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SUBJECT: TWA HIJACKING WORKING GROUP SITUATION REPORT
- NO. 10 AS OF 1700 EDT JUNE 18, 1985

1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. THREE HOSTAGES FROM TWA FLIGHT 847 WERE RELEASED TO THE GREEK AMBASSADOR IN BEIRUT: GREEK SINGER DMITRIOS RUSSOS, PAMELA SMITH AND ATHANASIS TARGONTSIDIS (BOTH U.S. CITIZENS). THE THREE WILL ARRIVE IN CYPRUS TOMORROW MORNING BY FERRY.

3. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE RELEASE OF THE THREE, AMAL LEADER NABIH BERRI SAID THE U.S. "HAS NOT UNDERTAKEN THIS DUTY OF ASKING ISRAEL TO RELEASE THE DETAINEES IN HER POSSESSION." EMBASSY TEL AVIV REPORTED THAT THE ISRAELI POSITION REMAINS UNCHANGED: WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER PROPOSALS, BUT UNWILLINGNESS TO TAKE UNILATERAL ACTION IN RESPONSE TO HIJACKER DEMANDS WITHOUT A REQUEST FROM THE U.S. THE EMBASSY ALSO CLARIFIED THAT

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THE ISRAELIS ARE WILLING TO LISTEN TO ICRC REPRESENTATIVES, BUT NOTHING MORE SHOULD BE READ INTO THIS WILLINGNESS TO LISTEN.

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5. THE DEPARTMENT ISSUED A TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR ATHENS AIRPORT, NOTING THAT AN "ABOVE AVERAGE POTENTIAL FOR TERRORISM EXISTS" THERE. THE GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER, IN A STATEMENT ISSUED BEFORE THE TRAVEL ADVISORY, DEFENDED SECURITY AT THE AIRPORT AND COMPLAINED ABOUT THE "DEFAMATORY CAMPAIGN WHICH HAS BEEN LAUNCHED INTERNATIONALLY AGAINST GREECE.

6. THE DEPARTMENT IS CONTINUING TO URGE THE ALGERIANS AND SYRIANS TO MAKE MAXIMUM EFFORTS TO BRING THE HOSTAGE INCIDENT TO A CLOSE.

7. ALGIERS AND BEIRUT MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. SHULTZ
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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH SYG ON HOSTAGES

REF: A) STATE 185674
~ B) USUN 1360

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2. AMB. KEYES, ACCOMPANIED BY AMB. FELDMAN AND LEGAL COUNSELOR, MET WITH SECRETARY-GENERAL TO DELIVER TALKING POINTS DRAWN FROM REFTEL A. ALSO PRESENT WERE UNDER SECRETARY-GENERAL BUFFUM AND DAYAL (NOTE TAKER).

3. ALLUDING TO TELCON FROM AMB. WALTERS, SYG EXPRESSED THANKS FOR OUR STATEMENT AND SAID HE WOULD DELIVER OUR POINTS TO THE OTHER SIDE. HE NOTED THAT HE WAS PLEASED TO DO WHATEVER HE COULD IN THE SITUATION, PARTICULARLY SINCE BERRI HAD INITIATED THE REQUEST FOR THE SYG'S GOOD OFFICES.

4. SYG MADE CLEAR HE UNDERSTOOD AND SYMPATHIZED WITH FIRM POSITION OF THE U.S. ON THE QUESTION. HE SAID THAT HE IS WORKING TO SOLVE THE TWO ISSUES OF THE HOSTAGES AND THE ISRAELI HELD PRISONERS SEPARATELY. HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW IF THE RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES COULD BE EFFECTED FIRST. HE THEN NOTED THAT A SIMULTANEOUS RESOLUTION OF THE TWO ISSUES WAS NOT THE QUESTION, AND EMPHASIZED MOST EMPHATICALLY THAT HE REGARDED THE TWO ISSUES AS SEPARATE AND THAT IN NO WAY, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, WOULD HE UNDERTAKE ANY ACTION THAT WOULD SEEM TO CONNECT THE TWO.

