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E.O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: EAIR, PREL, GR
SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER HARALAMBOPOULOS ISSUES
- STATEMENT ON HIJACKING OF TWA 847

1. FOREIGN MINISTER HARALAMBOPOULOS RELEASED A
STATEMENT JUNE 18 CONCERNING THE GOG'S ROLE IN AND
REACTION TO THE HIJACKING OF TWA 847. THE REPORT
ON THAT STATEMENT CARRIED BY THE SEMI-OFFICIAL
ATHENS NEWS AGENCY IS CONVEYED IN PARA 2.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE GREEK GOVERNMENT TODAY
REITERATED ITS FIRM POSITION AGAINST TERRORISM,
AND STRESSED THAT THE PREVENTIVE MEASURES TAKEN BY
THE GREEK AUTHORITIES TO ENSURE SECURITY OF
FLIGHTS AT THE GREEK AIRPORTS WERE EQUAL TO THOSE
APPLIED IN THE OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

- THE STATEMENT WAS RELEASED BY THE FOREIGN
MINISTER TODAY, PROMPTED BY "THE DEFAMATORY
CAMPAIGN WHICH HAS BEEN LAUNCHED INTERNATIONALLY
AGAINST GREECE," DUE TO FRIDAY'S HIJACKING OF A
ROME-BOUND TWA AIRLINER SHORTLY AFTER TAKE-OFF
FROM THE ATHENS HELLENIKON AIRPORT. THE STATEMENT
SAID THAT THE CAMPAIGN HAD TAKEN ON THE FORM OF A
"CONSPIRACY AT THE EXPENSE OF OUR COUNTRY, WITH

- THE STATEMENT SAID THAT "GREECE HAS FIRM
POSITIONS ON THE ISSUE OF TERRORISM, WHICH IT HAS
REPEATEDLY CONDEMNED, AND HAS SUBSTANTIALLY
CONTRIBUTED TOWARD COMBATTING THIS PLAGUE WHICH
CONSTITUTES A PHENOMENON OF THE TIMES."

- IT NOTED THAT THE PREVENTIVE MEASURES TAKEN BY
GREEK AUTHORITIES FOR THE SECURITY OF FLIGHTS FROM
ALL THE GREEK AIRPORTS WERE THE SAME AS THOSE
IMPLEMENTED BY THE OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND
WERE STRICTLY ADHERED TO.

- THE STATEMENT POINTED OUT THAT, IN THE CASE OF
THE TWA JETLINER, SECURITY CHECKS HAD BEEN HELD
NOT ONLY BY THE GREEK AIRPORT AUTHORITIES BUT BY
THE TWA SECURITY AUTHORITIES AS WELL.

- UNFORTUNATE INCIDENTS COULD NOT BE RULED OUT
HOWEVER, THE STATEMENT SAID, EVEN WITH THE
STRICTEST SECURITY MEASURES. "THIS HAS BEEN
PROVEN IN OTHER COUNTRIES, SUCH AS FRANCE AND THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY," THE STATEMENT ADDED,
"WITHOUT HAVING A FUROR BREAK OUT AGAINST THEM AS
HAS BROKEN OUT IN GREECE."

- IT SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO TURN
OVER THE HIJACKERS' ASSOCIATE, ATWA ALY REDA, WHO
WAS ARRESTED BY THE POLICE AT THE AIRPORT SHORTLY
AFTER THE HIJACKING, HAD BEEN DICTATED EXCLUSIVELY
BY ITS CONCERN FOR THE SAFETY OF THE GREEK
PASSENGERS ON BOARD THE COMMANDEERED PLANE.

- THE STATEMENT FURTHER SAID THAT THIS ACTION

HAD BEEN ASSESSED BY EVERYONE AS HAVING
STRENGTHENED THE NEGOTIATING POSITION OF THE
ALGERIAN AUTHORITIES WITH THE HIJACKERS AND AS
HAVING CONTRIBUTED TO THE RELEASE NOT ONLY OF THE
GREEK CITIZENS AND NATIONALS BUT OF DOZENS OF
OTHER PASSENGERS OF U.S. ORIGIN.

- "IN LIGHT OF ALL THIS, GREECE CONSIDERS
UNACCEPTABLE THE DEFAMATORY CAMPAIGN PRESENTLY
GOING ON AGAINST IT," THE STATEMENT SAID, ADDING
THAT "THE GREEK GOVERNMENT WISHES TO DEVELOP THE
COUNTRY'S RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES, AND
NATURALLY WITH THE U.S., FROM WHICH,
UNFORTUNATELY, THIS CAMPAIGN WAS LAUNCHED."

