

Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Digital Library Collections

This is a PDF of a folder from our textual collections.

Collection: Executive Secretariat, NSC: System File: Records,
1981-1989

SERIES: I: SYSTEM I

Folder Title: 8504994 – Presidential Meeting with
Families of Hostages, 06/21/1985

Box: 30

To see more digitized collections visit:

<https://www.reaganlibrary.gov/archives/digitized-textual-material>

To see all Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Inventories, visit:

<https://www.reaganlibrary.gov/archives/white-house-inventories>

Contact a reference archivist at: **reagan.library@nara.gov**

Citation Guidelines: <https://reaganlibrary.gov/archives/research-support/citation-guide>

National Archives Catalogue: <https://catalog.archives.gov/>

WITHDRAWAL SHEET

Ronald Reagan Library

Collection: EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT, NSC: Records
System File

Archivist: mjd

File Folder: 8504994

Date: 4/29/99

DOCUMENT NO. AND TYPE	SUBJECT/TITLE	DATE	RESTRICTION
1. memo (8504994)	Howard Teicher to Robert McFarlane re: meeting, 1p	6/20/85	P1/F1 P5
2. schedule proposal	re: meeting with hostage families, 2p	nd	P1/F1 P5

RESTRICTION CODES

Presidential Records Act - [44 U.S.C. 2204(a)]

- Presidential Records Act** 44 USC 2202 (a)(2)(A)
- P-1 National security classified information [(a)(1) of the PRA].
- P-2 Relating to appointment to Federal office [(a)(2) of the PRA].
- P-3 Release would violate a Federal statute [(a)(3) of the PRA].
- P-4 Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information [(a)(4) of the PRA].
- P-5 Release would disclose confidential advice between the President and his advisors, or between such advisors [(a)(5) of the PRA].
- P-6 Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(a)(6) of the PRA].

C. Closed in accordance with restrictions contained in donor's deed of gift.

Freedom of Information Act - [5 U.S.C. 552(b)]

- Freedom of Information Act [5 U.S.C. 552(a)]
- F-1 National security classified information [(b)(1) of the FOIA].
- F-2 Release could disclose internal personnel rules and practices of an agency [(b)(2) of the FOIA].
- F-3 Release would violate a Federal statute [(b)(3) of the FOIA].
- F-4 Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information [(b)(4) of the FOIA].
- F-6 Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(b)(6) of the FOIA].
- F-7 Release would disclose information compiled for law enforcement purposes [(b)(7) of the FOIA].
- F-8 Release would disclose information concerning the regulation of financial institutions [(b)(8) of the FOIA].
- F-9 Release would disclose geological or geophysical information concerning wells [(b)(9) of the FOIA].

NSC/S PROFILE

UNCLASSIFIED

ID 8504994

RECEIVED 21 JUN 85 09

TO

MCFARLANE

FROM PLATT, N

DOCDATE 20 JUN 85

~~SUSPENSE~~

KEYWORDS: TERRORISM

HIJACKING

CONWELL, ALLYN

AP

GARZA, VINCENTE

TRAUTMANN, ROBERT

SUBJECT: PRES MTG W/ FAMILIES OF HOSTAGES 21 JUN

ACTION: PREPARE MEMO FOR MCFARLANE

DUE: 21 JUN 85 STATUS S

FILES ~~PA~~

FOR ACTION

FOR CONCURRENCE

FOR INFO

NORTH

CANNISTRARO

GRIMES

DEGRAFFENREID

MARTIN

FORTIER

MAHLEY

MCDANIEL

PEARSON

CLEVELAND

COMMENTS

REF# 8518310

LOG

NSCIFID

(LF CT.)

ACTION OFFICER (S)

ASSIGNED

ACTION REQUIRED

DUE

COPIES TO

C 6/22 NFAR per Teicher

DISPATCH

W/ATTCH FILE ~~CT~~ (C) CT.

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

June 21, 1985

NSC/S:

Howard's paper attached
(dated June 20) completed
the State paper enclosed.

Thank-you

FAWN

P.S. Pls file appropriately.

RONALD W. REAGAN LIBRARY

THIS FORM MARKS THE FILE LOCATION OF ITEM NUMBER 1-2 LISTED ON THE
WITHDRAWAL SHEET AT THE FRONT OF THIS FOLDER.

TALKING POINTS FOR THE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
WITH RELATIVES OF HOSTAGES
REUNION ARENA, DALLAS, TEXAS
Friday, June 21, 1985 -- 11:30-11:40 a.m.

