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11/18/85 08:55:01

To: NSJC --CPUA

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NOTE FROM: BOB PEARSON

Subject: Terry Waite

FYI.

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To: NSKS --CPUA

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NOTE FROM: ROBERT MCFARLANE

SUBJECT: Terry Waite

I understand that there is wire story running to the effect that Waite has said he has met with the captors and is headed back to London and will report to the Archbishop of Canterbury and will be in touch with US officials (how undetermined). I have talked to Ollie. He has had no word from Waite. Larry called and I passed the following guidance to him.

"We have followed Mr Waite's activities and are supportive of them. We will welcome any new information he may have and will be attentive to his

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welcome any new information he may have and will be attentive to his proposals." Q: Will he come to Geneva and report to the President? A: We have received no proposal but will be pleased to receive any information he may have." Q: Does this mean you will negotiate with the captors? A: We have always said we would be pleased to communicate with the captors as distinct to making concessions to their demands. This position has not changed.

cc: NSWFM --CPUA

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TAGS: PTER, LE, US
SUBJECT: AMERICAN HOSTAGES IN LEBANON

REFS: (A) STATE 342425 (NOTAL),
-- (B) BARTHOLOMEW/OPSCENTER TELCON 11/07/85

1. ~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. IN RESPONSE TO REFTL, WE HAVE OBTAINED FROM THE AP
BUREAU CHIEF THE FULL TEXT OF THE STATEMENT READ BY AN
ANONYMOUS CALLER CLAIMING TO REPRESENT "ISLAMIC JIHAD."

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ACCORDING TO AP, THE CALLER HAD TELEPHONED THE AGENCY FRANCE PRESS (AFP) IN WEST BEIRUT. AFP SAID THE CALLER DECLINED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AFTER READING THE STATEMENT. AFP ALSO BELIEVES THAT IT RECOGNIZED THE VOICE AS THAT OF A PREVIOUS CALLER CLAIMING TO REPRESENT "ISLAMIC JIHAD."

3. FOLLOWING TEXT HAS ALREADY BEEN TRANSMITTED TO OPSCENTER SENIOR WATCH OFFICER VIA TACSAT TELCON (REF. B):

QUOTE I SHALL READ FOR YOU A STATEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE AMERICAN HOSTAGES ONLY. IN THE NAME OF GOD, THE MERCIFUL, THE COMPASSIONATE. AFTER THE NEGOTIATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED INDIRECTLY BETWEEN US AND AMERICA, THE ENEMY OF ISLAM, AND THE ARRIVAL OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS TO A DEADEND, WE HAVE DECIDED THE FOLLOWING:

(1) THE EXECUTION OF THE AMERICAN HOSTAGES BY FIRING SQUAD.

(2) WAIT FOR A CALL FROM US AT ONE O'CLOCK IN CONNECTION WITH THE STATUS OF THE CORPSES OF THE AMERICAN HOSTAGES.

(3) LASTLY, WE WISH TO TELL AMERICA THAT THE SAD END OF THE AMERICAN HOSTAGES WILL NOT BE THE LAST. WE SHALL SHAKE THE EARTH UNDER AMERICA'S FEET AND THE FEET OF ITS AGENTS. UNQUOTE.

4. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION THROUGH THE LEBANESE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE AND FROM OTHER SOURCES. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE SITUATION CLOSELY. BARTHOLOMEW
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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
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2. FOLLOWING AP TICKER ITEM RECEIVED IN DEPARTMENT: "A. ANONYMOUS CALLER CLAIMING TO SPEAK FOR ISLAMIC JIHAD, OR ISLAMIC HOLY WAR, SAID THURSDAY THE SHIITE MOSLEM GROUP WILL KILL ALL THE AMERICAN HOSTAGES IT HOLDS IN LEBANON BY FIRING SQUAD. THE CALLER, SPEAKING IN ARABIC, TOLD A WESTERN NEWS AGENCY IN BEIRUT THE DECISION WAS TAKEN BECAUSE 'INDIRECT NEGOTIATIONS' WITH THE UNITED STATES TO SECURE THE HOSTAGES' RELEASE HAD REACHED A DEAD END. 'WAIT FOR ANOTHER CALL FROM US AT 1 P.M. (1100 GMT) IN CONNECTION WITH THE STATUS OF THE CORPSES OF THE AMERICAN HOSTAGES,' THE CALLER SAID."

