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TASK FORCE PRESS GUIDANCE

June 15, 1985

1130 update

Q: Do you have any new information on the hijacking situation?

A: We have received word that about 50 additional passengers have been released. This would leave about 62 aboard the plane. We do not yet have any identification of those released. The airplane is still on the ground in Algiers. (See 0630 guidance).

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TASK FORCE PRESS GUIDANCE

June 15, 1985

0920 update

Q: Do you have any new information on the hijacking situation?

A: The airplane is still on the ground in Algiers. (See 0630 guidance).

-- New Information: TWA has made plans to fly the passengers who were released in Beirut (now in Cyprus) and those in Algiers to Paris. The plane from Algiers is now enroute. The group from Cyprus is expected to depart shortly. I do not have any information for you as to where they will be staying in Paris.

Q: What number can I use to call TWA about the situation?

A: The TWA number is (212) 692-3090/1/2/3.

Q: Can you confirm the report that the man who got off the plane in Algiers has returned to the plane?

A: I cannot confirm that.

✓ Q: What is your reaction to the reports that the Greeks have decided to fly the third hijacker to Algiers and trade him for Greek passengers?

A: -- I have nothing for you. It would be inappropriate for me to comment on specific actions by other parties in this very fluid situation. The U.S. position is clear (and I refer you to the remarks we made at the noon briefing of Friday June 15.)

previous guidance

Q: How many passengers are still on the plane?

A: --WE UNDERSTAND THERE ARE ABOUT 112 PEOPLE ON THE PLANE, EXCLUDING THE HIJACKERS. There are 83 Americans believed to be on board, excluding the crew.

Q: Can you identify the man who was killed in Beirut?

A: --NO, WE CAN'T. WE DO NOT YET HAVE POSSESSION OF THE BODY.

Q: How many hijackers are there?

A: --I HAVE NOTHING FOR YOU ON THAT?

Q: Can you confirm the reports that there may be as many as ten or more?

A: WE HAVE SEEN THE REPORTS. I HAVE NO CONFIRMATION FOR YOU.

Q: Do you know who is responsible for the hijacking?

A: --I DO NOT HAVE ANY FIRM INFORMATION FOR YOU. . .

(Note to Briefer: There have been regional media reports that at least two groups have claimed responsibility, but the hijackers claim that they do not belong to any group.)

Q: What demands have the hijackers made?

A: --WE HAVE SEEN MEDIA REPORTS, BUT I DO NOT HAVE ANY FIRM INFORMATION FOR YOU.

Q: What is the USG doing about the hijacking?

A: --WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH ALL APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENTS AND PARTIES AND ARE WORKING TO SECURE THE IMMEDIATE SAFE RELEASE OF ALL THE HOSTAGES. THE DEPT. WAS INFORMED AT APPROXIMATELY 0400 AND ALL APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS WERE IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED. A DECISION TO FORM A TASK FORCE WAS TAKEN AT 0630. THE TASK FORCE HAS BEEN WORKING CONTINUALLY SINCE, COORDINATING USG EFFORTS.

Q: Can you confirm that the plane landed in Algiers?

A: --YES. TWA FLIGHT 847 LANDED IN ALGIERS AGAIN AND WE ARE KEEPING IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH ALGERIAN OFFICIALS.

Q: Have any other hostages been released?

A: --YES. WE HAVE INFORMATION THAT THREE AMERICAN CITIZENS HAVE BEEN RELEASED.

Q: Is the USG sending a special military force to the Mediteranean area to deal with the hijacking?

A: --I HAVE NOTHING FOR YOU ON THAT.

Q: Have any of the released passengers made it back to the US?

A: --NO. TWA is taking them to Paris. We do not have information as to their individual decisions regarding onward travel.

Q: Have any arrangements been made for bringing them home?

A: --I REFER YOU TO TWA (212) 692-3090/1/2/3.

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KALB STATEMENT/APRIL 4/ISRAELI TRANSFER OF PRISONERS FROM LEBANON

Q: What is the US position on reports that Israel has transferred a number of Lebanese detainees from Ansar Prison Camp to Israel? Is this a violation of the Geneva Conventions?

A: We have consistently taken the position that the 4th Geneva Convention applies to areas of Lebanon under Israeli occupation. According to the Convention, protected persons are to be detained only within the occupied country. Their transfer to the territory of the occupying power is prohibited regardless of motive. It appears that Israel's actions are inconsistent with the pertinent provisions of the Geneva Convention. We would note, however, that Israeli spokesmen have said that the detainees will be released at a later date.