- Each of your loved ones has become a victim.
- But you and your families have not been singled out. Rather it is all of us together, the civilized, peace-loving people of America and the West, who are under attack.
- We all witnessed the bravery of Allyn Conwell and Vincente Garza during yesterday's press conference. I know that Robert Trautmann is just as strong.
- Please tell me of your concerns.
- I want to assure you that the safety of all hostages and their prompt release is a paramount concern.
- But I also ask you to understand that America's policy not to negotiate with terrorists cannot be compromised, or we will all face an ever-increasing terrorist threat. Our society cannot afford to let terrorism work.
- I would like Robert McFarlane, my National Security Adviser, to provide you with an update on the most recent developments.
- Be assured that we will bring your loved ones home as soon as we can.

MEETING WITH RELATIVES OF HOSTAGES

1

- EACH OF YOUR LOVED ONES HAS BECOME A VICTIM.
- BUT YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES HAVE NOT BEEN SINGLED OUT. RATHER, IT IS ALL OF US TOGETHER, THE CIVILIZED, PEACE-LOVING PEOPLE OF AMERICA AND THE WEST, WHO ARE UNDER ATTACK.
- WE ALL WITNESSED THE BRAVERY OF ALLYN CONWELL AND VINCENTE GARZA DURING YESTERDAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE. I KNOW THAT ROBERT TRAUTMANN IS JUST AS STRONG.
- PLEASE TELL ME OF YOUR CONCERNS.

- ASSURE YOU SAFETY OF ALL HOSTAGES AND THEIR PROMPT RELEASE IS A PARAMOUNT CONCERN. 2
- ASK YOU TO UNDERSTAND AMERICA'S POLICY NOT TO NEGOTIATE CANNOT BE COMPROMISED, OR WE WILL ALL FACE AN EVER-INCREASING TERRORIST THREAT. OUR SOCIETY CANNOT AFFORD TO LET TERRORISM WORK.
- I WOULD LIKE ROBERT MCFARLANE, NSC ADVISER, TO PROVIDE YOU WITH AN UPDATE ON THE MOST RECENT DEVELOPMENTS.
- BE ASSURED THAT WE WILL BRING YOUR LOVED ONES HOME AS SOON AS WE CAN.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

4994

June 20, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: The President's June 21 Meeting with Families of
the Hostages

We understand that the President will meet with the families of three of the hostages currently held in Beirut -- Allyn Conwell, Vincente Garza, and Robert Trautmann -- during his trip to Texas on June 21. Attached is background information on the three and their relatives.

Nicholas Platt
Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

As stated.

85 JUN 20 P10: 58

WHITE HOUSE
SITUATION ROOM

Allyn Conwell

- He was elected spokesman of the hostage group and made a statement during press conference at the Beirut International Airport on June 20, 1985.
- Reading from prepared remarks, Conwell beseeched President Reagan and fellow Americans to refrain from military action. He said all hostages condemn hijacking and terrorism of any sort. He also called on Israelis to carry out release of the Shiite prisoners held in Israel.
- His wife Olga, a Greek citizen, is in Corfu with her parents. They were to have traveled together but she could not get a seat on the plane.
- He works for Enterra Oil Company headquartered in Muscat, Oman.
- His mother, brother Michael and sister Carma Little live in Texas.
- His mother appeared on national television the evening of June 20, 1985 giving her reactions to his appearance at the Beirut press conference.

Vincente Garza

- He participated in the news conference in Beirut.
- His wife, daughter and married daughter and her family were all aboard TWA-847 when hijacked.
- His wife Irma and daughter Adriana were released separately: Irma in Beirut on June 14 and daughter Adriana in Algiers on June 15.
- Her daughter Irma Garza Trautmann and her daughters Susan and Katherine were among the hostages released in Beirut on June 14. Son-in-law Robert Trautmann is still a hostage but did not appear at the news conference in Beirut on June 20, 1985. His wife and daughters and granddaughters returned to the United States on June 17.
- He reported in the press conference on June 20 that he had received necessary medication for treating colitis and was "very satisfied"
- He is a retail store developer in Texas.

Robert Trautmann

- He did not participate in the press conference in Beirut on June 10, 1985.
- His wife Irma Garza Trautmann and daughters Susan and Katherine were also hostages and were among the first 19 hostages released in Beirut on June 14 shortly after the hijacking took place.
- His father-in-law Vincente Garza is a hostage and was involved in the press conference in Beirut.
- He is a land developer in Texas.