- THE STATEMENT CONCLUDED THAT, "IF THESE
POLEMICS CONTINUE, THE CONSEQUENCES CAN ONLY BE
NEGATIVE." END TEXT. STEARNS
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LEADERS

1. IN ADDITION TO BARRI PRESS CONFERENCE REPORTED
SEPTEL, FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ABOUT HIJACKING APPEARED
IN BEIRUT PRESS 6/18.

2. TAWHID GUIDE SHAYKH SAID SHABAAN MET WITH IRANIAN
REVOLUTIONARY GUARDS DELEGATION. HE WELCOMED THE
DELEGATION SAYING, "THE BROTHERS IN IRAN ARE THE HOPE
OF THE MUSLIMS BECAUSE THEY DESTROYED AMERICAN
DOMINATION." HE PRAISED IMAM KHOMEINI AND SAID THAT
"THE REVOLUTION IS NOT OWNED BY ABU AMAR AND NABIH
BARRI." SHABAAN STATED THAT "HIJACKING OF AIRPLANES AS
A MEANS OF EXERTING PRESSURE FOR THE RELEASE OF THE
KIDNAPPED OR THE DETAINEES IN ISRAEL IS CONSIDERED
LEGAL. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT APPROVE OF THE KILLING OF
HOSTAGES BECAUSE KILLING OF THE INNOCENT MAKES GOD

ANGRY AND IS AGAINST THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN
RESPECT. ... NO DOUBT THE ISRAELI-AMERICAN VIOLENCE IN
OUR COUNTRY IS A CRYING INJUSTICE. WHEN AMERICA USES
HER VETO POWER, SHE IS CONSIDERED A PARTNER IN THE
CRIME, RATHER THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMES, WITH ISRAEL.
AMERICA AND ISRAEL ARE CONSIDERED THE BIGGEST COUNTRIES
WHICH PRACTICE INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. THEREFORE,
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4. PHALANGE PARTY PRESIDENT ELIE KARAMAH STATED THAT
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THE AIRPORT, WHICH IS THE FEATURE WHICH UNITES LEBANON
WITH THE WORLD. ... THE WAVE OF HIJACKINGS AND THE WAR
OF THE CAMPS HAVE INCREASED ANARCHY AND STYMIED EFFORTS
EMPLOYED TO SOLVE THE LEBANESE CRISIS." BARTHOLOMEW
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SUBJECT: PERES' REMARKS ON ICRC

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1. ~~107~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. WE HAVE SOUGHT CLARIFICATION OF PRIME MINISTER PERES' REMARKS REPORTED IN ISRAEL MEDIA REGARDING ANY DEMARCHE BY THE ICRC ON THE HIJACKING. THESE MEDIA REPORTS QUOTED PERES AS HAVING SAID IN A JUNE 18 ADDRESS AT A HIGH SCHOOL NEAR HAIFA THAT "IF THE RED CROSS APPEALS TO US, WE WILL RECEIVE ITS MEN AND WE WILL HEAR THEM OUT."

3. NIMROD NOVIK, PERES' POLITICAL ADVISOR, AFTER CHECKING WITH PERES, HAS JUST CONFIRMED TO US THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S REFERENCE TO THE ICRC IN NO WAY SIGNALLED ANY MODIFICATION WHATSOEVER IN THE CURRENT GOI POSITION. NOVIK STRESSED THAT THE PM'S STATEMENT SHOULD BE TAKEN AT ITS FACE VALUE; I. E., THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL IS PREPARED TO RECEIVE ICRC REPRESENTATIVES AND TO HEAR WHATEVER THEY HAVE TO SAY. NOTHING BEYOND THIS READINESS TO LISTEN SHOULD BE READ INTO THE PM'S REMARKS, NOVIK CONCLUDED.

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AMAL LEADER NABIH BARRI.

1. ~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. BACKGROUND: WITH TWA 847 ON THE GROUND IN BEIRUT AND
SOME 43 AMCT PASSENGERS REMOVED TO AN UNDISCLOSED
LOCATION IN BEIRUT, AMAL LEADER NABIH BARRI HAS BECOME
THE FOCAL POINT FOR BOTH NEGOTIATIONS AND DECISION-MAKING
REGARDING THE OUTCOME OF THIS LATEST TERRORIST EVENT.

