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E.O. 12356: NA  
TAGS: PTER, PGDV, CASC, LE, US, GR  
SUBJECT: NABIH BARRI'S JUNE 18 PRESS CONFERENCE

1. THERE FOLLOWS, FYI, INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION  
OF THE TEXT OF NABIH BARRI'S JUNE 18 PRESS  
CONFERENCE, AS PROVIDED BY THE "NATIONAL NEWS  
AGENCY" IN ARABIC. SINCE MANY OF THE REMARKS WERE  
ORIGINALLY IN ENGLISH OR FRENCH, WE HOPE  
EVENTUALLY TO HAVE A MORE EXACT VERSION.

2. BEGIN TEXT.

BARRI: TO FACILITATE THE END OF THE AIRPLANE  
HIJACKING AND THE DETAINEES IN THE ISRAELI PRISON IN  
ATLIT, WE FOUND IT WAS OUR HUMANITARIAN DUTY TO  
CONVINCE THE HIJACKERS TO TAKE AN INITIATIVE OF GOOD  
WILL AND RELEASE SOME OF THOSE PASSENGERS. BEFORE  
YOU NOW ARE THE GREEK SINGER AND HIS FIANCEE, A  
THIRD PERSON OF AMERICAN NATIONALITY, AND HIS  
EXCELLENCY THE AMBASSADOR OF GREECE, WHOM WE INVITED  
TO COME AND RECEIVE THE THREE "BROTHERS" TO ALLOW  
THEM PROCEED ALONG THE ROUTE THAT THEY WANT.

WITHIN THIS FRAMEWORK, I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS TO  
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND SAY THAT THE UNITED STATES  
GOVERNMENT HAS NOT SO FAR FELT ANY DUTY, IN SPITE OF  
THE FACT THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN RECEIVED THE LETTER  
WHICH WAS SENT TO HIM BY THE AMERICAN TRAVELERS, AND  
HAS NOT UNDERTAKEN ANY RESPONSIBILITY TO SAVE THOSE  
PASSENGERS AND THE DETAINEES IN ATLIT, TOO. FOR  
INSTANCE, THEY ARE TRYING TO CHARGE NABIH BARRI AND  
THE AMAL MOVEMENT, KNOWING THAT WE HAVE CLARIFIED  
THAT WE ARE MEDIATORS FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE  
LIVES OF INNOCENT PEOPLE. HOWEVER, AT THE SAME  
TIME, WE ARE A PRINCIPLE PARTY WITH RESPECT TO THE  
DETAINEES IN ATLIT. WE ARE NOT MEDIATORS WITH  
RESPECT TO THIS MATTER. WE SUPPORT THE HIJACKERS'

DEMAND FOR THE RELEASE OF THE DETAINEES FROM ATLIT,  
AND AT THE SAME TIME SUPPORT THE PROTECTION OF THE  
LIVES OF INNOCENT PEOPLE, SOME OF WHOM YOU HAVE  
BEFORE YOU. AS OF NOW, THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT  
UNDERTAKEN THIS DUTY OF ASKING ISRAEL TO RELEASE THE  
DETAINEES IN HER POSSESSION. NOW I LEAVE YOU WITH  
THE THREE "BROTHERS."

DEMIS RUSSOS: WHEN WE GOT OFF THE PLANE, IT WAS  
NIGHT, AND WE DID NOT SEE MUCH. THEN WE WERE  
TRANSPORTED TO ONE OF THE HOUSES WHERE WE SPENT OUR  
DAY YESTERDAY. THE ONLY THING I CAN SAY IS THAT I  
LIVED GOOD MOMENTS. THOSE PEOPLE TOOK CARE OF ME IN  
A WAY YOU CANNOT IMAGINE. THEY ASKED ME TO SING FOR  
THEM, AND I HAD NO REASON NOT TO DO SO. THEY WERE  
POLITE AND KIND WITH ME. THEY OFFERED ME A BIRTHDAY  
CAKE, AND I SANG FOR THEM.

JOURNALIST: WERE THERE ANY JEWS REMOVED FROM THE  
AIRPLANE?

RUSSOS: NO, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT, AND I DIDN'T  
SEE ANYTHING.

BARRI: THE BALL IS NOW IN THE COURT OF THE AMERICAN  
ADMINISTRATION, WHICH REFUSES TO EXERT PRESSURE ON  
ISRAEL WHICH KIDNAPPED ALL THE ANSAR DETAINEES AND  
TOOK THEM TO ATLIT. WHAT IS REQUESTED NOW FROM  
ISRAEL IS TO RELEASE THE LEBANESE SO THAT I CAN  
CONTINUE PRESSING FOR THE RELEASE OF THE KIDNAPPED  
AMERICANS. IN THE EVENT ISRAEL DOES NOT RELEASE  
THEM, I, AS A MEDIATOR, WILL TAKE MY HANDS OFF THIS  
SUBJECT. THE AMAL MOVEMENT WILL NOT BE CONCERNED  
THEN. KNOWING THAT, I REITERATE AND ASSERT THAT I  
AM A MEDIATOR FOR THE PROTECTION OF INNOCENT PEOPLE,  
BUT NOT A MEDIATOR ON THE SUBJECT OF ATLIT. THIS  
SUBJECT IS A MATTER OF RIGHT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
INTERNATIONAL LAW AND HUMANITARIAN VALUES. THERE IS  
NO DIFFERENCE AT ALL BETWEEN THOSE WHO ARE IN ATLIT  
AND THOSE WHO IN THE HIJACKED AIRLINER.

