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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

Ted,

7/8

(Hamadi mtg)

- attached letter will be the basis for an agreement.
 - Coord. version will be cabled to Bonn
- attached cable came in today
 - Joanne is going to app. the NSC to this change *she said she would do this a week ago.*
- First package of documents are being reviewed by KAM and should go out very soon.
 - Emb legal advisor will get inventory
 - Emb Legatt will get duplicate documents
 - over -

- Original documents will go directly to The German Prosecutor from FBI
- Hesse official will be invited to Washington to discuss case
- Letter to U.S. witness waiting VT signature. She is on leave.
- Letter drafted to TWA legal asking cooperation with case - German Stenographers.

RB
 good idea!
 TM

- also suggested Meese send a letter to TWA President asking them to Cooperate not obstruct.

Rich



U.S. Department of Justice

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Washington, D.C. 20530

*S/CT - has a few
clarifications - but letter
accepted as appropriate.*

Ambassador Alvin P. Adams
Deputy
Office of Ambassador-at-Large
for Counter-Terrorism
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Re: Communications with Federal Republic
of Germany Regarding Hamadei Case

Dear Ambassador Adams:

Pursuant to your request of July 2, 1987, we are providing a written description of the channels of communication which the Department of Justice believes should be used in the Hamadei case.

The information and material which the German prosecution team will need during the ensuing months is in the hands of the Department of Justice and the FBI. They are materials which we have gathered during our two year-long investigation of the case. As we stated during our meeting, experience demonstrates that the German prosecutors, although obviously conversant with their own law and their own evidentiary needs, are not necessarily familiar with U.S. investigative methods, and certainly do not know what evidence is in our files or the form it takes. Thus, extensive communication will be necessary in order for us to understand what the German prosecutors need and to explore methods by which we can make our evidence "fit" those needs within a time frame which will cause minimal delay (or, hopefully, no delay) in the Germans' efforts to bring Hamadei to justice. Indeed, even in ordinary cases there are frequent direct contacts between the Department of Justice and German prosecutors or the Federal Ministry of Justice. 1/

1/ The assistance of the Embassy has been obtained to facilitate such contacts.

As a result of the foregoing, we believe and propose that Department of Justice prosecutors in the Criminal Division in Washington should maintain direct contact (telephonic, secure telephonic, and face-to-face) with the State of Hesse prosecutors who have responsibility for the prosecution of Hamadei. As you know, to date we have had two such contacts which have been very fruitful in terms of avoiding delays and understanding the Germans' needs. The German prosecutors should be instructed to make all of their requests for information or material (and access to witnesses) directly to the Department of Justice. We do not anticipate that the Department of Justice would be in contact with Federal Republic of Germany federal authorities until such time (if ever) as those authorities assume prosecutorial responsibilities. Department of Justice prosecutors 2/ would discuss evidentiary/legal needs with the German prosecutors and, with the FBI, would respond to those needs expeditiously and to the maximum extent possible. The FBI Legat in Bonn will serve as a facilitator when and if necessary. He will not have day-to-day responsibilities in this matter.

The Department of Justice prosecutor would memorialize (by dictation) all such contacts and immediately advise an appointed individual at the Department of State (in Washington) and an appointed individual at the FBI. Those entities would then communicate information concerning the contact, as they deem appropriate, to their other components. We envision that, at a minimum, the Department of State would cable its Embassy in Bonn and the FBI would cable its Legat in Bonn. State would transmit via Exdis Cedar channel and the FBI would cable via Legat channel. These two channels would be expanded for these communications so that the Department of State would receive Legat channel communications and the FBI would receive Exdis Cedar. 3/

Similarly, Embassy Bonn would send cables to the Department of State promptly reporting the results of its contacts with the Federal Republic of Germany authorities. 4/ Embassy Bonn would, of course, maintain its role as political and diplomatic arm of the United States government. In this regard, Department of Justice prosecutors would recognize issues, requests,

2/ In fact, Senior Legal Advisor Karen Morrisette would be the prosecutor who would handle such contacts on a routine basis. In her absence, either Trial Attorney Jennifer Gold or I would make such contacts.