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PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENTS ON TERRORISM -- 1981-1985

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January 27 -- Remarks to Freed American Hostages:

"Let terrorists be aware that when the rules of international behavior are violated, our policy will be one of swift and effective retribution. We hear it said that we live in an era of limit to our powers. Well, let it also be understood, there are limits to our patience."

January 29 -- News Conference:

Q: "Mr. President, in your welcoming address to the freed Americans, you sounded a warning of swift and effective retribution in future terrorist situations...what action are you prepared to take...?"

RR: "Well, that's a question I don't think you can or should answer as to specifics. This is a big and powerful nation...what form would [revenge] take? I don't think revenge is worthy of us."

March 6 -- News Conference:

RR: "...we're opposed to terrorism of the right or left...What we're doing, in going to the aid of a government that asked that aid of a neighboring country and a friendly country in our hemisphere, is try to halt the infiltration into the Americas by terrorists, by outside interference and those who aren't just aiming at El Salvador, but, I think, are aiming at the whole of Central and possibly later South America -- and, I'm sure, eventually North America...we're trying to stop this destabilizing force of terrorism and guerrilla warfare and revolution from being exported in here, backed by the Soviet Union and Cuba and those others that we've named."

April 13 -- Statement Honoring the Freed American Hostages:

"We must be resolved that this cruel episode in our history shall not be forgotten -- that we will ensure our professional diplomats and military personnel every means of protection that America can offer."

- 1982 -

January 18 -- Exchange with Reporters:

RR: "...I've said for many years that probably the only defense you have against terrorist attacks is really infiltration to try and find out in advance what their plans are...We're doing our best to try and correct something like that."

Q: "Is there enough international cooperation on this issue of terrorism...between countries to try and stop it?"

RR: "I would say that there is."

- 1983 -

May 4 -- Exchange with Reporters:

"I know that guerrilla wars -- time is on the side of the guerrillas and they aren't something that is instantly resolved, just as terrorism isn't something that can be curbed just by normal police actions. These are very difficult things. The hit-and-run tactics of guerrillas are similar to terrorist activities. It's, I suppose, based on an extension of the same principle that you can't ever totally eliminate crime."

December 12 -- Interview with Bruce Drake -- NYT:

Q: "...you said in your speech after the terrorist bombing on the marines that their operational role at the airport was to

prevent the area from becoming a battleground. It would seem that it has become a battleground."

RR: "...that's what those who are committing the assaults on our forces -- why they have committed them. They feel that, if they can make enough trouble, that we will withdraw...this is a tactic that is being used by the kind of people that we're trying to prevent from taking over in yet another country -- Lebanon... This is the problem with worldwide terrorism. It's almost an impossible thing to detect and confine, but I believe that the countries and the groups in whose name the terrorists are operating have a responsibility."

December 15 -- Interview with Marvin Stone and Joseph Fromm:

Q: "With the prospect of continuing widespread terrorist attacks, how can the United States retaliate, especially when such attacks are inspired or sponsored by governments?"

RR: "One of the hardest things...is to prove that the terrorist attacks are sponsored by a government...the important thing about terrorism is not to be turned back by it. It is a worldwide threat....I believe that if terrorists are claiming triumphs when they do these terrible deeds, acknowledging what their goal is and that they have a connection with some country -- then I think it's up to the government of that country to try to curb and control such groups....This does not necessarily mean warlike action, but pressures that can be put on a government..."

Q: "...within days of your inauguration in 1981, you vowed that Americans would not be held hostage again. Well, the Syrians are holding airman Lieutenant Robert Goodman and say they won't release him until the marines leave Lebanon..."

RR: "Well, we have believed for a long time that the settlement there must be -- in this whole area -- must be political...You cannot -- this can't be settled by force....we're going to make every effort to get him back as quickly as possible."

- 1984 -

February 7 -- Statement by the President on Situation in Lebanon:

"Yielding to violence and terrorism today may seem to provide temporary relief, but such a course is sure to lead to a more dangerous and less manageable future crisis. Even before the latest outbreak of violence, we had been considering ways of reconcentrating our forces and the nature of our support in order to take the initiative away from the terrorists."