END TEXT.

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT ASSAD

1. ~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. HERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT  
TO PRESIDENT ASSAD. PLEASE DELIVER AT EARLIEST  
OPPORTUNITY. NO SIGNED ORIGINAL WILL FOLLOW.

BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

-- I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR RESPONSE TO MY LETTER OF JUNE  
17 AND APPRECIATE YOUR PERSONAL RECOGNITION OF THE  
SERIOUSNESS OF THIS MATTER AND YOUR WILLINGNESS TO  
HELP IN ITS RESOLUTION. WE ARE PRESENTED WITH YET  
ANOTHER ACT OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. IT IS IN OUR  
COMMON INTEREST THAT IT BE RESOLVED PROMPTLY. IT  
SEEMS TO ME THAT THE ELEMENTS OF A SOLUTION MAY BE AT  
HAND IF WE DEAL SOBERLY WITH THE FACTS WHICH ARE  
MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS.

-- YESTERDAY, MR. BARRI, TO HIS CREDIT, TOOK RESPONSIBILITY FOR MOST OF THE HOSTAGES. THEY ARE IN HIS CARE AND HE IS IN A POSITION TO RELEASE THEM. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT HE DO SO NOW. TO DO OTHERWISE, CAN ONLY EXPOSE MR. BARRI TO THE ONUS OF ASSOCIATION WITH THE ORIGINAL TERRORIST PURPOSES. THIS IS NEITHER IN HIS LONG-TERM INTEREST NOR CAN IT CONTRIBUTE TO HIS IMMEDIATE GOAL OF SECURING THE RELEASE OF THE PRISONERS HELD BY ISRAEL.

-- IN YOUR MESSAGE YOU ASKED FOR A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF MY EXPECTATIONS REGARDING ISRAEL'S INTENTIONS TOWARD THE RELEASE OF THOSE PRISONERS. AS I STATED, ISRAELI OFFICIALS HAVE MADE CLEAR IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS BEFORE THE HIJACKING TOOK PLACE THAT THEY INTENDED AN EARLY RELEASE OF THE

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PRISONERS. THEY HAVE SAID NOTHING TO INDICATE A CHANGE IN THIS FUNDAMENTAL DISPOSITION. IT SEEMS EQUALLY CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT MR. BARRI'S ACTIONS, AND SPECIFICALLY HIS ASSOCIATION OF ISRAEL'S DECISION WITH THE TERRORIST DEMANDS, PLACES IN JEOPARDY THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THAT GOAL. NO RESPONSIBLE STATE CAN YIELD TO TERRORIST DEMANDS. WE SHALL NOT DO SO OURSELVES NOR WILL WE ENCOURAGE OTHERS. TO ACT OTHERWISE WOULD CLEARLY VINDICATE TERRORIST TACTICS AND INVITE FURTHER ATTACKS. THIS WE SHALL NOT DO.

-- IN THE IMMEDIATE CIRCUMSTANCES THEN, WHAT IS NECESSARY IS TO DISASSOCIATE THE RELEASE OF THOSE HELD HOSTAGE IN BEIRUT FROM THE FATE OF THE PRISONERS IN ISRAEL. THAT SEEMS TO ME ENTIRELY FEASIBLE. THE FIRST ACT MUST BE FOR MR. BARRI TO RELEASE ALL HOSTAGES NOW HELD FROM TWA FLIGHT NUMBER 847. ONCE THEIR RELEASE IS ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT PUBLIC PRECONDITION, ISRAEL WILL BE FREE ONCE MORE TO TAKE DECISIONS WITHOUT ANY ASSOCIATION WITH EVENTS IN LEBANON. UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES WE WOULD EXPECT ISRAEL TO FULFILL HER PUBLIC COMMITMENTS TO THE EARLY RELEASE OF THE PRISONERS. THIS EXPECTATION ON OUR PART WILL BE REAFFIRMED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL. BUT I MUST STRESS, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT SUCH AN OUTCOME CANNOT PROCEED WITHOUT CLEAR DELINKAGE OF THE TWO EVENTS. SO THE NEXT STEP IS FOR MR. BARRI TO RELEASE THOSE TAKEN HOSTAGE FROM THE AIRCRAFT. ONLY THEN, CAN ISRAEL TAKE THE NECESSARY INDEPENDENT DECISIONS IN FULFILLMENT OF ITS PRIOR PUBLIC PLEDGE.

