EYES OF THE WORLD, AND WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE.

7. I CALL UPON THOSE HOLDING THE INNOCENT PASSENGERS AND CREW TO TREAT THEM WELL AND TO RELEASE THEM IMMEDIATELY WITHOUT CONDITION. I CALL UPON ALL LEADERS OF LEBANON--GOVERNMENTAL, POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS--TO MEET THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND TO DO ALL NECESSARY TO THIS END IN THE NAME OF HUMANITY.

8. I AM ALSO ASKING OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO USE THEIR BEST EFFORTS AND INFLUENCE TO HELP SECURE THE EARLY AND SAFE RELEASE OF THE PASSENGERS AND CREW. WHAT IS AT STAKE IS NOT ONLY AN AMERICAN PLANE AND AMERICAN HOSTAGES IN LEBANON. WHAT IS AT STAKE IS

THE RIGHT FOR ALL CITIZENS OF ALL COUNTRIES TO LIVE IN A WORLD FREE FROM TERRORISM.

9. I THINK OF THE SUFFERING OF THE PASSENGERS AND CREW AND OF THEIR FAMILIES. I THINK OF THE MURDER OF A YOUNG AMERICAN SERVICEMAN AND THE SUFFERING OF HIS FAMILY. I THINK OF THE SUFFERING OF THOSE AMERICANS ALREADY SO LONG HELD ELSEWHERE IN LEBANON AND OF THEIR FAMILIES. IT IS TIME TO END THIS.  
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SUBJECT: TWA HIJACKING: CONTACT WITH ARAB LEAGUE  
SECRETARY-GENERAL

REF: SEBASTIAN/ANDERSON TELEPHONE CONVERSATION  
6/17

1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF TELCON, CHARGE SPOKE WITH ARAB LEAGUE SECRETARY-GENERAL KLIBI MORNING OF JUNE 18, NOTING THAT WASHINGTON HAD LEARNED OF ARAB LEAGUE EMISSARY'S HAVING BEEN DISPATCHED TO BEIRUT AND WOULD OF COURSE BE MOST APPRECIATIVE OF EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE HOSTAGES BEING HELD THERE AS A RESULT OF THE TWA HIJACKING.

3. KLIBI IMMEDIATELY EXPRESSED ARAB LEAGUE'S READINESS TO BE HELPFUL IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE. HE SAID HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO BE IN URGENT TOUCH WITH THE EMISSARY. KLIBI WAS NOT SURE, HOWEVER, OF THE EXACT WHEREABOUTS OF THE EMISSARY, WHO MIGHT ALREADY BE ON HIS WAY BACK TO TUNIS. CHARGE EXPRESSED WARM APPRECIATION FOR KLIBI'S WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST.

4. COMMENT: WE NOTE FROM AFP REPORT JUNE 17 THAT ARAB LEAGUE OFFICIAL HAMADI ESSID WAS RECEIVED ON THAT DATE BY LEBANESE PRESIDENT GEMAYEL AND WOULD ALSO BE SEEING PRIM MIN KARAME AND NABIH BERRI. ESSID WAS QUOTED AS SAYING HE HAD BEEN SENT TO BEIRUT TO PRESENT A MESSAGE TO THE GOL REGARDING LEBANESE REFUSAL TO ATTEND THE RECENT ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETING ON PALESTINIAN CAMPS IN BEIRUT. WHILE ARAB LEAGUE EMISSARY WAS APPARENTLY NOT CHARGED WITH ANY DISCUSSION OF TWA HIJACKING, ARAB LEAGUE WOULD CLEARLY BE OPEN TO ANY SUGGESTIONS FROM WASHINGTON AS TO SPECIFIC

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SUBJECT: NABIH BARRI'S JUNE 16 PRESS STATEMENT

1. ADDRESSEES WILL HAVE SEEN NUMEROUS FBIS ITEMS REPORTING AMAL LEADER NABIH BARRI'S JUNE 16 PRESS STATEMENT CONCERNING THE TWA HIJACKING. THERE FOLLOWS, FYI, OUR INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE FULL TEXT OF THAT STATEMENT. STATEMENTS BY OTHER LEBANESE LEADERS FOLLOW SEPT.