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3. PLEASE PROVIDE OP CENTER WITH ANY AVAILABLE
INFORMATION. SHULTZ

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2. IN NOVEMBER 7 TELCON [REDACTED] TOLD ME
THAT HE HAD "HAD SOMEONE CALLED" TO CHECK THE VERACITY OF

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THE COMMUNIQUE THREATENING THE EXECUTION OF THE AMERICAN HOSTAGES (REFTELS). HE SAID THAT HE BEEN TOLD, "NO, IT'S A LIE".

3. [REDACTED] SAID THAT HE HAS ALSO MADE OTHER INQUIRIES AND WILL GET BACK TO ME AS SOON AS HE HAS ANYTHING ELSE TO REPORT, BUT PROBABLY NOT UNTIL AFTER 1600 HOURS LOCAL.

4. I THANKED [REDACTED] AND ASKED HIM TO DO EVERYTHING HE COULD, GIVEN THE GRAVITY WITH WHICH WE WOULD REGARD ANY HARM TO THE HOSTAGES.

5. COMMENT. AS DEPARTMENT KNOWS, [REDACTED] DOES HAVE CERTAIN ACCESS AND GOOD SOURCES. HOWEVER, HE HIMSELF WANTED TO CHECK FURTHER TO SEE IF HIS INITIAL INFORMATION WAS CORRECT. BARTHOLOMEW
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. McFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Establishing a Lebanon Hostage Working Group

Following the meeting on September 20 between the Vice President and the hostage families, the State Department restructured its procedures for dealing with the families of the hostages held in Lebanon, introducing professional, experienced counsellors to reinforce the effort.

The families complained to the Vice President and in public that the remaining hostages do not receive the same degree of attention as the TWA hostages for whom a task force was set up. They have requested a hostage task force and view it as a symbol of continuing USG commitment to obtain the release of their family members.

In order to improve both our ability to relate and respond to the families and the external perception of the Administration's responsiveness and concern, the State Department has formalized the existing informal system of cooperation among the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, the Bureau of Consular Affairs and the Office for Counter Terrorism, officially establishing a Lebanon Hostage Working Group. This group will also work regularly with the State Department Medical Division.

The Hostage Working Group, which includes staff members responsible for policy, public relations and family liaison, meets on a regular basis to review the most recent events and discuss communicating these developments to families. The Working Group will recommend conference calls and high level contacts as appropriate. The Department does not plan to make any public announcement about the existence of the Working Group because families might respond that this is merely a public relations gimmick, but we are explaining to them the more systematic approach that the working group permits. In addition, we are establishing a means whereby the families can contact members of the working group on an emergency basis by calling the Operations Center.

for *Nicholas Platt*
for Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

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SUBJECT. PRES LTR TO ASSAD RE RELEASE OF HOSTAGES IN LEBANON

ACTION. PREPARE MEMO FOR MCFARLANE

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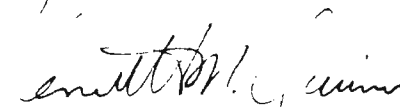
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Proposed Presidential Letter to Syrian
President Hafiz al-Asad

Ambassador Vernon Walters will be traveling to Syria to urge President Asad to reinvigorate efforts to gain the release of the seven American hostages in Lebanon. During his visit to Damascus, he plans to meet with Syrian President Asad to make clear the urgency the U.S. attaches to the early release of the hostages.

We believe Walters' position in Damascus will be strengthened by delivery of a letter from the President. In the attached draft we have reminded Asad of his earlier statements that renewed efforts to free the hostages would be possible following the release of all detainees from Atlit, and urged that he work with us to resolve rapidly the hostage issue.


Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Proposed Presidential letter to Syrian
President Hafiz al-Asad

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PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL LETTER

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you, once again, for your message and best wishes as I was leaving the hospital in July. As I wrote to you at the time, I deeply appreciate the kind sentiments you expressed for my rapid recovery.

As you know, I have appointed Ambassador Walters as my Permanent Representative to the United Nations. However, despite the major responsibility that he bears as we prepare for the General Assembly, I have asked him to make this urgent visit to Damascus to discuss with you next steps in gaining the prompt, safe release of the seven Americans and other foreign hostages in Lebanon.

Ambassador Eagleton reported earlier to me your view that the continued detention of prisoners in Atlit complicated your efforts to achieve the release of the hostages in Lebanon. All the Atlit prisoners have now been returned to Lebanon. As I pledged to you, I reinforced with the Israeli government our

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belief that the transfer of these prisoners out of Lebanon was a violation of the 4th Geneva Convention. With the Atlit issue now behind us, I am convinced that the moment has come for a renewed effort to achieve the hostages' release. I look forward to hearing from Ambassador Walters your views on what concrete steps can be taken to accomplish this.

The continued detention of innocent persons not only contributes to the unstable situation in Lebanon but casts a pall over the view most Americans have of Lebanon and the region. I know you agree that there is no justification for the kidnapping of the seven Americans or the other foreign hostages, or for the brutal treatment they have received in detention. Moreover, acts of terrorism such as kidnapping detract from the authority of the central government of Lebanon and undermine the efforts of those who seek to restore law and order to that country. We must all work to combat more effectively these crimes against innocent victims.

Mr. President, this matter must be promptly and successfully resolved. Together, I believe we have the means to do so. As we move towards this goal, I sincerely hope that

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we can build on this common interest while working to narrow our differences. I firmly believe that our joint efforts to achieve the release of these innocent victims of terrorism will demonstrate that we can work together to overcome an internationally abhorred scourge -- indiscriminate kidnapping for political ends. In this regard, I recall with satisfaction and appreciation your successful efforts to win the release of the TWA hostages this past summer.

I look forward to receiving your reply when Ambassador Walters returns to the U.S.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

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2. SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION: CHARGE GOT THROUGH TO BARRI 23 JULY AND MADE POINTS CONTAINED REF A THAT HE AND AMAL NEED TO GET MORE DEEPLY INVOLVED IN ISSUE OF REMAINING SEVEN KIDNAPPED AMERICANS. BARRI HEARD POINTS OUT, SAID HE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK FOR THE SEVEN, AND THEN PRESSED U.S. TO KEEP ITS "PROMISE" ABOUT THE RELEASE OF ATLIT PRISONERS. CHARGE REJECTED IDEA OF ANY PROMISES, COMMITMENTS, DEALS, OR LINKAGE. BARRI CONTINUED TO PRESS, HOWEVER, CONCLUDING WITH APPEAL TO PRESIDENT THAT IT IS U.S. "DUTY UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW" TO HELP HIM ON QUESTION OF ATLIT PRISONERS. END SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION.

3. CHARGE JULY 23 SPOKE WITH AMAL LEADER NABIH

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BARRI TO MAKE POINTS CONTAINED REF A.

4. CHARGE TOLD BARRI THAT THE MISSING SEVEN AMERICAN HOSTAGES ARE NOW FAMOUS IN THE UNITED STATES, AND THAT THE ISSUE OF THEIR RETURN IS A TOP PRIORITY FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND FOR THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION. HE TOLD BARRI THAT HIS NAME IS NOW ALSO FAMOUS IN THE UNITED STATES, AND THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT HIS HELP IN OBTAINING THE RELEASE OF THE SEVEN; INDEED, BARRI'S HELP IS ESSENTIAL.