5. UNDER SECRETARY-GENERAL BUFFUM INTERPOSED THAT THE POSITION OF THE SYG WAS CLEAR, THAT THE TAKING OF THE HOSTAGES WAS A CRIMINAL ACT. THE SYG REPEATED HIS DESIRE TO BE OF SERVICE IN ORDER TO HELP END THE SUFFERING OF THE HOSTAGES. BEFORE LEAVING, AMBASSADOR KEYES LEFT NON-PAPER CONTAINING TALKING POINTS.

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SUBJECT: TWA HIJACKING: MESSAGE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMISSION OF JURISTS

1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING MESSAGE CONCERNING
THE TWA HIJACKING FROM WILLIAM J. BUTLER, CHAIRMAN OF
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE GENEVA-BASED INTERNATIONAL
COMMISSION OF JURISTS (ICJ). FYI: BUTLER IS A NEW YORK
ATTORNEY AND PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF
THE ICJ. THE ICJ IS AN INTERNATIONAL, NON-GOVERNMENTAL
ORGANIZATION OF LAWYERS CONCERNED WITH HUMAN RIGHTS.
WE ARE TRANSMITTING THIS MESSAGE FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S
INFORMATION.

BEGIN TEXT:

THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT THEY
WILL FREE ITS SHIITE PRISONERS IF IT RECEIVES A REQUEST
FROM THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO DO SO.

WE SUGGEST THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SHOULD MAKE
THIS REQUEST, NOT TO PLACATE THE HIJACKERS, BUT BECAUSE
THE PRISONERS ARE BEING HELD ILLEGALLY. THE TRANSFER OF
THESE PRISONERS TO ISRAEL WAS A VIOLATION OF ARTICLES
49 AND 76 OF THE FOURTH GENEVA CONVENTION (SEE ICRC
PRESS RELEASE NO. 1504 OF APRIL 4, 1985).

IN ORDER THAT IT BE NOT SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES AND
ISRAELI GOVERNMENTS ARE YIELDING TO THE DEMANDS OF THE
HIJACKERS, WE SUGGEST THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
SHOULD ASK THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT TO STATE PUBLICLY THAT
AT THE REQUEST OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IT WILL
RELEASE THE PRISONERS FORTHWITH UPON THE LIBERATION
OF ALL THE PASSENGERS WHO WERE ON THE PLANE NOT YET
RELEASED AND UPON THE SURRENDER OF THE PLANE UNDAMAGED.

END TEXT.
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(A) TWA HIJACKING INCIDENT

(B) TOKYO DAILIES GAVE PROMINENT INSIDE-PAGE COVERAGE
WEDNESDAY MORNING TO CORRESPONDENT REPORTS ON THE TWA
HIJACKING INCIDENT. THE REPORTS DEALT WITH THE MOVES
OF THE SHIITE MUSLIMS WHO HAVE TAKEN CUSTODY OF THE
AMERICAN HOSTAGES.

TV ALSO REPORTED IN THEIR NOON NEWS PROGRAMS ON THE
HIJACKING INCIDENT WITH ATTENTION FOCUSING ON PRESIDENT
REAGAN'S NEWS CONFERENCE.

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(C) "SHIITE MUSLIMS EMPHASIZING IDENTITY" (YOMIURI)
"AMAL TRYING TO REGAIN PRESTIGE" (MAINICHI)
"ISRAEL FACING DIFFICULTIES" (ASAHI)

(D) 1. THE MODERATE YOMIURI'S CAIRO CORRESPONDENT FUJIMOTO SAID, "NABIN BERRI, WHO IS THE HEAD OF THE SHIITE AMAL MILITIA HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE TWA HOSTAGES ARE IN THE AMAL'S CUSTODY."

"IT COULD BE SAID THAT THE AIM OF THE AMAL IS TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR IDENTITY AND POWER OF THE SHIITE FACTION..."

"IF THIS IS THE CASE, IT IS UNAVOIDABLE FOR SETTLEMENT OF THE HIJACKING INCIDENT TO BE PROLONGED."

2. THE LIBERAL MAINICHI'S CAIRO CORRESPONDENT KANDO REPORTED THAT "IN THE RECENT FIGHTING BETWEEN THE AMAL MILITIA AND THE PALESTINIANS IN LEBANON, LIBYA AND IRAN WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY SUPPORTED THE AMAL, SWITCHED TO CRITICISM OF THE SHIITE GROUP."

"FEELING A SENSE OF DANGER, THE AMAL RESORTED TO A BOLD STEP OF HIJACKING A U. S. PLANE."