3. WE BELIEVE THAT HE AND THE HIJACKERS MUST BE BROUGHT
TO UNDERSTAND THAT SCHEMING TO TRADE THE HIJACKED
PASSENGERS FOR ANSAR PRISONERS SIMPLY WILL NOT WORK.
PROMPT RESOLUTION OF THIS AFFAIR IS AFTER ALL IN BARRI'S
INTEREST, AS IT IS IN THE INTERESTS OF ALL LEBANESE WHOSE
REPUTATION AS A CIVILIZED PEOPLE IS AT STAKE.

4. WE ARE WORKING HARD TO STRENGTHEN BARRI'S WILL TO
TAKE THE NECESSARY DECISIONS AND STEPS TO SECURE THE SAFE
RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES. HE MUST UNDERSTAND THAT THE USG
WILL NOT GIVE IN TO TERRORIST DEMANDS. WE NEED OTHERS TO
WEIGH IN TO UNDERSCORE FOR BARRI AND FOR OTHER KEY
GOVERNMENTAL, POLITICAL, AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS TO
CONVINCE THEM OF THE NECESSITY OF PROMPT ACTION TO
RELEASE THE HOSTAGES WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY.

5. ACTION ADDRESSEES SHOULD SEEK THE EARLIEST

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OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING DEMARCHE TO HOST
GOVERNMENTS. USUN SHOULD PASS SAME MESSAGE TO SYG.

BEGIN TALKING POINTS:

-- TWA FLIGHT 847 IS NOW ON THE GROUND IN BEIRUT. NABIH
BARRI HAS TOLD US THE PASSENGERS HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM

WITH AMAL PERSONNEL PRESENT TO ASSURE THE SAFETY OF THE
PASSENGERS.

-- THE USG' POSITION ON TERRORISM HAS NOT CHANGED: WE
WILL NOT GIVE IN TO TERRORIST DEMANDS, AND WE WILL NOT
PRESS OTHERS TO DO SO.

-- AMAL LEADER NABIH BARRI HAS FINALLY AND ONLY
RELUCTANTLY TAKEN THE CENTRAL ROLE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH
THE HIJACKERS TO RESOLVE THE CRISIS. IT IS CRUCIAL THAT
HE BE CONVINCED TO FOCUS IN THIS TASK ON SECURING THE
SAFE RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES RATHER THAN ON SECURING THE
RELEASE OF PRISONERS IN ISRAEL AS A QUID PRO QUO.

-- BARRI SHOULD BE UNDER NO ILLUSION THAT THE GOAL OF
OBTAINING THE RELEASE OF THE LEBANESE PRISONERS IN
LEBANON CAN BE ACHIEVED BY HOLDING INNOCENT PASSENGERS
HOSTAGE AT THE POINT OF A GUN.

-- WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL USE YOUR OWN CONTACTS WITH BARRI
TO IMPRESS UPON HIM THE IMPORTANCE TO HIS INTERNATIONAL
REPUTATION THAT THE APPEARANCE OF COOPERATION WITH THE
HIJACKERS ENTAILS, AND TO RESTATE YOUR OWN FIRM
OPPOSITION TO SUCH ACTS OF TERRORISM.

-- WE URGE YOU TO REINFORCE TO BARRI THAT US POLICY
AGAINST MAKING CONCESSIONS TO HIJACKERS OR ENCOURAGING
OTHERS TO DO SO IS ROCK SOLID. YOU MAY POINT OUT THAT WE
HAVE PREVIOUSLY STATED OUR POSITION THAT THE TRANSFER OF
THE LEBANESE PRISONERS TO ISRAEL IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE
FOURTH GENEVA CONVENTION, AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF
ISRAEL IS WELL AWARE OF OUR POSITION. YOU MAY ALSO TELL
HIM THAT THE PROCESS OF RELEASING THE LEBANESE PRISONERS
HAD BEGUN PRIOR TO THE HIJACKING, AS BARRI WELL KNOWS,
AND THIS TERRORIST ACT ONLY IMPEDES A CONTINUATION OF
THAT PROCESS.