2. BEGIN STATEMENT. "THE WESTERN MEDIA, MAINLY THE AMERICAN, TRIES TO PRESENT WHAT HAS OCCURRED, ESPECIALLY SINCE AMAL MOVEMENT HAS BECOME INVOLVED, AS A SHIITE TERRORIST ACTION. AMAL MOVEMENT THUS MAKES THE FOLLOWING CLARIFICATION:

A. IT IS KNOWN THAT WE DID NOT INTERFERE UNTIL AFTER WE WERE ASSURED THAT THERE WOULD BE GUARANTEES FOR THE SAFETY OF THE PASSENGERS THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD OF NEGOTIATIONS, AND AS A CONSEQUENCE WE BECAME INVOLVED ABOVE ALL ELSE IN THE INTERESTS OF HUMANITY.

B. THE HIJACKERS MADE THREE DEMANDS:  
FIRST: THE RELEASE OF THE DETAINEES IN KUWAIT;  
SECOND: THE RELEASE OF THE DETAINEES IN SPAIN;  
THIRD: THE RELEASE OF THE PRISONERS HELD BY ISRAEL IN ATLIT. IN LIGHT OF THE KUWAITI STAND, WHICH WE REGRET, ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO THE EXPULSION OF SOUTHERNERS BY THE TENS AND HUNDREDS FROM KUWAIT TO LEBANON, I PERSUADED THE HIJACKERS NOT TO INCLUDE THIS DEMAND IN THE CASE OF THE AMERICAN AIRCRAFT. THE HIJACKERS AGREED, AND THE DEMANDS WERE LIMITED TO THE OTHER TWO, ESPECIALLY THE ONE CONCERNING THE ATLIT PRISONERS.

C. THE ATLIT DETAINEES ARE HOSTAGES OF THE OCCUPATION STATE. IN FACT, THEY WERE KIDNAPPED FROM

LEBANESE TERRITORY TO PALESTINE. WHEN THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES UNDERTOOK THIS ACTION, THEY COMMITTED A KIDNAPPING WHICH IS A VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW JUST AS ANY OTHER KIDNAPPING, WHETHER ON AN AIRPLANE, SHIP, OR ON THE GROUND, IS A VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

D. ISRAEL, THE MASTER OF TERRORISM, PREVIOUSLY AGREED TO RELEASE ALL THE DETAINEES TAKEN DURING ITS INVASION OF LEBANON, AND FIXED A TARGET DATE OF JUNE 6, THE DATE ON WHICH IT WOULD LEAVE LEBANESE SOIL. ISRAEL ANNOUNCED A WEEK AGO THAT ITS FORCES HAD DEPARTED LEBANON. IF WE BELIEVE ITS STATEMENT (IT MUST HONOR ITS STATEMENT EVEN IF NOT TRUE), IT SHOULD HAVE RELEASED ALL THE DETAINEES ON OR BEFORE JUNE 6. SINCE IT DID NOT DO SO, IT HAS COMMITTED A SECOND LEGAL VIOLATION ON TOP OF THE FIRST ONE.

I DO NOT KNOW WHY THE POLICY OF THE U.S. DIFFERENTIATES BETWEEN A KIDNAPPER OF A COUNTRY AND ITS PEOPLE, AND A HIJACKER OF AN AIRPLANE. WHY SHOULD SOMEONE WHO DEFENDS HIS COUNTRY BE TERMED A TERRORIST, WHILE THE TERRORISM AGAINST OUR PEOPLE IS DISREGARDED?

I HAVE CLARIFIED THIS STAND IN ALL CONTACTS MADE WITH ME. I HAVE ALSO ASKED THE RED CROSS TO UNDERTAKE ITS ROLE. WE AS A MOVEMENT BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE FULFILLED OUR DUTY TO PROTECT LIVES. THE HIJACKERS HAVE BEEN COOPERATIVE SO FAR. WE HAVE ALSO PROVED OUR GOOD INTENTIONS BY PERMITTING THE SICK AMERICAN CITIZEN WHO WAS MOVED TO AMERICAN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL YESTERDAY TO LEAVE LEBANON FOR TREATMENT IN HIS OWN COUNTRY AND AMONG HIS OWN FAMILY. THE HIJACKERS AGREED TO THIS, AND HE

DEPARTED THIS AFTERNOON.

FINALLY, I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NAVAL AND AIR SHOW OF FORCE THAT TOOK PLACE YESTERDAY AND WAS COUNTERED BY THE ALERT OF ALL ISLAMIC AND NATIONAL FORCES FROM TYRE TO BEIRUT. THIS ALERT DEMONSTRATED TO THE U.S. THAT WE ARE NOT GRENADA. THE SOLUTION IS OBVIOUS, AND THE BALL IS IN THE AGRESSORS' COURT." END OF STATEMENT.