"BY DIRECTLY CONFRONTING ITS 'BIG ENEMIES', THE U. S. AN ISRAEL, IT SEEMS THAT THE AMAL PLANNED TO REGAIN THE GROUP'S INDEPENDENCE."

3. THE LIBERAL ASAHI'S CAIRO CORRESPONDENT KAWAKAMI SAID, "ISRAEL HAS BEEN PLACED IN A DIFFICULT POSITION BECAUSE IT IS CAUGHT BETWEEN THE HIJACKERS AND THE U. S."

"ISRAEL'S STAND IS NOT TO MOVE UNTIL IT RECEIVES WORD FROM THE U. S."

"BUT THE U. S. BELIEVES THAT THE RELEASE OF THE SHIITE PRISONERS SHOULD BE LEFT IN THE HANDS OF ISRAEL (ACCORDING TO PRESIDENT REAGAN)."

"ISRAEL HAS TAKEN A FIRM STAND IN THE PAST OF NOT MAKING ANY CONCESSIONS TO TERRORISTS. BUT IN THIS CASE, THE LIVES OF CITIZENS OF THE U. S. WHICH PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE IS AT STAKE."

4. NHK-TV, TBS-TV AND FUJI-TV GAVE MODERATE COVERAGE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN'S NEWS CONFERENCE.

FUJI-TV CORRESPONDENT TANAKA SAID, "THE QUESTIONS NATURALLY FOCUSED ON THE TWA HIJACKING INCIDENT." ALL NETWORKS EMPHASIZED THAT "THE PRESIDENT STATED THAT THE U. S. WILL NOT GIVE IN TO TERRORISTS AND THAT TOP
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PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE SAFE RETURN OF THE
HOSTAGES."

NHK-TV CORRESPONDENT HIDAKA SAID, "PRESIDENT REAGAN
INDICATED AMERICA'S BASIC STAND OF TAKING A STRONG
POSTURE AGAINST TERRORISTS." THE CORRESPONDENT NOTED
THAT REAGAN STATED THAT "THE U.S. IS MAKING UTMOST
EFFORTS TO GATHER INFORMATION ON THE HOSTAGES AND HAS
COLLECTED CONSIDERABLE EVIDENCE BUT THE PRESIDENT
STATED HE COULD NOT GO BEYOND THAT POINT."

HIDAKA SAID, "THE PRESIDENT GAVE PRIORITY TO RESCUING

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THE HOSTAGES AND DID NOT CLARIFY RETALIATORY MEASURES
AGAINST THE HIJACKERS. "

BUT A SENIOR OFFICIAL OF THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION
STATED THAT THE BASIC POSTURE OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S
TOUGH STAND AGAINST TERRORISTS FACES A TEST AS A RESULT
OF THE TWA INCIDENT. " THE CORRESPONDENT SAID, "THE
OFFICIAL INDICATED THAT "THE U. S. HAS BEEN DRIVEN INTO
A CORNER ON CONSIDERING WHETHER SOME FORM OF MILITARY
OR POLITICAL MEASURES SHOULD BE TAKEN TO RETAILIATE
AGAINST TERRORISTS. " INMAN, ACTING
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SUBJECT: THREE RELEASED TWA PASSENGERS LEAVE CYPRUS

REF: TELCON FLETCHER-RSO ATHENS

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2. HOSTAGES RELEASED IN BEIRUT JUNE 18, DEMIS ROUSSOS
(GREEK CITIZEN), PAMELA SMITH AND ARTHUR TARGONPSIDIS (AMCITS),
ARRIVED LARNACA AS SCHEDULED JUNE 19.

3. RELEASED HOSTAGES ARE CONTINUING TRAVEL TO ATHENS VIA
OLYMPIC 332 SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ATHENS AT 11:30AM LOCAL TIME.
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SUBJECT: TWA HIJACKING: GOJ APPROACH TO IRAN AND SYRIA

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2. DURING LUNCH WITH AMBASSADOR JUNE 19, VICE FOREIGN MINISTER YANAGIYA SAID THAT MOFA HAD SENT MESSAGES TO BOTH THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN AND THE GOVERNMENT OF SYRIA URGING THEM TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BRING ABOUT A FAVORABLE RESOLUTION OF THE TWA HOSTAGE SITUATION. YANAGIYA SAID THAT MOFA MIDDLE EAST BUREAU DIRECTOR GENERAL MIYAKE HAD DISCUSSED THE ISSUE DIRECTLY WITH IRANIAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ARDABILI WHO IS NOW IN TOKYO PREPARING FOR RAFSANJANI'S JULY 1 VISIT TO JAPAN. YANAGIYA ADDED THAT THE GOJ KNEW THAT IRAN HAD INFLUENCE WITH THE GROUP RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HIJACKING.

3. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF THE GOJ'S INTEREST IN BEING HELPFUL IN THE SITUATION AND ITS GOOD LINES OF COMMUNICATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN, PARTICULARLY WITH RAFSANJANI HERE, WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT TO KEEP MOFA AS FULLY INFORMED AS WE CAN ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS AND WOULD APPRECIATE BEING MADE AN INFO ADDRESSEE ON RELEVANT CABLES. END COMMENT.

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2. DCM ON JUNE 19 CONVEYED SUBSTANCE OF TALKING POINTS
IN REFTEL A TO MFA DEPUTY POLITICAL DIRECTOR HERIBERT
TSCHOFEN. TSCHOFEN INDICATED THAT OBJECTIVES OF GOA ARE
IDENTICAL TO THOSE OF USG AS REGARDS SUBJECT AND THEY
WOULD DO WHAT THEY CAN TO REINFORCE US IN OUR ENDEAVOR.

3. DCM REMINDED TSCHOFEN OF FOREIGN MINISTER GRATZ'S
OFFER TO AMBASSADOR REFTEL B TO ASSIST AS POSSIBLE IN
TWA HIJACKING INCIDENT. TSCHOFEN PROMISED TO INFORM
GRATZ OF OUR DEMARCHE AND TO INSTRUCT GEORGE ZNIDARIC,
AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR TO LEBANON, PRESENTLY IN VIENNA FOR
CONSULTATION, PRIOR TO LATTER'S DEPARTURE FOR BEIRUT
TODAY. TSCHOFEN NOTED THAT AUSTRIAN HUMANITARIAN AID
HAD IN PART BEEN DISPERSED TO SHIITE COMMUNITY IN
LEBANON SO AS TO MAINTAIN BALANCE BETWEEN COMMUNAL
GROUPS THERE. TSCHOFEN ALSO NOTED THAT ZNIDARIC KNOWS
BARRI PERSONALLY WITH WHOM THE GOA HAS A "QUALIFIED
RELATIONSHIP" BECAUSE OF THE LATTER'S PRIVATE LEGAL
ADVOCACY OF AUSTRIAN AIRLINES' INTERESTS IN LEBANON.

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PROMINENTLY COVERED, THE EVENTS CONCERNING THE HIJACKING OF THE TWA AIRLINER IN BEIRUT AND REACTIONS TO THEM IN THE U. S. LEAD AND FRONT-PAGE NEWS STORIES. GENERALLY BASED ON WIRE SERVICE REPORTS, FACTUALLY COVERED THE EVENTS AS SUCH; MANY PAPERS ALSO PROVIDED BACKGROUND STORIES BY THEIR CORRESPONDENTS IN THE U. S. ON THE U. S. ADMINISTRATION'S REACTION AND THE PUBLIC DEBATE IN THE COUNTRY. PRACTICALLY ALL PAPERS DREW A COMPARISON BETWEEN THE PRESENT SITUATION AND THE TEHRAN HOSTAGE CRISIS. MANY PAPERS DEVOTED EDITORIALS TO THE EVENT.

2. HEADLINES

"TUG-OF-WAR ABOUT THE HOSTAGES CONTINUES: U. S. ANTICIPATES EXTENDED DURATION OF THE BEIRUT DRAMA; BERRI SURPRISED ABOUT WASHINGTON'S STANCE" (GENERAL-ANZEIGER)

"U. S. RELIES ON NEGOTIATIONS: TALKS ABOUT THE HOSTAGES' RELEASE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE CONDUCTED THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS" (STUTTGARTER ZEITUNG)

"UPON ORDER BY AMAL MILITIA, HIJACKERS RELEASE THREE HOSTAGES: PERES INDICATES THAT ISRAEL WOULD CONSIDER EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS IF ASKED BY THE RED CROSS" (SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG)