-- BARRI NEEDS ALSO TO UNDERSTAND THAT AS A MATTER OF
POLICY THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS DOES NOT/NOT NEGOTIATE
PRISONER RELEASES. RATHER, IT IS PREPARED UNDER CERTAIN
CIRCUMSTANCES TO SERVE AS AN AGENT TO HANDLE THE RELEASE
AFTER/AFTER IT HAS BEEN NEGOTIATED BY THE PARTIES. THIS
IS A WELL-ESTABLISHED AND LONG-STANDING ICRC POLICY, AND
ICRC IS NOT/NOT PREPARED TO ACT AS A NEGOTIATOR IN THIS
SPECIFIC CASE OR IN ANY OTHER SET OF SIMILAR
CIRCUMSTANCES. (FYI: AS AN EXAMPLE, YOU MIGHT USE THE
RECENT ISRAELI/PFLP-GC PRISONER EXCHANGE, IN WHICH THE
ICRC ASSISTED IN THE ACTUAL EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS, BUT
ONLY AFTER A DEAL HAD BEEN NEGOTIATED BY OTHER PARTIES.)

-- BARRI NEEDS TO UNDERSTAND THAT HIJACKING IS
UNACCEPTABLE TO RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENTS AND THE CIVILIZED
WORLD. , HOWEVER MUCH HE MAY AGREE WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF
THE HIJACKERS, AND WHATEVER THE PRESSURES THAT HE MAY BE
UNDER FROM WITHIN THE SHIITE COMMUNITY, HE CANNOT APPEAR
FROM THE INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE TO BE SYMPATHETIC WITH
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E. O. 12356: DECL OADR
TAGS: PTER, EAIR, LE
SUBJECT: HIJACKING OF TWA 847 MOBILIZING PRESSURE ON
AMAL LEADER NABIH BARRI.

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2. BACKGROUND: WITH TWA 847 ON THE GROUND IN BEIRUT AND
SOME 43 AMCIT PASSENGERS REMOVED TO AN UNDISCLOSED
LOCATION IN BEIRUT, AMAL LEADER NABIH BARRI HAS BECOME
THE FOCAL POINT FOR BOTH NEGOTIATIONS AND DECISION-MAKING
REGARDING THE OUTCOME OF THIS LATEST TERRORIST EVENT.

3. WE BELIEVE THAT HE AND THE HIJACKERS MUST BE BROUGHT
TO UNDERSTAND THAT SCHEMING TO TRADE THE HIJACKED
PASSENGERS FOR ANSAR PRISONERS SIMPLY WILL NOT WORK.
PROMPT RESOLUTION OF THIS AFFAIR IS AFTER ALL IN BARRI'S
INTEREST, AS IT IS IN THE INTERESTS OF ALL LEBANESE WHOSE
REPUTATION AS A CIVILIZED PEOPLE IS AT STAKE.

4. WE ARE WORKING HARD TO STRENGTHEN BARRI'S WILL TO
TAKE THE NECESSARY DECISIONS AND STEPS TO SECURE THE SAFE
RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES. HE MUST UNDERSTAND THAT THE USG
WILL NOT GIVE IN TO TERRORIST DEMANDS. WE NEED OTHERS TO
WEIGH IN TO UNDERScore FOR BARRI AND FOR OTHER KEY
GOVERNMENTAL, POLITICAL, AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS TO
CONVINCE THEM OF THE NECESSITY OF PROMPT ACTION TO
RELEASE THE HOSTAGES WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY.

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5. ACTION ADDRESSEES SHOULD SEEK THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING DEMARCHE TO HOST GOVERNMENTS. USUN SHOULD PASS SAME MESSAGE TO SYG.

BEGIN TALKING POINTS:

-- TWA FLIGHT 847 IS NOW ON THE GROUND IN BEIRUT. NABIH BARRI HAS TOLD US THE PASSENGERS HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE AIRCRAFT AND ARE IN THE CUSTODY OF THE HIJACKERS, WITH AMAL PERSONNEL PRESENT TO ASSURE THE SAFETY OF THE PASSENGERS.

-- THE USG' POSITION ON TERRORISM HAS NOT CHANGED: WE WILL NOT GIVE IN TO TERRORIST DEMANDS, AND WE WILL NOT PRESS OTHERS TO DO SO.

-- AMAL LEADER NABIH BARRI HAS FINALLY AND ONLY RELUCTANTLY TAKEN THE CENTRAL ROLE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE HIJACKERS TO RESOLVE THE CRISIS. IT IS CRUCIAL THAT HE BE CONVINCED TO FOCUS IN THIS TASK ON SECURING THE SAFE RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES RATHER THAN ON SECURING THE RELEASE OF PRISONERS IN ISRAEL AS A QUID PRO QUO.