5. CHARGE TOLD BARRI THAT WE KNEW THE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED FOR HIM, BUT THAT WE BELIEVED THAT OBTAINING THEIR RELEASE IS IN BARRI'S POLITICAL INTEREST AS WELL AS OURS, BECAUSE THE PEOPLE HOLDING THEM ARE A PROBLEM FOR HIM TOO AND ARE CHALLENGING HIS AUTHORITY.

6. CHARGE TOLD BARRI THAT WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT AT LEAST SOME OF THE HOSTAGES HAD RECENTLY BEEN MOVED OUT OF THE BLOA' BACK TO WEST BEIRUT. BARRI INTERJECTED: "ARE YOU SURE?". CHARGE RESPONDED THAT WE HAD GOOD REASON TO BELIEVE SO. CHARGE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, THE HOSTAGES' FAMILIES, AND THE ADMINISTRATION KNOW THAT IF ANYONE CAN FIND AND RELEASE THEM IT IS AMAL UNDER BARRI.

7. CHARGE TOLD BARRI THAT WE WANT THE CAPTORS TO KNOW WE ARE WILLING TO TALK AS WAS THE CASE WITH THE TWA HIJACKING; WE CANNOT AGREE TO DEMANDS, BUT WE ARE WILLING TO TALK.

8. CHARGE SAID THAT SOME OF THE HOSTAGES HAVE NOW BEEN IN CAPTIVITY FOR MORE THAN 16 MONTHS;



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THEY ARE SUFFERING AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE SUFFERING. HE NOTED THAT NONE OF THE SEVEN HAD ANY CONNECTION WITH THE DAWA PRISONERS. AND THAT WE BELIEVE THAT ALL WHO HAVE THE ABILITY TO FIND AND LIBERATE THEM SHOULD ACT NOW.

9. CHARGE CONCLUDED BY NOTING THAT LAST WEEK HE HAD GIVEN A FORMAL DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ASKING FOR THE ARREST AND PROSECUTION OF THE HIJACKERS AND KILLERS. HE ASKED BARRI, AS MINISTER OF JUSTICE, TO PURSUE THIS CONCERN.

10. BARRI RESPONDED THAT "FOR THE SEVEN AMERICANS, I HAVE DONE MY BEST. I WILL DO MY BEST IN THE FUTURE. YOU KNOW THAT I WILL CONTINUE TO WORK FOR THEM." BARRI NOTED THAT THE PROCUREUR GENERAL HAD ALREADY BEGUN WORK ON THE ISSUE OF PURSUING THE HIJACKERS AND KILLERS.

11. BARRI THEN RAISED THE RELEASE OF THE ATLIT PRISONERS SAYING "BUT NOW I HAVE A QUESTION FOR YOU. WHY DO YOU NOT HELP ME? YOU HELP YOURSELF, BUT YOU DO NOT HELP ME. I HAVE A PROMISE FROM THE U.S. THROUGH PRESIDENT ASSAD (ABOUT THE RELEASE OF THE ATLIT PRISONERS). THIS PROMISE IS NOT BEING KEPT; THIS IS NOT GOOD FOR YOU. IT IS NOT GOOD FOR ME."

12. CHARGE RESPONDED THAT BARRI KNEW FULL WELL FROM HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH THE AMBASSADOR THAT

THE U.S. COULD NOT AND DID NOT MAKE ANY PROMISES, COMMITMENTS, DEALS, FOR THE RELEASE OF THE TWA

HOSTAGES. CHARGE SAID THAT IT WAS ALWAYS ISRAEL'S POLICY AND PLAN TO RELEASE THE ATLIT PRISONERS AFTER THE HIJACKING WAS OVER. ISRAEL RESUMED THAT



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POLICY AND HAS RELEASED 300. CHARGE SAID THAT IT
IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT ISRAEL WILL COMPLETE THE
PROCESS OF RELEASING THE PRISONERS FOLLOWING ITS
OWN POLICY.