"PRESSURE IS GROWING BY THE HOUR: IS RONALD REAGAN BECOMING A PRISONER TO THE BEIRUT HOSTAGE DRAMA? THE

PRESIDENT WANTS TO AVOID UNDER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MISTAKES ARE MADE SIMILAR TO THOSE MADE DURING THE TEHRAN HOSTAGE CRISIS" (SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG)

"U. S. CONCERNED ABOUT TRANSFER OF HOSTAGES: IN WASHINGTON, THERE ARE REMINISCENCES OF THE TEHRAN DRAMA" (DIE WELT)

"U. S. WAR SHIPS EN ROUTE TO BEIRUT: UNCERTAINTY FOR HOSTAGES IN LEBANON" (FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU)
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"AMERICAN WAR SHIPS OFF THE COAST OF BEIRUT"
(FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE)

"IN WASHINGTON, THERE ARE CALLS FOR RETALIATION AGAIN:
PRESIDENT REAGAN'S TEHRAN?" (FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE)

3. TEXT

A. THE INDEPENDENT/LIBERAL SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF
MUNICH SAID IN A BACKGROUND REPORT FROM WASHINGTON BY
KLAUS ARNSPERGER:

"OF COURSE, THOSE ARE RIGHT WHO ARE POINTING OUT THAT
THERE ARE HARDLY ANY PARALLELS BETWEEN THE HOSTAGE DRAMA
IN THE U.S. EMBASSY IN TEHRAN... AND THIS HORROR PIECE
CONCERNING THE TWA AIRLINER, IF YOU DON'T COUNT THE FACT
THAT, ONCE AGAIN, POLITICAL FANATISM AND MORAL
IRRESPONSIBILITY OF A TERRORIST GANG ARE DIRECTED AGAINST
INNOCENT PASSENGERS. BUT TO DATE, THERE IS AT LEAST THE
IMPRESSION THAT THERE ARE BETTER CHANCES FOR SOLUTIONS IN
THIS MOST RECENT HIJACKING CASE THAN THERE WERE IN THE
TEHRAN CRISIS...."

B. WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT WINFRIED MUENSTER SAID IN
A SYNDICATED ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN THE
INDEPENDENT/LIBERAL STUTTGARTER ZEITUNG AND IN AN
ABBREVIATED VERSION IN THE INDEPENDENT KOELNER

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STADT-ANZEIGER:

"THE U. S. ADMINISTRATION IS DIGGING IN FOR AN EXTENDED DURATION OF THE HOSTAGE-TAKING, WHICH IS THE SECOND AFTER THE OCCUPATION OF THE U. S. EMBASSY IN TEHRAN. IT HAS OFFICIALLY RULED OUT THAT IT WILL NEGOTIATE WITH THE HIJACKERS.... BUT IT IS ASSUMED IN WASHINGTON THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN IS NEGOTIATING BEHIND THE SCENES, AND PRIMARILY WITH ISRAEL...."

"THIS TIME, IT APPEARS THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAS COME UNDER ENORMOUS PRESSURE TO RETALIATE AS SOON AS THE HOSTAGES ARE FREED.... THE PRESENT DISCUSSION IS LARGELY BASED ON SPEECHES SECRETARY OF STATE SHULTZ GAVE LAST YEAR AND THIS JANUARY.... BUT MR. SHULTZ WAS THINKING ABOUT PREVENTIVE MEASURES RATHER THAN RETALIATORY ONES. IT IS IMPORTANT TO HIM THAT THE AMERICANS FREE THEMSELVES FROM THEIR PASSIVE POSITION; TO THIS END, HE WOULD EVEN ACCEPT INNOCENT VICTIMS...."

C. THE INDEPENDENT GENERAL-ANZEIGER OF BONN SAID IN AN EDITORIAL:

"BERRI HAS BECOME AN ACCOMPLICE OF THE TERRORISTS. REGARDLESS OF WHAT KIND OF STATEMENTS TO THE CONTRARY HE IS MAKING IN THIS AFFAIR.... THERE ARE MANY INDICATIONS THAT HE ORDERED THE HOSTAGES TO BE TRANSFERRED TO VARIOUS SHIITE CAMPS IN THE OUTSKIRTS OF BEIRUT...."