-- BARRI SHOULD BE UNDER NO ILLUSION THAT THE GOAL OF OBTAINING THE RELEASE OF THE LEBANESE PRISONERS IN LEBANON CAN BE ACHIEVED BY HOLDING INNOCENT PASSENGERS HOSTAGE AT THE POINT OF A GUN.

-- WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL USE YOUR OWN CONTACTS WITH BARRI TO IMPRESS UPON HIM THE IMPORTANCE TO HIS INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION THAT THE APPEARANCE OF COOPERATION WITH THE HIJACKERS ENTAILS, AND TO RESTATE YOUR OWN FIRM OPPOSITION TO SUCH ACTS OF TERRORISM.

-- WE URGE YOU TO REINFORCE TO BARRI THAT US POLICY AGAINST MAKING CONCESSIONS TO HIJACKERS OR ENCOURAGING OTHERS TO DO SO IS ROCK SOLID. YOU MAY POINT OUT THAT WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY STATED OUR POSITION THAT THE TRANSFER OF THE LEBANESE PRISONERS TO ISRAEL IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE FOURTH GENEVA CONVENTION, AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL IS WELL AWARE OF OUR POSITION. YOU MAY ALSO TELL HIM THAT THE PROCESS OF RELEASING THE LEBANESE PRISONERS HAD BEGUN PRIOR TO THE HIJACKING, AS BARRI WELL KNOWS, AND THIS TERRORIST ACT ONLY IMPEDES A CONTINUATION OF THAT PROCESS.

-- BARRI NEEDS ALSO TO UNDERSTAND THAT AS A MATTER OF POLICY THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS DOES NOT/NOT NEGOTIATE PRISONER RELEASES. RATHER, IT IS PREPARED UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES TO SERVE AS AN AGENT TO HANDLE THE RELEASE AFTER/AFTER IT HAS BEEN NEGOTIATED BY THE PARTIES. THIS IS A WELL-ESTABLISHED AND LONG-STANDING ICRC POLICY, AND ICRC IS NOT/NOT PREPARED TO ACT AS A NEGOTIATOR IN THIS SPECIFIC CASE OR IN ANY OTHER SET OF SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES. (FYI: AS AN EXAMPLE, YOU MIGHT USE THE RECENT ISRAELI/PFLP-GC PRISONER EXCHANGE, IN WHICH THE ICRC ASSISTED IN THE ACTUAL EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS, BUT ONLY AFTER A DEAL HAD BEEN NEGOTIATED BY OTHER PARTIES.)

-- BARRI NEEDS TO UNDERSTAND THAT HIJACKING IS UNACCEPTABLE TO RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENTS AND THE CIVILIZED WORLD. HOWEVER MUCH HE MAY AGREE WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF THE HIJACKERS, AND WHATEVER THE PRESSURES THAT HE MAY BE UNDER FROM WITHIN THE SHIITE COMMUNITY, HE CANNOT APPEAR FROM THE INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE TO BE SYMPATHETIC WITH TERRORISTS WHO HAVE ALREADY BRUTALLY MURDERED AN INNOCENT PASSENGER AND WHO HAVE SYSTEMATICALLY LOOTED AND

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TAGS: CASC, CPAS, PTER, EAIR
SUBJECT: STATUS OF PASSENGERS FROM TWA 847

REF: STATE 184172, PARIS 24598, PARIS 24593

1. FOLLOWING PASSENGERS WHOM TWA BROUGHT TO PARIS FOR REST AND RECUPERATION AT CONCORDE-LAFAYETTE HOTEL (SEE REFTELS), HAVE DEPARTED FOR HOMES IN USA FOR VARIOUS DESTINATIONS. TWA PROVIDED THEM WITH NECESSARY FLIGHT ACCOMODATIONS AND ALSO ARRANGED THAT TWA REPRESENTATIVES BE ON HAND AT EACH PORT OF ENTRY TO ASSIST AND FACILITATE ONWARD TRAVEL. EMBASSY CONTACTED US IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES AT APPROPRIATE PORTS OF ENTRY TO ASSURE PASSPORT WAIVERS AND EXPEDITIOUS ADMISSION PROCEDURES.