3/ The Department of Justice presently receives Exdis Cedar.

4/ Since these would be reported via Exdis Cedar, the Department of Justice and the FBI would receive copies.

or questions posed by the German prosecutors which have any political overtones and would report them to the Department of State so that an appropriate response could be formulated, after consultation with other involved U.S. agencies. We would err on the side of caution in our recognition of political matters or issues which could evolve into political matters and thus would not provide a substantive response to them. For example, issues concerning Germany's fulfillment of its international legal obligations, the timeliness and vigor of the German investigation and prosecution, and the United States' reaction (public or private) to the Germans' prosecutive efforts are all matters to be addressed by the Department of State after consultation with other interested U.S. agencies.

Since the proposed channels of communication do not anticipate the involvement of Department of Justice prosecutors in "federal-federal" contacts (because contact with federal level German officials would be reserved to the Embassy), the role of the Embassy is obvious, to wit, to continue to encourage the Federal Republic of Germany to effectively and quickly bring Hamadei to justice. The fact that the Department of Justice will have direct contact with the prosecutors, and the Embassy will continue its diplomatic contacts with federal officials, will give the United States a "cross-check" system, i.e., we will be able to compare the observations which we make on the state level with those we make on the federal level.

We believe that this system will satisfy the interests of all U.S. agencies and will be most effective in ensuring that Hamadei is swiftly brought to justice.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE LIPPE, Chief
General Litigation and
Legal Advice Section
Criminal Division

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SUBJECT: "ORGANIZATION OF FIGHTERS FOR FREEDOM" JULY 8
- COMMUNIQUE CLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY FOR HOLDING
- TWO GERMAN HOSTAGES

1. FOLLOWING IS A SY TRANSLATION OF JULY 9 REPORT BY
AL-NABA WITH COMMUNIQUE BY GROUP CLAIMING TO HOLD WEST
GERMAN HOSTAGES CARLOS AND SCHMIDT.

2. FULL TEXT:

FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE KIDNAPPING OF THE TWO WEST
GERMANS, RUDOLPH CARLOS AND ALFRED SCHMIDT LAST JANUARY,
THE ORGANIZATION OF FIGHTERS FOR FREEDOM HAS CLAIMED
RESPONSIBILITY FOR OBTAINING THEM YESTERDAY AND LINKED
THEIR ISSUE TO THAT OF MOHAMMED ALI HAMADI, THE LEBANESE
WELD IN WEST GERMANY ON CHARGES OF PARTICIPATING IN THE
THA HIJACKING TO BEIRUT IN 1985 AND SMOUGLING DRUGS TO
WEST GERMANY.

THIS ANNOUNCEMENT CAME IN A COMMUNIQUE PASSED TO THE
DAILY AL-NABA YESTERDAY. IT WAS ATTACHED TO PHOTO-
GRAPHS OF TWO PAGES OF CARLOS' PASSPORT. OFF SUGGESTED
SENDING A VIDEO TAPE OF ONE OF THE TWO HOSTAGES IN
RETURN FOR ANOTHER TAPE SHOWING HAMADI. THE COMMUNIQUE
ALSO PRAISED THE REFUSAL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF BONN TO
EXCHANGE HAMADI TO THE US, BUT IT ACCUSED IT OF
"HINDERING THE SECRET NEGOTIATIONS" WHICH WERE TAKING
PLACE WITH THE KIDNAPERS.

WHAT IS REMARKABLE IS THAT THE LAST PART OF THE
COMMUNIQUE WAS DEVOTED TO PRAISING SYRIAN POLICY AND
WARNING OF THE RESULTS OF THE RECENT SYRIAN/AMERICAN
DIPLOMACY REGARDING THE CIRCLE OF "CONFRONTATION"
WITH ISRAEL AND THE GULF WAR.

FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE COMMUNIQUE:

"IN THE NAME OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS' GOD. FOLLOWING
THE POSITIVE SIGNALS WHICH APPEARED LATELY ON THE WEST
GERMAN HOSTAGE ISSUE, SOME POINTS HAVE TO BE MADE CLEAR
AND THE FOLLOWING HAS TO BE ANNOUNCED:

THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT AND CHANCELLOR KOHL HAVE AVOIDED THE
GREATEST HUMILIATION AND DEGRADATION FOR THE GERMAN
PEOPLE BY NOT DELIVERING THE FREEDOM FIGHTER, MOHAMMED

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B Hamadi

Ted
Talked to Slater
al says they are
not taking
this seriously.
Wonder what the
FRG reaction
will be?
R

HAMADE, TO THE PEOPLE LIST AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION.
THE GOVERNMENT AND KOHL HAVE REALIZED THAT POLITICAL AND
SECURITY CONDITIONS DO NOT ALLOW SUCH A CRAZY STEP AND
THAT ALL POLITICAL AND SECURITY ELEMENTS ARE STILL IN OUR
HANDS AND TO OUR ADVANTAGE. ~~WE STILL HOLD THE CARD OF~~

~~POWER WHICH CAN BE USED AT ANY TIME. GERMAN OFFICIALS~~
~~ARE AWARE OF THE ROLE AND INFLUENCE OF THIS CARD. HOW-~~
~~EVER, THE POSITIVE STEP OF NOT HANDING OVER MOHAMMED~~
~~HAMADE TO AMERICA LED US TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE~~
~~COMMUNIQUE WHICH WE CONSIDER A POSITIVE STEP IN THE~~
~~FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ONE OF OUR CONDITIONS WHICH IS~~
~~THE RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES. (COMMENT: THAT IS, THE COMMUNIQUE IS~~
~~PUBLISHED AS A POSITIVE MEASURE IN RESPONSE TO FRG~~
~~DECISION NOT TO EXTRADITE HAMADE. END COMMENT.)~~

THE GOVERNMENT HAS REJECTED THE SECRET NEGOTIATIONS WHICH
IT HAD STARTED AND ~~WENT TO USE THE GAME OF INTELLIGENCE~~
~~AND CHARM. WHEN AT THE RISK OF THIS RUSE, WE CUT~~
~~SHORT THE ROAD OF DECEIT IN THE GOVERNMENT AND REMAINED~~
~~SILENT. WE GAVE NO HINTS ABOUT THE HOSTAGES AND WAITED~~
~~TO KNOW TO WHAT EXTENT IT (THE FRG) CAN IGNORE THE SAFETY~~
~~AND THE LIVES OF THE HOSTAGES. WE HAVE LINKED TO THE~~

~~EXCHANGE. WE HAVE INFORMED THEM AND REAFFIRM THAT WE~~
~~HOPE THE GERMANS WOULD COME OUT OF THE CIRCLE OF~~
~~IMPERIALISM. WE HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THEM AND WE DO NOT~~
~~WANT TO START A CONFLICT OR ENLARGE ONE. THIS IS THE~~
~~ACTUAL REASON WHY NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR. SHOULD~~
~~THEIR GOOD INTENTIONS BE PROVEN, IN RETURN FOR EVERY STEP~~
~~BY THE GOVERNMENT TOWARD A SOLUTION, WE SHALL ADVANCE~~
~~SEVERAL STEPS. WE APPRECIATE AND VALUE THE POSITIVE~~
~~STEPS AND UNDERSTAND THEIR REPERCUSSIONS ... AND IN~~
~~THIS FRAMEWORK:~~

THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT CAN ONLY GAIN TIME, WHILE WE CAN
GAIN TIME AND USE THE INITIATIVE OF POWER. WE WERE
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PLEASED AT THE MOUNT OF SUDDEN AWARENESS AND LEAVING THE
IMPERIALIST MAGNETIC FIELD. ~~IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE THIS~~
~~PATH, WE WILL MAKE A PRESENT TO THE GERMAN PEOPLE AND IN~~
~~REMARKS OF THE HOSTAGES BY CREATING A VIDEO-TAPE SHOWING~~
~~ONE OF THE HOSTAGES IN EXCHANGE FOR A TAPESHOWING THE~~
~~GERMAN FIGHTER MOHAMMED HAMADE EXPLAINING HOW HE IS~~
~~LIVING AND INCLUDING A STATEMENT TO HIS WIFE AND FAMILY~~
~~AND FIGHTERS AGAINST ISRAEL AND IMPERIALISM.~~