3. FOLLOWING ARE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

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SUBJECT: NABIH BARRI'S JUNE 16 PRESS STATEMENT

THE PLANE TO TAKE CARE OF THE PLANE.

Q. WHY? EVEN WHAT THE TOWER WAS SAYING TO THE  
AIRPLANE, THEY WERE TALKING AS THOUGH THERE WERE  
STILL PASSENGERS ON BOARD.

A. GUARANTEE REASONS...ER, SECURITY REASONS.

Q. WHY, TO DECEIVE EVERYONE?

A. YES.

Q. WHY?

A. BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT ANYONE TO KNOW WHERE THEY  
(THE HOSTAGES) ARE PLACED NOW.

Q. ARE THEY ALL TOGETHER STILL?

A. I THINK THAT. I THINK.

Q. ARE YOU NOT SURE?

A. I AM NOT SURE. THEY ARE OUTSIDE (THE AIRPORT).  
THEY ARE OUTSIDE...

Q. BUT YOUR PEOPLE KNOW WHERE THE HOSTAGES ARE?

A. OF COURSE.

Q. AND WILL WE BE ABLE TO SEE THESE HOSTAGES SOME  
TIME TODAY IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO ASSURE PEOPLE  
THAT THEY ARE ALIVE AND WELL?

A. I DON'T THINK THAT I CAN ACCEPT THIS.

Q. WHY?

A. FOR SECURITY REASONS.

Q. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE PERHAPS TOMORROW OR LATER?

A. WHEN I SEE THAT THE SECURITY SITUATION IS BETTER,  
BECAUSE YOU KNOW YESTERDAY NIGHT ALL OVER THE SEA  
WE HAVE, YOU KNOW...

Q. CAN YOU GIVE US SOME OTHER GUARANTEES, SOME  
VISIBLE GUARANTEES, PERHAPS A VIDEO RECORDING OR  
A TAPE RECORDING THAT YOUR PEOPLE MIGHT MAKE...TO  
SHOW THAT THEY ARE STILL ALIVE NOW, THAT THEY'VE  
BEEN TAKEN OFF THE PLANE?

A. YESTERDAY I BRING A LETTER (FROM THE HOSTAGES).  
IF YOU WANT ANYTHING WE ARE READY. ANYTHING.

Q. COULD YOU BRING MORE LETTERS?

A. OF COURSE, OF COURSE.

Q. AND TAPE RECORDINGS?

A. EVERYTHING YOU WANT. EVERYTHING YOU WANT, AND  
MAYBE TOMORROW, IF WE SEE THAT THE SECURITY  
SITUATION IS GOOD, MAYBE WE WILL TAKE ONE MEMBER  
FROM THE TELEVISION TO GO THERE TO DISCUSS WITH  
THEM, AND TO SEE HOW THEY LIVE. MAYBE, I DON'T  
KNOW. (END PARTIAL TEXT).

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SUBJECT: RELEASE OF THREE HOSTAGES

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2. GREEK EMBASSY NUMBER 2 CONFIRMED TO DCM THAT  
DMITRIOS RUSSOS (GREEK CITIZEN). PAMELA SMITH (AMCIT).  
AND ATHANASIAS TARGONTSIDIS (AMCIT) WERE RELEASED TO  
GREEK AMBASSADOR BY NABIH BARRI AT 1430 LOCAL PRESS  
CONFERENCE (TEXT TO FOLLOW SEPTTEL). ACCORDING TO GREEK  
NO. 2, GREEK AMBASSADOR IS "TAKING CARE OF IT." HE  
QUOTED GREEK AMBASSADOR AS SAYING, "EVERYTHING IS OK,  
ONE SHOULDN'T WORRY."

3. FYI. [REDACTED] INDICATE THAT ONCE AGAIN  
AMAL ASKED HIJACKERS ABOARD AIRCRAFT FOR PERMISSION TO  
RELEASE THESE HOSTAGES. [REDACTED] INDICATE THAT  
GREEK AMBASSADOR SUBSEQUENTLY "NEGOTIATED" WITH  
HIJACKERS FROM AIRPORT TOWER BEFORE RELEASE WAS  
EFFECTED.

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4. DCM VOICED EMBASSY CONCERN THAT RELEASED HOSTAGES  
LEAVE LEBANON AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. GREEK NO. 2 SAID HE  
SHARED DCM'S CONCERNS. HE ADDED THAT ALL WOULD BE  
FINISHED IN A SHORT WHILE AND REITERATED THAT WE SHOULD  
NOT WORRY. HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW MORE AND THAT HE  
WOULD BE HESITANT IN ANY CASE TO TALK OVER AN OPEN LINE.