April 26 -- Message to the Congress -- International Terrorism Legislation:

"The legislation I am sending to the Congress is an important step in our war against terrorism. It will send a strong and vigorous message to friend and foe alike that the United States will not tolerate terrorist activity against its citizens or within its borders."

June 10 -- Q&A Session with Reporters:

"...the greatest defense against [terrorism] is to try and know in advance what some of the plans are and what they're going to do...we are seeing more and more certain countries more or less openly endorse the use of terrorism. And that is a separate problem to deal with."

September 20 -- Q&A with Reporters:

Q: "...how could that bombing have happened? I thought there were all kinds of precautions that were taken after the last one? ...Are you satisfied with the security, sir?"

RR: "Yes...as much as I know about it, yes. It seems...if someone is determined to do what they did, it's pretty difficult to prevent it."

Q: "Well, did you think you had a responsibility for what happened today?"

RR: "No. I don't see how anyone in this country -- we have a program in which, in cooperation with our allies, we're trying our best to find an answer to the international terrorist problem. And as I say, we're -- all of us -- targets of that, probably because of what we believe and what our principles are, and they disagree with them."

Q: "When you welcomed the hostages back from Iran, you said on the South Lawn that terrorism...would be dealt with swiftly. Are you going to deal with this swiftly?"

RR: "As swiftly as you can. Speaking of hostages, that's a different subject. Actually, the only defense you have against terrorist activities is if you can infiltrate and intercept and know in advance where they're going to strike."

September 20 -- Q&A with Reporters:

Q: "What do you think this says about our policy in the Middle East? Some people have said that since the Marines were withdrawn we've neglected the Middle East."

RR: "...we know that the worldwide terrorist movement has targeted a great many people, not only our own but of other countries, too, worldwide. And this is a part of that. We've been aware of this. You have to live, and you have to do your best to protect yourself, but you have to know that these terrorist groups are threatening people all over the world."

Q: "...are you going to do anything more at the Embassy in Beirut to support the personnel there?"

RR: "...whatever we can do. But we can't...crawl in a hole someplace and stop performing....we're aware that this threatens our people wherever they are in the world, because these terrorist groups in many instances -- or most instances -- are opposed to everything that we stand for."

October 2 -- Q&A with Reporters:

RR: "These terrorist activities have been going on worldwide and taken place against our allies. They've taken place against Arab states, the Greeks, the British, the French, ourselves...We're doing everything we can to finally try to get an international movement that can give us better protection."

Q: "You were pretty tough on Mr. Carter in 1980, when the Iranian hostage situation happened. And now this has happened to us three times."

RR: "No, there, a government, with whom we had relations, a government allowed this to happen. There was no war or anything else with regard to the hostages. And all I criticized the previous administration about was for our abandonment of the Shah and our allowing what happened to happen. I think it is a blot on our record."

Q: "But you say you're responsible, sir...Is the case closed, as far as you're concerned...?"

RR: "The case of terrorism will never be closed."

October 19 -- 1984 Act to Combat International Terrorism:

"This Nation bears global responsibilities that demand that we maintain a worldwide presence and not succumb to these cowardly attempts at intimidation. In several important ways, this act will enable us to improve our ability to protect those who serve our country overseas."

October 21 -- Presidential Debate

Q: "Mr. President, four years ago you criticized President Carter for ignoring ample warnings that our diplomats in Iran might be taken hostage. Haven't you done exactly the same thing in Lebanon, not once, but three times, with 300 Americans, not hostages, but dead? And you vowed swift retaliation against terrorists, but doesn't our lack of response suggest that you're just bluffing?"

RR: "No...I think there's a great difference between the Government of Iran threatening our diplomatic personnel, and there is a government that you can see and put your hand on. In the terrorist situation, there are terrorist factions all over....In dealing with terrorists, yes, we want to retaliate, but only if we can put our finger on the people responsible and not endanger the lives of innocent civilians there in the various communities and in the city of Beirut where these terrorists are operating...and it's going to take all the nations together, just as when we banded together we pretty much resolved the whole problem of skyjacking sometime ago."

November 27 -- Interview with Editors and Reporters of the Washington Times:

Q: "...your administration's taken a strong rhetorical line against state terrorism..."

RR: "...intelligence is the most important thing with regard to terrorism...find or get access to information that would let you know where and when operations are planned...getting together with the other nations to do what we did some years ago with regard to hijackings, so that we all pool our information; we all inform each other of everything that we know. And we take action so that there are no safe harbors for terrorists, that they can't cross a border and find that they won't be troubled..."