WE APPRECIATE THE UNDERSTANDING BY THE FIGHTERS IN THE
SYRIAN COMMAND OF THE REASONS FOR DETAINING THE GERMAN
HOSTAGES. ~~WE AFFIRM THAT A SOLUTION TO THIS ISSUE IS~~
~~NOW LINKED TO AN EFFECTIVE ROLE BY SYRIA AND AN APOLOGY~~
~~BY GERMAN OFFICIALS FOR WITHDRAWING THEIR AMBASSADOR AND~~
~~FOR THE ACCUSATION CONDUCTED BY THE PRESS ABOUT SYRIA'S~~
~~RELATION TO THE EXPLOSION IN GERMANY.~~

WE ARE CERTAIN OF THE IDEOLOGICAL TENDENCY OF STRUGGLING
PRESIDENT HAFIZ EL-ASSAD WHICH IS HOSTILE TO IMPERIALISM
AND HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THE DANGERS OF THE AMERICAN
PLANS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE REGION, ITS SUPPORT FOR
ISRAEL AND ITS ANTI-ARABISM TO THE FREE.

HE IS THE ONLY LEADER WHO IS ACTUALLY HOSTILE TO

IMPERIALISM. HE KNOWS THE REPERCUSSIONS AND HARM OF
THEIR PLANS. [REDACTED] A
TOWARDS SYRIA [REDACTED] OF THE CIRCLE OF
CONFRONTATION WITH IT FIRST AND FROM THE CIRCLE OF
CONFRONTATION WITH ISRAEL. THIS STEP IS ALSO TO MAKE
STRATEGIC ALTERATIONS IN ITS POLICY TOWARDS THE GULF WAR
IN A SPECIAL AND BASIC WAY. WE ARE CONFIDENT OF
PRESIDENT ASSAD'S WISE LEADERSHIP IN DIRECTING OTHER
SYRIAN OFFICIALS SO AS NOT TO FALL INTO THE TRAP OF
IMPERIALISM NOW BEING PREPARED.
FINALLY, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ENDING TO THIS
GROUP.

- FIGHTERS FOR FREEDOM"
END TEXT
KELLY

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BONN ADMITS THREATS TO HOSTAGES PREVENTED HAMADI EXTRADITION
BY MARK HEINRICH

DUESSELDORF, WEST GERMANY, JAN 26, REUTER - A TOP AIDE TO
CHANCELLOR HELMUT KOHL TESTIFIED ON TUESDAY THAT THREATS TO KILL
TWO WEST GERMANS KIDNAPPED IN LEBANON FORCED BONN TO REFUSE A
U.S. REQUEST TO EXTRADITE A SUSPECTED HIJACKER.

IT WAS THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT'S FIRST PUBLIC ADMISSION
THAT IT WAS INTIMIDATED INTO DISREGARDING ITS EXTRADITION TREATY
WITH THE UNITED STATES BECAUSE IT FEARED FOR THE LIVES OF THE
HOSTAGES.

THE TESTIMONY CAME IN THE TRIAL OF ABBAS ALI HAMADI, 29,
CHARGED WITH MASTERMINDING THE KIDNAPPINGS OF ALFRED SCHMIDT AND
RUDOLF CORDES IN MID-JANUARY 1987 TO STOP HIS JAILED BROTHER'S
EXTRADITION AND EVENTUALLY FORCE A SWAP OF PRISONERS.

CHANCELLERY MINISTER WOLFGANG SCHAEUBLE, HEAD OF BONN'S
HOSTAGE CRISIS TEAM, TESTIFIED: "WE DECIDED NOT TO EXTRADITE
AFTER WE WEIGHED ALL THE RISKS AND DECIDED THAT THIS WOULD POSE
THE LESSER RISK IN LIGHT OF THREATS TO THE HOSTAGES' LIVES.

"THE THREATS INFLUENCED OUR DECISION," HE TOLD DUESSELDORF'S
TOP-SECURITY COURT.