5. WE CONTINUE USING OUR CONTACTS TO TRY TO REACH  
SMITH AND TARGONTSIDIS. OUR MEA CONTACT CONFIRMS THAT  
THEY ARE NOT AT AIRPORT. THIS IS NOT SURPRISING SINCE  
THERE ARE NO WESTBOUND FLIGHTS FOR THE REST OF THE  
DAY. WE WILL CONTINUE WORKING THROUGH OUR CONTACTS AT  
MEA, ICRC, GREEK EMBASSY, AND ELSEWHERE TO ESTABLISH  
CONTACT WITH AMCITS AND ENSURE THEIR EARLIEST  
DEPARTURE. BARTHOLOMEW  
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SUBJ: IIR [REDACTED] /COMMENTS ON HIJACKING (U)

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DOI: (U) 850617

REQS: (U) [REDACTED]

SUMMARY: (S/NOFORN) [REDACTED]  
INFORMED [REDACTED] THAT MEMBERS OF HIS UNIT WERE NOT ON  
THE RECENT HI-JACKED ALIA FLIGHT. HE ALSO SAID HE  
WOULD BE WILLING TO WORK WITH U. S. FORCES IN A  
HI-JACK SITUATION IN JORDAN.

TEXT: (U)

1. (C) ON DOI [REDACTED]  
DISCUSSED WITH [REDACTED] THE RECENT HI-JACKING OF  
ALIA'S FLIGHT 402 AND TWA FLIGHT 847.

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2. (S/NOFORN) ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] NONE OF THE JORDANIAN SKYMARSHALS ABOARD THE ALIA FLIGHT WERE MEMBERS OF HIS UNIT. HIS MEN HAD RECENTLY BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM SKYMARSHAL DUTY BECAUSE OF A DISPUTE HE HAD WITH THE JORDANIAN MINISTER OF TRANSPORT ABOUT THE QUALITY AND DEMEANOR OF HIS SF SOLDIERS AND APPARENTLY COMPLAINTS BY AIRLINE PASSENGERS ABOUT THEIR BEHAVIOR. [REDACTED] SAID HE EXPECTED HIS MEN TO ACT LIKE SOLDIERS AND NOT LIKE TOUR GUIDES, THAT THE SKYMARSHALS ON THE ALIA FLIGHT WERE FROM THE PUBLIC SECURITY FORCE AND OTHER BRANCHES OF THE ARMED FORCES.

3. (S/NOFORN) [REDACTED] DISCUSSED A POSSIBLE COURSE OF ACTION WHICH INVOLVED THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE 101ST SPECIAL FORCES BATTALION INTO BEIRUT AND RUSHING OF THE AIRCRAFT BY HIS REACTION TEAM. THE PLAN MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE GOJ, BUT [REDACTED] STATED THAT HIS ANTI-HI-JACK REACTION TEAMS HAD COMPLETED WITHIN THE PAST THREE WEEKS, EXTENSIVE DRILLS ON A 727 AIRCRAFT IN A VARIETY OF SIMULATED SITUATIONS, INCLUDING A DENIED POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT.

4. (S/NOFORN) THE [REDACTED] SAID FOR A SHORT TIME THE EVENING OF 16 JUNE, HE HAD PUT HIS FORCES ON ALERT AGAINST THE EVENTUALITY THAT TWA FLIGHT 847 MIGHT DIVERT TO AMMAN ON ITS TRIP BACK FROM ALGIERS. IF THE TWA FLIGHT HAD COME TO AMMAN, [REDACTED] WOULD HAVE WELCOMED A U. S. TEAM TO "COME AND WORK WITH HIS GUYS" OR HE WOULD BE GLAD "TO TAKE OUT THE AIRCRAFT HIMSELF." HE STRESSED HOWEVER, IF THE TWA FLIGHT LANDED IN JORDAN, IT WOULD NOT TAKE OFF AGAIN.

5. (S/NOFORN) REGARDING THE CURRENT SITUATION IN BEIRUT, [REDACTED] DOES NOT BELIEVE A U. S. FORCE SHOULD TRY TO "GO IN", HE SAID THE AMAL HAS MOVED IN NUMEROUS TANKS AND APC'S TO STRATEGIC PLACES AROUND THE AIRPORT.

COMMENTS: (U)

1. [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED]

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