13. BARRI RESPONDED, "THAT KIND OF STUFF IS OKAY
FOR THE PEOPLE AND FOR PUBLIC OPINION. OKAY. IT IS
LIKE THAT. BUT UNDER THE TABLE WE HAVE A COMPROMISE.
IN ONE WEEK THE PRISONERS WERE TO HAVE BEEN RELEASED.
I ACCEPT A DELAY BECAUSE YOUR PRESIDENT IS SICK,
BUT YOU NOW HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT. YOU
HAVE TO HELP ME, YOU HAVE TO HELP EVERY HUMAN BEING;
IT IS NOT FAIR."

14. CHARGE REPEATED TO BARRI THAT HE KNEW FULL WELL
FROM HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH THE AMBASSADOR THAT U.S.
CANNOT AND DID NOT MAKE A DEAL. U.S. DID NOT EVER
ACCEPT ANY LINKAGE.

15. BARRI RESPONDED, "RIGHT. MY DEAL WAS NOT WITH
YOUR EMBASSY OR WITH YOUR AMBASSADOR. MY DEAL WAS
WITH ASSAD AND WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN. I PLAYED A
BIG POKER GAME. IT IS THE FUTURE OF AMAL ON THE
GROUND THAT IS AT STAKE. I NEED HELP AND I NEED
AN ANSWER FROM YOU. I WILL WORK FOR THE RELEASE
OF THE SEVEN BUT AT THE SAME TIME YOU MUST WORK
FOR ME."

16. CHARGE REITERATED AGAIN U.S. POLICY THAT THERE
HAD BEEN NO DEALS. NO COMMITMENTS. NO LINKAGE.

17. BARRI RESPONDED: "OKAY. OKAY. WILL YOU THEN
PASS A MESSAGE TO YOUR PRESIDENT? TELL HIM BARRI
SAYS OKAY. HE WILL HELP ABOUT THE SEVEN. BUT TELL
HIM THAT BARRI ASKS ABOUT THE 400 AT ATLIT. FORGET
THE HIJACKING. EVEN WITHOUT THE HIJACKING IT IS
YOUR DUTY UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW TO HELP ME."



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18. CHARGE SAID HE WOULD PASS ON BARRI'S MESSAGE. CHARGE NOTED BARRI'S EXPRESSION OF WILLINGNESS TO HELP ON THE RELEASE OF THE SEVEN AMERICANS. HE STRESSED AGAIN THAT AS BARRI KNEW FULL WELL FROM HIS MANY CONVERSATIONS WITH THE AMBASSADOR, THE U.S. COULD NOT AND WOULD NOT MAKE ANY DEAL OR COMMITMENT.

19. COMMENT: BY THE END OF THE CONVERSATION, BARRI APPEARED TO HAVE EVOLVED FROM CITING AN "UNDER THE TABLE" COMPROMISE TO CITING U.S. "DUTY UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW," WITH A DOSE OF NEEDED AND "DESERVED" HELP FOR AMAL. AS JUSTIFICATION FOR THE USG TO PRODUCE THE ATLIT PRISONERS.

20. I CREDIT THE EVOLUTION NOT TO ANY CHANGE IN BARRI'S CONVICTION ABOUT THERE BEING A DEAL, BUT TO HIS HAVING BEEN HAMMERED SO HARD REPEATEDLY BY AMBASSADOR THAT NO DEAL OR LINKAGE WAS POSSIBLE THAT HE RECOGNIZED THAT "U.S. COMMITMENT" APPROACH WAS SIMPLY NOT GOING TO GET HIM ANYWHERE HERE, AND THAT RECOURSE TO INTERNATIONAL LAW AND HELP FOR AMAL WAS MORE PRACTICAL COURSE. I PRESUME THAT IN HIS HEART, HOWEVER, AND FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION WHEN HE GEARS UP, THEME OF USG COMMITMENT THROUGH ASSAD WILL DOMINATE.