ABBAS ALI'S BROTHER, MOHAMED ALI HAMADI, WAS ARRESTED IN
WEST GERMANY ON JANUARY 13, 1987, AND HAD BEEN WANTED BY U.S.
AUTHORITIES FOR HIS ALLEGED PART IN THE 1985 HIJACKING OF A U.S.
AIRLINER AND THE MURDER OF AN AMERICAN PASSENGER.

THE TWO WEST GERMAN BUSINESSMEN WERE TAKEN HOSTAGE BY
SHI'ITE MOSLEM KIDNAPPERS DAYS AFTER MOHAMED ALI'S ARREST. ABBAS
ALI WAS DETAINED ON JANUARY 26, 1987 ON ARRIVAL AT FRANKFURT
AIRPORT FROM BEIRUT.

WASHINGTON FILED FOR MOHAMED ALI'S EXTRADITION BUT BONN,
AFTER MONTHS OF SILENCE, ANNOUNCED IN JUNE THAT HE WOULD BE
TRIED INSTEAD IN WEST GERMANY FOR AIR PIRACY AND MURDER. A DATE
FOR THAT TRIAL HAS YET TO BE SET.

THE KIDNAPPERS FREED SCHMIDT IN SEPTEMBER. HE WILL TESTIFY
AT ABBAS ALI'S TRIAL, PROBABLY NEXT MONTH. CORDES REMAINS A
PRISONER AND IS REPORTED IN POOR HEALTH AND EMOTIONALLY
DESPERATE.

JUDGE KLAUS AREND READ OUT A SERIES OF SECRET 1987 MESSAGES
FROM THE KIDNAPPERS TO SCHAEUBLE'S CRISIS TEAM IN WHICH ATTEMPTS
TO INTIMIDATE WERE EVIDENT.

"THE WAY YOU ARE DEALING WITH US COMPELS US TO CONSIDER
BLOODLETTING TO EXERT PRESSURE," SAID ONE MESSAGE, APPARENTLY
REFERRING TO THE SLOW PACE OF CONTACTS WITH BONN.

MOHAMED ALI HAMADI, 23, WAS SCHEDULED TO TESTIFY AT HIS
OLDER BROTHER'S TRIAL ON WEDNESDAY AFTER BEING FLOWN IN BY
HELICOPTER UNDER ARMED GUARD FROM FRANKFURT WHERE HE IS AWAITING
TRIAL.

PRIOR TESTIMONY IN ABBAS ALI'S TRIAL, WHICH BEGAN ON JANUARY
5, HAS ALLEGED THE DEFENDANT ARRANGED THE KIDNAPPINGS THROUGH
TELEPHONE CALLS FROM SAARLAND THAT WERE TAPPED BY POLICE. HE HAS
DENIED ANY PART IN THE KIDNAPPINGS.

A VERDICT IS NOT EXPECTED BEFORE APRIL.

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BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) SEVEN GUNMEN SEIZED A WEST GERMAN IN SYRIAN-POLICED WEST BEIRUT ON WEDNESDAY. A RADIO REPORT SAID A SHIITE MOSLEM MILITIA LEADER ORDERED THE ABDUCTION TO PRESSURE WEST GERMANY INTO FREEING HIS TWO JAILED BROTHERS.

THE KIDNAPPING OCCURRED AS MOHAMMED HAMADI, ACCUSED IN A TWA HIJACKING, TOOK THE STAND IN THE DUESSELDORF TRIAL OF BROTHER ABBAS HAMADI, WHO ALLEGEDLY ABDUCTED TWO WEST GERMANS IN BEIRUT LAST YEAR IN A BID TO FREE HIM.

THE THIRD BROTHER, ABDUL-HADI HAMADI, HEADS THE SECURITY APPARATUS OF HEZBOLLAH, THE MOST MILITANT PRO-IRANIAN FACTION IN LEBANON.

RALPH RUDOLF SCHRAY, 30, WAS GRABBED AS HE WALKED ACROSS A SIDE STREET OFF THE HAMRA COMMERCIAL THOROUGHFARE AT 11:05 A.M., SAID A POLICE SPOKESMAN, WHO BY REGULATION CANNOT BE IDENTIFIED.