Q: "...where you know exactly where the terrorists came from and that there's no question of their responsibility, what then is the nature of the retaliation?"

RR: "...if you're going to try to defend against terrorism, there are going to come some times when military action will be called for."

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January 26 -- Interview with Representatives of Independent Radio Networks:

Q: "Let me...remind you that 4 years ago tomorrow was when you welcomed to the South Lawn the American hostages home from Iran. During that ceremony, you said, 'Let terrorists be aware that when international law is broken, American policy will be one of swift and effective retribution.' Obviously, since that time, some awful things have happened..."

RR: "...you have to track them down; you've got to find them. You try to prevent their crimes by crime prevention measures, defensive measures, the best you can...then you hope you can punish. Right now, the terrorists -- one of the things that has kept us from retaliation is the difficulty in getting definite information enough as to who they are and where they are that you do not risk killing...killing innocent people..."

February 7 -- Interview with the Wall Street Journal:

Q: "Is your policy on using force against terrorism really any different from the Carter administration's?"

RR: "...I think you're putting together apples and oranges...The Carter situation was not dealing with unknown, hidden terrorists. They were dealing with a legitimate government, and not a very good government...[but at least] you knew who you were dealing with; you were dealing with a national entity....Much of the answer lies in what we're going forward with now, and that is better relationships with all the other democracies to where we'll make extradition easy, we'll exchange intelligence information. There are two ways you could deal with terrorism, and one of them is terrorism itself...you have to find an ability to locate the source, if possible...the best way is if you can infiltrate and then get some advanced information on when they're going to strike -- be prepared for them...[we] are looking at the possibility that some terrorists actually do have national support and backing. Then, with that established, then you can let that government know that there is going to be redress against that government if these acts continue."

March 11 -- Q&A with Regional Editors and Broadcasters:

RR: "...Terrorism is a new form of warfare, and all we can do is try to meet it with intelligence efforts -- to find out, if we can, where retaliation can take place, but, also, to work closely with our allies and other countries in the world because it's becoming more and more evident that there are some sovereign

governments who are backing this terrorism. And if that's the case, then we would know exactly where to retaliate for terrorist deeds."

April 1 -- Interview with the Washington Post:

RR: "...between us [countries and friends] to see if together, we can't do something...I think we've had some measure of success. But in the exchange of information to get a handle on this widening terrorist activity....We're making headway and have been successful in getting cooperation in trading information -- intelligence information -- getting agreements with other countries with regard to extradition and denying their countries a shelter for terrorists...[there is] a need for all of us to work together."

April 25 -- Questions from La Vanguardia of Spain:

Q: "What can be done...to combat international terrorism?" -

RR: "The upsurge in terrorist attacks has heightened awareness of the threat in Europe and elsewhere...[terrorism] must be halted. The resources being given to terrorist groups and movements by certain nations is a serious threat to our democracy...The U.S. is committed to consult and work closely with its European partners to combat terrorism on a bilateral or multilateral basis...international terrorism must be stopped."

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Hijacking and other forms of terrorism are unacceptable in any civilized society. We call upon those holding hostages to treat them properly and to release them immediately. The USG is heavily engaged in efforts to bring about their safe return to their families. In pursuing these efforts, as is well known, we will not make deals with terrorists and will not encourage others to do so. Our thoughts and prayers are with the hostages and their families as we all work and wait for their safe release.

OAKLEY OPENING STATEMENT

We do not make concessions to terrorists. We do not ask other governments to do so -- Israel, Kuwait, whoever they may be. We are continuing our intensive efforts to secure the release of all the passengers taken hostage in last Friday's hijacking. We are grateful to the Government of Algeria for their extensive efforts which have resulted in the release of 87 of the hostages. Discussions were held yesterday and resumed this morning between the hijackers and Lebanese Justice Minister Nabih Barri, who is also the head of the Shiite Amal group. National Security Adviser Bud McFarlane has been in telephone contact with Minister Barri. Our Ambassador to Beirut Reg Bartholomew has also been in frequent touch with Minister Barri and other responsible officials of the Lebanese government and various organizations that have influence. The purpose of these contacts is to obtain the immediate release of all the remaining prisoners. Those who were taken off the plane earlier, those who appear to have been taken off the plane last night, all the remaining prisoners who haven't already been released who were on that plane when it was hijacked. We have also been in contact with a variety of other governments and parties to enlist their assistance in securing the safe release of all the hostages. We hope this tragic situation will be resolved as soon as possible by the release of the hostages. Its continuation does no one any good. The innocent victims of this act of terrorism are suffering needlessly as are their families. The hijackers are not getting sympathy for their demands. Indeed, it is possible that the hijacking and the way in which they have linked the

release of the former Ansar prisoners may delay the previously planned release of these prisoners as stated by Israel.