2. DEPARTED SUNDAY JUNE 16:

ARGYRIS, HELEN
CARPIO, ISABEL
COSTOLUPES, ESTELLE
LASCARIDES, PENNY
TOGA, DEBORAH

3. DEPARTED MONDAY JUNE 17:

ASHMORE, ANN S.
ASHMORE, GRACIE ARLENE
BALT, (#)
BALT, EVELYN
BALT, STAN
BAMFORD, PENNY ADELE
BARNES, SHARON E.
CATALDO, JANINE KAY
COCORIS, WILLIAM
COOKE, CHRISTINE J.
DELGADO, JOSE L.
DELGADO, GISELA B.
GARZA, ADRIANA R.
GARZA, IRMA B.
HARRIS, BENJAMIN M.

HARRIS, MARYLEE
KAWALCZYK, DELORES C.
KAWALCZYK, SOPHIE
LEBER, AGNES R.
LIEBST, EDWARD G.
LIEBST, MARIE
MC LOUGHLIN, LORETTA
NOVAK, JANET
NOVAK, EDWARD R.
PALESSE, MARY JO
PORTER, DOUGLAS
PORTER, GENEVIEVE
RICE, PAMELA A.
SCHWARTZ, MAURI
SCIBETTA, FRANK
SCIBETTA, JOSEPHINE
SUMMERS, ANN
SYNNESTVEOT, JANE SHARP
TRAUTMANN, SUSAN ASHLEY
TRAUTMANN, KATHERINE ANN
TRAUTMANN, IRMA G.
TRESSLER, DOROTHE E.
TURNER, ARLENE
VARELOGIANNIS, CHRISTOS
WALSH, KATHLEEN
WALSH, FRANCIS
ZILLGITT, GAIL

4. DEPARTED TUESDAY JUNE 18:

CHUDIGIAN, JUDITH L.
LANHAM, KENNETH (PPT ISSUED 6/17)
MAZUROWSKI, JOHN
MAZUROWSKI, EMILY

MAZUROWSKI, MELISSA
SUKFORTH, PAULA

5. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE PASSENGERS WHO DEPARTED FOR USA, FOLLOWING HAVE CALLED AT EMBASSY FOR ISSUANCE OF PASSPORTS WITH PLANS EITHER TO REMAIN IN PARIS, TRAVEL ELSEWHERE IN EUROPE, OR DECIDE TO RETURN TO USA AT TIME OF THEIR CHOOSING:

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DORIS, GENEVIEVE
DORIS, MARTHA

ISSUED 6/18:

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BYRON, PAMELA
PALMER, JO DON
PALMER, SAMMIE D.
WEBER, BURTON
WEBER, PATRICIA
WEBER, LYNN
WEBER, MARI-PAT

6. POST IS COMPILING PRECISE LIST OF PASSENGERS
REMAINING IN PARIS AND WILL CABLE AS SOON AS
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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: PTER, CASC, LE, US
SUBJECT: THREE RELEASED TWA PASSENGERS LEAVE LEBANON
VIA SUNBOAT

REF: BEIRUT 3587

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2. GREEK AMB CALLED DCM AT 1820 LOCAL TO INFORM HIM THAT RUSSOS (GREEK CITIZEN), SMITH (AMCIT), AND TARGONPSIDIS (AMCIT) WERE ABOARD THE SUNBOAT IN JUNIYAH (EAST BEIRUT SUBURB) AND DEPARTURE FOR CYPRUS WAS IMMINENT. HE SUBSEQUENTLY SAID BOAT HAD DEPARTED; HE ESTIMATED ARRIVAL IN LARNACA AT 0700-0800 TOMORROW, JUNE 19. ALL THREE HAVE THEIR PASSPORTS, BUT NO MONEY OR PERSONAL BELONGINGS. GREEK AMB SAID GREEK EMBASSY OFFICIALS WOULD MEET ALL THREE AND ASSIST IN ONWARD TRANSPORTATION TO ATHENS.

3. ACCORDING TO GREEK AMB, ALL THREE ARE IN GOOD SHAPE. THEY WERE WELL TREATED. ALL THREE WERE AMONG THOSE TAKEN OFF THE AIRCRAFT IN BEIRUT 6/15. TARGONPSIDIS WAS HELD WITH A GROUP OF FOUR OTHERS IN ONE HOUSE. RUSSO AND SMITH WERE TAKEN OFF THE PLANE WITH FIVE OTHERS, BUT WERE THEN SEPARATED FROM THE FIVE AND HELD SEPARATELY. RUSSO AND SMITH REPORT THEY WERE WELL TREATED, WELL FED, AND ASSURED OF THEIR SAFETY BY THEIR CAPTORS.