THE STOCKY, BLOND SCHRAY WORKS FOR AN ENGINEERING COMPANY AND HAS LIVED IN LEBANON FOR MOST OF HIS LIFE. POLICE SAID THE KIDNAPPERS HAD CALLED SCHRAY'S PALESTINIAN UNCLE, BUT MADE NO DEMANDS. THE UNCLE REFUSED TO TALK TO REPORTERS.

'THE KIDNAPPERS DID NOT STATE ANY DEMANDS,' THE POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID, ADDING THAT IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHO THEY WERE.

HOWEVER, A HIGH-RANKING OFFICIAL WITH ABDUL-HADI HAMADI'S MILITIA INFORMED A RELATIVE OF SCHRAY THAT ABDUL-HADI ORDERED THE ABDUCTION 'TO PUT PRESSURE ON BONN SO THAT IT WOULD RELEASE HIS TWO JAILED BROTHERS,' THE CHRISTIAN-RUN VOICE OF LEBANON QUOTED THE RELATIVE AS SAYING. IT DID NOT NAME THE RELATIVE.

EARLIER, THE JUDGE IN THE HAMADI TRIAL WARNED THAT IF THE SCHRAY KIDNAPPING WERE LINKED TO THE PROCEEDINGS, 'IT COULD MAKE THE SITUATION TOUGHER HERE.'

THE UNITED STATES CONDEMNED SCHRAY'S KIDNAPPING AND CALLED FOR RELEASE OF ALL HOSTAGES HELD IN LEBANON.

'THE CONTINUED DETENTION OF THESE PEOPLE BRINGS NO SYMPATHY OR HONOR TO WHATEVER CAUSE THE CAPTORS PROFESS TO ESPOUSE,' SAID STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN CHARLES REDMAN IN WASHINGTON.

SCHRAY WAS THE FIRST FOREIGNER ABDUCTED IN MOSLEM WEST BEIRUT SINCE JUNE. HIS KIDNAPPING BRINGS TO 22 THE NUMBER OF FOREIGNERS HELD HOSTAGE IN LEBANON. ONE OTHER WEST GERMAN IS A CAPTIVE, AND HIS ABDUCTORS HAVE DEMANDED THE RELEASE OF MOHAMMED AND ABBAS HAMADI.

SCHRAY'S KIDNAPPERS WERE IN THREE CARS AND SOME WORE POLICE UNIFORMS, THE POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID, ADDING THAT THEY 'PUSHED SCHRAY INTO ONE OF THEIR CARS AT GUNPOINT AND SPED OFF.'

WITNESSES SAID SCHRAY LATER LEAPED OUT OF THE CAR WHEN IT WAS SLOWED BY TRAFFIC, BUT WAS GRABBED BY ONE OF THE GUNMEN AND FORCED BACK INTO THE AUTO.

'I HOPE HE'LL BE RELEASED SOON,' SCHRAY'S LEBANESE WIFE, RANA MOUNLA, TOLD REPORTERS, HER EYES BRIMMING WITH TEARS.

'RALPH NEVER CONSIDERED HIMSELF A GERMAN. HE HARDLY SPEAKS A FEW WORDS OF GERMAN,' SHE SAID. 'HE ALWAYS CONSIDERED HIMSELF LEBANESE. HE DIDN'T PANIC WHEN VARIOUS WAVES OF FOREIGNERS' ABDUCTIONS HIT WEST BEIRUT. OTHERS FLED, BUT HE INSISTED ON STAYING.'

SCHRAY WAS BORN IN BEIRUT IN 1957 TO A WEST GERMAN FATHER AND A PALESTINIAN MOTHER, SAID A RELATIVE WHO SPOKE ON CONDITION OF ANONYMITY. BONN OFFICIALS SAID HE HAS A WEST GERMAN PASSPORT.

IN WEST GERMANY, MOHAMMED HAMADI, 23, REFUSED TO TESTIFY AT THE

TRIAL OF HIS 29-YEAR-OLD BROTHER ABBAS.