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TAGS: PREL, UNGA, LE, IS, PTER
SUBJECT: U. N. STATEMENTS ON TWA HIJACKING

1. U. N. SECRETARY GENERAL PEREZ DE CUELLAR AND U. N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT PAUL LUSAKA (ZAMBIA) ISSUED SEPARATE STATEMENTS ON THE TWA HIJACKING.

2. THE SYG'S STATEMENT, ISSUED JUNE 15. STATES THAT THE SYG "IS APPALLED AT THE LATEST HIJACKING AND THE INTENSE ANXIETY THAT IT IS CAUSING TO THE INNOCENT PASSENGERS AND CREW ON BOARD. HE URGES THOSE RESPONSIBLE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THEIR ACT IS CRIMINAL AND SHOULD BE ENDED WITHOUT DELAY IN A MANNER THAT AVOIDS FURTHER SUFFERING."

3. THE UNGA PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT, ISSUED JUNE 17, READS AS FOLLOWS: THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNGA CONDEMNS THE HIJACKING OF THE TWA PLANE, THE TAKING OF HOSTAGES AND THE KILLING OF ONE PASSENGER. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO FREE THE PASSENGERS AND CREW WITHOUT HARM.

4. ALGIERS AND BEIRUT MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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notes focusing
attention on
the hijackers*

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TAGS: PTER, CASC, ASEC, US, LE
SUBJECT: NABIH BARRI'S JUNE 16 PRESS STATEMENT

1. ADDRESSEES WILL HAVE SEEN NUMEROUS FBIS ITEMS REPORTING AMAL LEADER NABIH BARRI'S JUNE 16 PRESS STATEMENT CONCERNING THE TWA HIJACKING. THERE FOLLOWS, FYI, OUR INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE FULL TEXT OF THAT STATEMENT. STATEMENTS BY OTHER LEBANESE LEADERS FOLLOW SEPTEL.
2. BEGIN STATEMENT. "THE WESTERN MEDIA, MAINLY THE AMERICAN, TRIES TO PRESENT WHAT HAS OCCURRED, ESPECIALLY SINCE AMAL MOVEMENT HAS BECOME INVOLVED, AS A SHIITE TERRORIST ACTION. AMAL MOVEMENT THUS MAKES THE FOLLOWING CLARIFICATION:
 - A. IT IS KNOWN THAT WE DID NOT INTERFERE UNTIL AFTER WE WERE ASSURED THAT THERE WOULD BE GUARANTEES FOR THE SAFETY OF THE PASSENGERS THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD OF NEGOTIATIONS, AND AS A CONSEQUENCE WE BECAME INVOLVED ABOVE ALL ELSE IN THE INTERESTS OF HUMANITY.
 - B. THE HIJACKERS MADE THREE DEMANDS:
FIRST: THE RELEASE OF THE DETAINEES IN KUWAIT;
SECOND: THE RELEASE OF THE DETAINEES IN SPAIN;
THIRD: THE RELEASE OF THE PRISONERS HELD BY ISRAEL IN ATLIT. IN LIGHT OF THE KUWAITI STAND, WHICH WE REGRET, ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO THE EXPULSION OF SOUTHERNERS BY THE TENS AND HUNDREDS FROM KUWAIT TO LEBANON, I PERSUADED THE HIJACKERS NOT TO INCLUDE THIS DEMAND IN THE CASE OF THE AMERICAN AIRCRAFT. THE HIJACKERS AGREED, AND THE DEMANDS WERE LIMITED TO THE OTHER TWO, ESPECIALLY THE ONE CONCERNING THE ATLIT PRISONERS.
 - C. THE ATLIT DETAINEES ARE HOSTAGES OF THE OCCUPATION STATE. IN FACT, THEY WERE KIDNAPPED FROM LEBANESE TERRITORY TO PALESTINE. WHEN THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES UNDERTOOK THIS ACTION, THEY COMMITTED A KIDNAPPING WHICH IS A VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW JUST AS ANY OTHER KIDNAPPING, WHETHER ON AN AIRPLANE, SHIP, OR ON THE GROUND, IS A VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