5. FOR NICOSIA. GREEK AMB STRESSED THAT GREEK EMBASSY IN NICOSIA WAS HANDLING ALL DETAILS OF THEIR TRANSFER TO ATHENS. NEVERTHELESS, WE SUGGEST EMBASSY CONTACT GREEK EMBASSY AND ARRANGE TO MEET AND ASSIST TARGONPSIDIS AND SMITH IN LARNACA. THEY HAVE NO MONEY OR SPARE CLOTHING. PLEASE DETERMINE FLIGHT INFO FOR TARGONPSIDIS AND INFORM ATHENS SO THEY CAN COORDINATE WITH GREEK MFA TO MEET HIM AT AIRPORT.

6. FOR ATHENS. GREEK AMB HAS INFORMED GREEK MFA AND ASSURES US ALL ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE. HE SUGGESTS YOU CONTACT GREEK MFA. SUGGEST YOU MEET AND

ASSIST AT THE TIME PROVIDED BY NICOSIA. BARTHOLOMEW
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TAGS: PREL, PGOV, PTER, IS, US

SUBJECT: ISRAELI GOVERNMENT MAINTAINS SAME
- LOW-PROFILE POLICY ON TWA HIJACKING

REF: TEL AVIV 8993

1. (C) SUMMARY/COMMENT

THE ISRAELI POSITION ON DETAINEE RELEASE -- AS
TOLD TO US AND AS BACKGROUNDED TO THE PRESS --
REMAINS UNCHANGED: WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER
PROPOSALS, BUT UNWILLINGNESS TO TAKE UNILATERAL
ACTION IN RESPONSE TO HIJACKER DEMANDS WITHOUT A

REQUEST FROM THE U.S. ISRAELI OFFICIALS HAVE
REITERATED THE GOI INTENTION EVENTUALLY TO RELEASE
THE DETAINEES, BUT NOT IN RESPONSE TO TERRORIST
PRESSURE. MEANWHILE, EDITORIAL OPINION AGAINST
GIVING IN TO BLACKMAIL IS GROWING, AS IS
SPECULATION THAT THE ISRAELI POW EXCHANGE LED TO
THE TWA HIJACK. THAT MAKES RELEASE AN
UNCOMFORTABLE OPTION FOR THE GOI. NEVERTHELESS,
ALL SIGNALS CONTINUE TO BE THAT THE ISRAELIS WOULD
RESPOND FAVORABLY TO A HIGH-LEVEL U.S. REQUEST FOR
DETAINEE RELEASE. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) ISRAEL CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN ITS LOW PUBLIC
PROFILE ON THE TWA HIJACKING CASE. PRIME MINISTER
PERES REFLECTED THIS POSTURE WHEN HE TOLD A HAIFA
AUDIENCE THAT HE "WOULD REFRAIN FROM MAKING ANY
STATEMENTS LIABLE TO DISRUPT NEGOTIATIONS." HE
SAID, "ISRAEL WAS NOT MAINTAINING ANY CONTACTS
CONCERNING THE HIJACKED AIRLINER IN BEIRUT.
ISRAELI INVOLVEMENT IS NOT REQUIRED; IT MIGHT EVEN
BE HARMFUL."

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3. IN ADDITION, SASSOT SAID THAT SPANISH AMBASSADOR HAD MET OR SPOKEN TWICE WITH BARRI IN RECENT DAYS CONCERNING HIJACKERS' DEMAND FOR RELEASE OF TWO SHIA PRISONERS IN SPAIN. GOS HAD REFUSED TO ACCEDE TO HIJACKERS' DEMAND, POINTING OUT TO BARRI THAT THEY WERE BEFORE THE COURT AND GOS HANDS WERE TIED. SASSOT WENT ON TO SAY TO THAT HE HAD AUTHORIZED AMBASSADOR TO HOLD OUT POSSIBILITY THAT THESE TWO PRISONERS, ASSUMING THEY WERE CONVICTED AND BARRI WAS ABLE TO RESOLVE HIJACKING PROBLEM IN SATISFACTORY MANNER, MIGHT

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