ABBAS HAMADI IS CHARGED WITH KIDNAPPING WEST GERMANS RUDOLF CORDES AND ALFRED SCHMIDT IN BEIRUT LESS THAN A WEEK AFTER HIS BROTHER'S JAN.

13, 1987 ARREST AT FRANKFURT AIRPORT.

SCHMIDT WAS RELEASED IN SEPTEMBER. CORDES REMAINS A CAPTIVE.

MOHAMMED HAMADI IS WANTED IN THE UNITED STATES ON CHARGES OF AIR PIRACY AND MURDER IN THE 1985 HIJACKING OF A TWA JETLINER TO BEIRUT. THIRTY-NINE AMERICANS WERE HELD HOSTAGE AND A U.S. NAVY DIVER WAS KILLED IN THE 17-DAY ORDEAL.

IN FRANKFURT ON WEDNESDAY, WEST GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER HANS-DIETRICH GENSCHER MET WITH AND ASKED HIS IRANIAN COUNTERPART TO USE ''ALL HIS INFLUENCE'' TO WIN THE RELEASE OF CORDES AND SCHRAY, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY SAID.

IT ADDED THAT THE IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, ALI AKBAR VELAYATI, ''PLEDGED TO DO WHAT HE COULD WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF HIS POSSIBILITIES.''

KHALIL DEEB, A SYRIAN JANITOR OF A NEARBY APARTMENT BUILDING, SAID THERE WERE FIVE ABDUCTORS IN TWO CARS INVOLVED IN WEDNESDAY'S ABDUCTION. HE SAID SCHRAY WAS PUSHED INTO A MERCEDES AND ''REPEATEDLY SCREAMED THROUGH THE WINDOW AND THE KIDNAPPERS KEPT PUSHING HIS HEAD DOWN.''

WEDNESDAY'S ABDUCTION WAS THE SECOND KIDNAPPING NEAR A SYRIAN ARMY CHECKPOINT SINCE DAMASCUS DEPLOYED 7,500 TROOPS IN BEIRUT 11 MONTHS AGO TO HALT MILITIA FIGHTING. THE FIRST WAS U.S. JOURNALIST CHARLES GLASS, WHO WAS ABDUCTED ON BEIRUT'S SOUTHERN EDGE JUNE 17. HE GAINED FREEDOM AUG. 18.

A GROUP CALLING ITSELF HOLY WARRIORS FOR FREEDOM CLAIMED JULY 8 IT WAS HOLDING CORDES, 53, AND SCHMIDT. SCHMIDT WAS FREED SEPT. 7, AND THE GROUP SAID HIS RELEASE WAS INTENDED AS A GOODWILL GESTURE AIMED AT WINNING THE FREEDOM OF THE HAMADI BROTHERS.

AMONG THE FOREIGN HOSTAGES IN LEBANON ARE ANGLICAN CHURCH ENVOY TERRY WAITE, WHO VANISHED LAST JANUARY DURING A MISSION TO MEDIATE WITH THE KIDNAPPERS, AND EIGHT AMERICANS. THE HOSTAGE HELD THE LONGEST IS TERRY ANDERSON, CHIEF MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, WHO WAS ABDUCTED IN WEST BEIRUT ON MARCH 16, 1985.

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ON WEDNESDAY, JUDGE AREND TOLD THE COURT TRYING ABBAS HAMADI, ''IF THE SAME CIRCLE OF KIDNAPPERS (AS ARE UNDER DISCUSSION AT THE DUESSELDORF TRIAL) IS INVOLVED (IN SCHRAY'S ABDUCTION), IT COULD MAKE THE SITUATION TOUGHER HERE AND LEAD TO THE OPPOSITE EFFECT OF WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE AT THIS TRIAL.'' HE APPEARED TO BE WARNING THAT FURTHER KIDNAPPINGS WOULD NOT FORCE WEST GERMAN AUTHORITIES TO ADOPT A MORE LENIENT STANCE TOWARD TERRORIST SUSPECTS.

MOHAMMED HAMADI TOOK THE WITNESS STAND WEDNESDAY AND RAISED HIS FISTS DEFIANTLY AFTER REFUSING TO TESTIFY. UNDER WEST GERMAN LAW, RELATIVES OF DEFENDANTS CANNOT BE FORCED TO TESTIFY.