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D. ISRAEL, THE MASTER OF TERRORISM. PREVIOUSLY AGREED TO RELEASE ALL THE DETAINEES TAKEN DURING ITS INVASION OF LEBANON, AND FIXED A TARGET DATE OF JUNE 6, THE DATE ON WHICH IT WOULD LEAVE LEBANESE SOIL. ISRAEL ANNOUNCED A WEEK AGO THAT ITS FORCES HAD DEPARTED LEBANON. IF WE BELIEVE ITS STATEMENT (IT MUST HONOR ITS STATEMENT EVEN IF NOT TRUE), IT SHOULD HAVE RELEASED ALL THE DETAINEES ON OR BEFORE JUNE 6. SINCE IT DID NOT DO SO, IT HAS COMMITTED A SECOND LEGAL VIOLATION ON TOP OF THE FIRST ONE.

I DO NOT KNOW WHY THE POLICY OF THE U. S. DIFFERENTIATES BETWEEN A KIDNAPPER OF A COUNTRY AND ITS PEOPLE, AND A HIJACKER OF AN AIRPLANE. WHY SHOULD SOMEONE WHO DEFENDS HIS COUNTRY BE TERMED A TERRORIST, WHILE THE TERRORISM AGAINST OUR PEOPLE IS DISREGARDED?

I HAVE CLARIFIED THIS STAND IN ALL CONTACTS MADE WITH ME. I HAVE ALSO ASKED THE RED CROSS TO UNDERTAKE ITS ROLE. WE AS A MOVEMENT BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE FULFILLED OUR DUTY TO PROTECT LIVES. THE HIJACKERS HAVE BEEN COOPERATIVE SO FAR. WE HAVE ALSO PROVED OUR GOOD INTENTIONS BY PERMITTING THE SICK AMERICAN CITIZEN WHO WAS MOVED TO AMERICAN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL YESTERDAY TO LEAVE LEBANON FOR TREATMENT IN HIS OWN COUNTRY AND AMONG HIS OWN FAMILY. THE HIJACKERS AGREED TO THIS, AND HE

DEPARTED THIS AFTERNOON.

FINALLY, I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NAVAL AND AIR SHOW OF FORCE THAT TOOK PLACE YESTERDAY AND WAS COUNTERED BY THE ALERT OF ALL ISLAMIC AND NATIONAL FORCES FROM TYRE TO BEIRUT. THIS ALERT DEMONSTRATED TO THE U. S. THAT WE ARE NOT GRENADA. THE SOLUTION IS OBVIOUS, AND THE BALL IS IN THE AGRESSORS' COURT." END OF STATEMENT.

3. FOLLOWING ARE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.
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Q: HAVE ANY MORE PASSENGERS BEEN TAKEN FROM THE PLANE?

A: ALL THE PASSENGERS ARE OUTSIDE THE PLANE.

Q: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

A: ALL IN ONE PLACE IN BEIRUT.

Q: WHEN DID THEY LEAVE THE PLANE?

A: LAST NIGHT AFTER I SAW THE BOATS.

Q: AFTER MIDNIGHT?

A: AFTER MIDNIGHT.

Q: ARE THEY UNDER THE PROTECTION OF AMAL?

A: YES. AMAL AND ALL THE TIME THE KIDNAPPERS ARE WITH THEM.

Q: SO IS IT AMAL OR THE KIDNAPPERS?

A: NO. NO. THEY ARE NOW WITH AMAL AND THE KIDNAPPERS.

Q: TOGETHER?

A: TOGETHER. OF COURSE. IN BEIRUT.

Q: THE KIDNAPPERS HAVE LEFT THE PLANE AS WELL?

A: YES, YES.

Q: THE PLANE IS EMPTY?

A: NO, NOT EMPTY. I PUT GUARDS FROM AMAL TO PROTECT THE PLANE ITSELF.

Q: AND THE HIJACKERS, ARE THEY UNDER YOUR PROTECTION AS WELL?

A: NO, THE HIJACKERS ARE WITH SOME MEN FROM AMAL,

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THEY ARE WITH THE HOSTAGES.