21. HIS PLEA FOR HELP FOR AMAL STOOD OUT. FRANKLY, I DOUBTED THAT I WOULD BE ABLE TO GET THROUGH TO BARRI PERSONALLY. I FIGURED THAT THE DISCONTENT AT NOT SEEING ALL ATLIT PRISONERS RELEASED BY NOW WHICH CURRENTLY UNDERLIES ALL SYRIAN APPROACHES WOULD BE BURNING AT HIS GUTS TOO, AND WOULD RESULT IN HIM FOBGING ME OFF ON



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HIS COMMENTS SUGGEST THAT HE MAY INDEED BE FEELING
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TO SHOW RESULTS FROM THE WHOLE EPISODE. END COMMENT.
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2. SUMMARY: [REDACTED] TOLD US AUG. 23 THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL WILL BE SENDING HUMANITARIAN APPEALS NEXT WEEK TO ASSAD, GEMAYEL, KHOMENI AND INDIRECTLY TO NABIB BERRI ON BEHALF OF THE HOSTAGES IN LEBANON. END SUMMARY.

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3. [REDACTED] HE TOLD US THAT SHORTLY AFTER SYG'S MEETING WITH THE HOSTAGE FAMILIES, UNDERSECRETARY GENERAL BRIAN URQUHART HAD DRAFTED MESSAGES FROM SYG TO PRESIDENTS ASSAD AND GEMAYEL, AYATOLLAH KHOMENI AND NABIB BERRI. THE MESSAGES TO THE TWO PRESIDENTS WERE TO BE TRANSMITTED THROUGH THE U.N. REP IN DAMASCUS AND BEIRUT, TO THE AYATOLLAH THROUGH THE IRANIAN AMBASSADOR HERE AND TO BERRI "INDIRECTLY" SO AS NOT TO RUFFLE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT'S FEATHERS. HOWEVER, RENEWED FIGHTING IN BEIRUT LAST WEEK AND SYG'S SUBSEQUENT CALL FOR A CEASEFIRE LED SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS TO DELAY THE TRANSMISSION OF MESSAGES DEALING WITH HOSTAGES SO AS NOT TO MIX THE TWO ISSUES.

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4. [REDACTED] SAID THE MESSAGES WOULD BE SENT AUG. 26 OR 27. THEY WILL BE ESSENTIALLY HUMANITARIAN APPEALS, REQUESTING EACH LEADER TO DO WHATEVER HE CAN TO HELP FREE THE HOSTAGES AND TAILORED TO THE PARTICULAR SENSITIVITIES OF EACH ADDRESSEE (I.E. EMPHASIZING THE POLITICAL ROLE OF SOME AND ISLAMIC PRINCIPLES FOR OTHERS).

5. [REDACTED] EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF SYRIAN UNWILLINGNESS TO MOVE AGAINST THE CAPTORS FOR FEAR OF THE WELFARE AND LIVES OF THE HOSTAGES AND FOR "THE OTHER POLITICAL COSTS INVOLVED." HE BELIEVED THAT THE CAPTORS WOULD NOT BUDGE

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UNTIL THE PRISONERS IN KUWAIT WERE SOMEHOW RELEASED. EXPANDING ON THE LATTER POINT, [REDACTED] RECOGNIZED THAT THE GOK WAS RELUCTANT TO CONSIDER ANY RELEASE AND THAT IT THEREFORE WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO BROACH THE IDEA AT THIS TIME WITH THE KUWAITI AMBASSADOR HERE.

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6. WHEN ASKED WHETHER THE U.N. HAD ANY DIRECT CONTACT WITH HEZBOLLAH, [REDACTED] SAID THAT DURING HIS LAST SWING THROUGH THE REGION HE HAD PLANNED TO MEET WITH SHEIK FADLALLAH ON BEHALF OF U.N. EMPLOYEE/U.K. NATIONAL [REDACTED] [REDACTED] HE ULTIMATELY DECIDED, HOWEVER, TO HOLD THAT CARD UNTIL THE U.N.'S OTHER EFFORTS THROUGH SYRIA AND BERRI HAD RUN THEIR COURSE. HE BELIEVED THAT THE FRENCH HAD BEEN IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH HEZBOLLAH.

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7. COMMENT: [REDACTED]

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