"THIS HAS PUT THE U. S. AND, EVEN MORE SO, ISRAEL IN THE POSITION OF A POWERLESS, BUT NOT NECESSARILY PASSIVE OBSERVER. GIVING IN TO THE BLACKMAIL WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE FOR BOTH STATES FOR TACTICAL AND PRINCIPAL REASONS...."

"WASHINGTON'S REACTION TO ISRAEL'S GOOD WILL HAS NOT BEEN EXACTLY BENEVOLENT. THERE IS VERY MUCH AT STAKE FOR
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AMERICA MAY FLEX ITS MUSCLE. BUT WASHINGTON'S ONLY
CHANCE, LIKE IT OR NOT, IS IN NEGOTIATING....

"LEBANON IS MAKING ITSELF AN ACCOMPLICE OF THE MOST
SEVERE HOSTAGE DRAMA SINCE TEHRAN. THIS MUST HAVE ITS
REPERCUSSIONS ON THE ENTIRE WESTERN WORLD'S RELATIONS
WITH THAT COUNTRY...." (BY THOMAS WITTKE)

D. THE INDEPENDENT WESTDEUTSCHE ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG OF
ESSEN SAID:

"BERRI IS NOT AN IMPARTIAL MEDIATOR. AT FIRST A
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HIJACKERS, HE HAS NOW BECOME THEIR
ACCOMPLICE.... WASHINGTON CORRECTLY CONSIDERS HIM TO BE
THE 'KEY FIGURE' IN THIS. HE IS RESPONSIBLE NOT ONLY FOR
THE HOSTAGES' FATE, BUT ALSO FOR THE OUTCOME OF A
POSSIBLE MILITARY INTERVENTION ON THE PART OF THE U.S.
WHICH IS NOT BEING RULED OUT IN WASHINGTON ANYMORE." (BY
HANS-GEORG GLASER)

E. THE INDEPENDENT KOELNER STADT-ANZEIGER SAID ON PAGE
ONE:

"IT CERTAINLY IS NOTHING BUT SABER-RATTLING WHAT THE
AMERICANS ARE PRODUCING IN THE MEDITERRANEAN RIGHT NOW.
OR SHOULD THE CANONS ON THEIR VESSELS TARGET BEIRUT?
SHOULD MARINES GO IN AND FIND OUT WHERE THE HOSTAGES ARE

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KEPT IN A HOUSE-TO-HOUSE FIGHT? THE FLEET CONCENTRATION CANNOT MEAN ANYTHING BUT AN ATTEMPT AT DEMONSTRATING POWER IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN ONE'S OWN NEGOTIATING POSITION. THE ROAD TO NEGOTIATIONS WAS CLEARED FOR WASHINGTON THE MOMENT THAT THE LEBANESE MINISTER OF JUSTICE AGREED TO BECOME A STRANGE ACCOMPLICE TO THE HIJACKERS...."

B. RICHARD R. BURT

1. COVERAGE

MOST PAPERS CARRIED A SHORT NEWS ITEM BASED ON AP WHICH SAID THAT RICHARD R. BURT HAS RECEIVED HIS AGREEMENT AS THE NEW U. S. AMBASSADOR TO BONN, THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN HAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED HIS NOMINATION, AND THAT HIS APPOINTMENT HAS YET TO BE CONFIRMED BY THE U. S. SENATE. MOST OF THESE PAPERS ALSO CARRIED PERSONAL PROFILES OF MR. BURT; THESE ARTICLES WERE UNIFORM IN THEIR CONTENT AS THEY WERE ALSO BASED ON AP INFORMATION.

2. HEADLINES

"AGREEMENT FOR BURT AS NEW U. S. AMBASSADOR"
(GENERAL-ANZEIGER)

"REAGAN APPOINTS BURT TO BE AMBASSADOR TO BONN"
(WESTDEUTSCHE ALLGEMEINE)

"ADENAUER IS AMBASSADOR BURT'S MODEL" (BONNER RUNDSCHAU)

"ARMS EXPERT BECOMES A DIPLOMAT" (FRANKFURTER NEUE PRESSE)

"RICHARD BURT: ADENAUER IS HIS MODEL" (NEUE RUHR ZEITUNG) ARNOLD

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