-- MR. PRESIDENT, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THIS MATTER BE PROMPTLY AND SUCCESSFULLY RESOLVED IF WE ARE TO FURTHER OUR COMMON INTEREST IN RIDDING THE WORLD OF THE SCOURGE OF TERRORISM. I BELIEVE THAT TOGETHER WE HAVE BEFORE

US THE MEANS TO DO SO. I WELCOME YOUR GOOD FAITH EFFORTS AND PLEDGE MY RECIPROCAL INTERVENTION SO THAT THIS MAY BECOME AN OCCASION FOR NOT ONLY THE PROPER DISPOSITION OF THIS MATTER BUT IN ADDITION AN ELEMENT IN THE FOUNDATION OF IMPROVING BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND THE CAUSE OF PEACE IN THE REGION. I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR REPLY. END TEXT.

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REF : STATE 185674

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2. FOLLOWING RECEIPT REFTEL, I MET WITH CHIEF OF ROYAL DIWAN MARWAN KASEM WHO HAS SERVED AS INTER-MEDIARY BETWEEN EMBASSY AND THE CROWN PRINCE (AS REGENT) DURING EARLY DAYS OF THE HIJACKING. KASEM SAID THAT KING HUSSEIN, WHO RETURNED TO JORDAN TWO DAYS AGO, REMAINS EXTREMELY UPSET BY THE NEW ROUND OF HIJACKINGS AND PARTICULARLY THE HIJACKING OF TWA 847 HAS UNFOLDED.

3. KASEM SAID THE KING CONVENED A GROUP OF SENIOR ADVISORS THE NIGHT HE RETURNED (JUNE 16) AND INSTRUCTED THEM ON JUNE 17 TO ATTEMPT TO REACH ANY OF THEIR CONTACTS IN BEIRUT WHO MIGHT HELP BRING THIS MOST RECENT EPISODE TO A QUICK AND NON-VIOLENT END. HE THOUGHT BARRI HAD ALREADY BEEN CALLED AND PROMISED TO GET A MORE DEFINITE READ-OUT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. HE SAID THE MESSAGE FROM THE KING TO BARRI AND OTHERS HAD BEEN THAT IF THEY HAD ANY HOPE FOR THEIR OWN FUTURE, THEY SHOULD BRING THE HIJACKING AND HOSTAGE SITUATION TO A PEACEFUL NON-VIOLENT CLOSE BY IMMEDIATELY RELEASING THE HOSTAGES.

4. KASEM ADDED THE KING HAD FURTHER INSTRUCTED THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO MAKE "HIJACKING" A MAJOR TOPIC OF DISCUSSION AT THE JUNE 24 MEETING OF ARAB LEAGUE FOREIGN MINISTERS IN TUNIS. THE KING WANTS ARAB STATES THROUGH THE LEAGUE TO ADOPT A CLEAR AND TOUGH POLICY THAT ALL ARAB STATES WILL FOLLOW REGARDLESS OF THE POLITICAL MOTIVES ESPOUSED BY THE HIJACKERS.

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SUBJECT: HIJACKING TWA FLIGHT 847: CONTINGENCY PLAN  
FOR RELEASE OF FINAL GROUP OF HOSTAGES

DEPT IS MAKING PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRAVEL OF  
FINAL GROUP OF HOSTAGES AS A LONG RANGE CONTINGENCY  
PLAN. WE ANTICIPATE DOD WILL FLY RETURNEES VIA MILITARY  
AIR FROM CYPRUS TO A MILITARY HOSPITAL IN EUROPE FOR  
MEDICAL CHECK/DEBRIEF. AFTER RELEASE, FLY FROM EUROPE TO  
CONUS PRESUMABLY VIA TWA. IN EUROPE, EUCOM (EUROPEAN  
COMMAND) WILL HANDLE. THIS IS A PRELIMINARY  
RECOMMENDATION UNTIL THE RELEASE OCCURS. PLEASE ADVISE  
IF POST ANTICIPATES ADDITIONAL CONSULAR STAFFING NEEDS  
FOR ASSISTANCE TO REMAINING HOSTAGES. SHULTZ  
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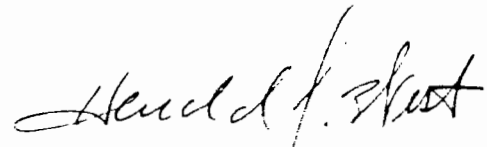
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MR PRESIDENT

I FEEL I WANT TO EXPRESS TO YOU FEELINGS OF ANXIETY AND DISTRESS  
FOR THE AMERICAN CITIZENS KEPT IN CAPTIVITY BY HIGHJACKERS.

I PRAY TOGOD FOR THEIR SAFE RELEASE.

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