Q. DO YOU KNOW THE HIJACKERS?

A. I KNOW THEM BUT NOT EVERY PERSON. I KNOW THE IDENTITIES.

Q. WHO ARE THEY?

A. WELL, THEY, YOU KNOW, THEY ARE FROM, YOU KNOW, THIS ISLAMIC, YOU KNOW, ASSOCIATION, SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

Q. HIZBALLAH?

A. I AM NOT SURE IF THEY ARE PART (OF HIZBALLAH) BUT THEY ARE IN THE SAME LINE.

Q. BUT THEY ARE NOT IN AMAL?

A. OF COURSE NOT.

Q. SO IF THEY ARE NOW WITH AMAL PEOPLE AND THE HIJACKERS, WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THESE HOSTAGES NOW?

A. I GAVE GUARANTEES TO THE HIJACKERS THAT I WILL NOT RELEASE THE HOSTAGES OR THE PASSENGERS WITHOUT THE RELEASE OF THE ATLEET PRISONERS. AND I GAVE GUARANTEES TO THE AMERICANS AND TO EVERYONE, TO THE GREEKS, EVERYONE, THAT NO ONE CAN GET HURT.

OKAY. NOR IF I ARRIVE (SUCCEED) THAT'S OKAY. IF THEY DON'T ACCEPT ME I WILL SAY OKAY. GOODBYE. I WILL LIFT (WASH) MY HANDS. THAT'S ALL.

Q. WHY IS IT THIS MORNING THAT THEY WERE TAKING FOOD AND NEWSPAPERS TO THE PLANE AND SAYING THE PEOPLE WERE STILL ON THE PLANE?

A. BECAUSE WE HAVE ALWAYS MANY PERSONS INSIDE
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THE PLANE TO TAKE CARE OF THE PLANE.

Q. WHY? EVEN WHAT THE TOWER WAS SAYING TO THE
AIRPLANE. THEY WERE TALKING AS THOUGH THERE WERE
STILL PASSENGERS ON BOARD.

A. GUARANTEE REASONS... ER, SECURITY REASONS.

Q. WHY, TO DECEIVE EVERYONE?

A. YES.

Q. WHY?

A. BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT ANYONE TO KNOW WHERE THEY
(THE HOSTAGES) ARE PLACED NOW.

Q. ARE THEY ALL TOGETHER STILL?

A. I THINK THAT. I THINK.

Q. ARE YOU NOT SURE?

A. I AM NOT SURE. THEY ARE OUTSIDE (THE AIRPORT).
THEY ARE OUTSIDE...

Q. BUT YOUR PEOPLE KNOW WHERE THE HOSTAGES ARE?

A. OF COURSE.

Q. AND WILL WE BE ABLE TO SEE THESE HOSTAGES SOME
TIME TODAY IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO ASSURE PEOPLE
THAT THEY ARE ALIVE AND WELL?

A. I DON'T THINK THAT I CAN ACCEPT THIS.

Q. WHY?

A. FOR SECURITY REASONS.

Q. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE PERHAPS TOMORROW OR LATER?

A. WHEN I SEE THAT THE SECURITY SITUATION IS BETTER,
BECAUSE YOU KNOW YESTERDAY NIGHT ALL OVER THE SEA

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WE HAVE, YOU KNOW...

Q. CAN YOU GIVE US SOME OTHER GUARANTEES. SOME
VISIBLE GUARANTEES, PERHAPS A VIDEO RECORDING OR
A TAPE RECORDING THAT YOUR PEOPLE MIGHT MAKE...TO
SHOW THAT THEY ARE STILL ALIVE NOW, THAT THEY'VE
BEEN TAKEN OFF THE PLANE?

A. YESTERDAY I BRING A LETTER (FROM THE HOSTAGES).
IF YOU WANT ANYTHING WE ARE READY. ANYTHING.

Q. COULD YOU BRING MORE LETTERS?

A. OF COURSE, OF COURSE.

Q. AND TAPE RECORDINGS?

A. EVERYTHING YOU WANT. EVERYTHING YOU WANT, AND
MAYBE TOMORROW, IF WE SEE THAT THE SECURITY
SITUATION IS GOOD, MAYBE WE WILL TAKE ONE MEMBER
FROM THE TELEVISION TO GO THERE TO DISCUSS WITH
THEM, AND TO SEE HOW THEY LIVE. MAYBE, I DON'T
KNOW. (END PARTIAL TEXT).
BARTHOLOMEW
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