HE IS WANTED IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE JUNE 1985 HIJACKING OF A TWA JETLINER TO BEIRUT IN WHICH U.S. NAVY DIVER ROBERT STETHEM WAS KILLED AND 39 AMERICANS WERE HELD HOSTAGE FOR 17 DAYS.

ABBAS HAMADI, 29, IS ACCUSED OF ARRANGING THE KIDNAPPINGS OF WEST GERMANS ALFRED SCHMIDT AND RUDOLF CORDES IN BEIRUT LAST JANUARY IN AN ATTEMPT TO GAIN THE RELEASE OF HIS BROTHER.

SCHMIDT WAS RELEASED IN SEPTEMBER. CORDES IS STILL IN CAPTIVITY.

WEST GERMANY REJECTED A U.S. REQUEST FOR MOHAMMED HAMADI'S EXTRADITION AND SAID HE WOULD BE TRIED IN A WEST GERMAN COURT INSTEAD.

ABBAS HAMADI'S TRIAL HAS BEEN ADJOURNED UNTIL NEXT WEEK. THE ADJOURNMENT WAS UNRELATED TO THE KIDNAPPING OF SCHRAY.

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SUBJECT: "FIGHTERS FOR FREEDOM" ORGANIZATION ISSUES
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1. FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF A COMMUNIQUE FROM THE "FIGHTERS FOR FREEDOM" ORGANIZATION WHICH APPEARED IN MARCH 3 ISSUE OF AN-NAHAR. NEWS OF SCHRAY'S RELEASE WAS REPORTED IN BEIRUT MID-MORNING MARCH 3.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

IN THE NAME OF THE LORD OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS.
BETWEEN ADVICE AND WARNING...BETWEEN ALERTING AND
THREATENING...BETWEEN THE DESIRE FOR A DIALOGUE AND
YEARNING FOR THE USE OF FORCES THE GERMAN HOSTAGE
RALPH SHRAY IS BEING HOSTED TO TRY TO GET AT THE FACTS...
AND SO THEY WOULD UNDERSTAND WHAT SO FAR THEY HAVE NOT
UNDERSTOOD BY OTHER MEANS (...) IT SEEMS WE ARE STILL
AT THE BEGINNING OF THE ROAD AND THERE IS, APPARENTLY
SOME DETERMINATION BY THE OFFICIALS OF GERMANY TO PROLONG
THE STORY. HOWEVER, WE ARE SURE AND WE PROMISE THAT,
IF IT TAKES ANY LONGER, THIS PATH WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT
AND TERRIFYING FOR THE OTHER PARTY AND THE STORY WILL
BE EXTREMELY TRAGIC AS WELL.

WHILE WE VIE WITH THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT IN TREATING THE
SUBJECT OF THE HOSTAGES AND THE HAMADI BROTHERS, THE
MEDIATION OF FRIENDS IN SYRIA AND IN THE PERSON OF
PRESIDENT ASSAD COME ALONG TO GIVE A NEW CHANCE WITH A
NEW ROUND OF COMMITMENTS AND PROMISES. THIS MADE THE
ISSUE OF SHRAY MAKE ITS WAY TO A SOLUTION DURING THE
COMING HOURS IF THE CONDITIONS OF THIS ROUND ARE
COMPLETED.

WE MUST DRAW ATTENTION TO FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES THAT MUST BE
CAUTIONED ABOUT:

FIRST: THE HAMADI BROTHERS ARE STILL IN GERMANY AND THE
RELEASE IS THE INITIATIVE NUMBER 2. (COMMENT:
PRESUMABLY SHRAY'S RELEASE WOULD BE THE SECOND
INITIATIVE BY THE KIDNAPPERS. END COMMENT.) MANY
FACTORS HAVE ACCUMULATED AND LED TO A PEACEFUL ENDING
KNOWING THAT THIS COMMUNIQUE WAS DEDICATED TO ANNOUNCING
THE DEATH OF SHRAY AND SENDING HIM LOADED TO THE

CHANCELLOR (HELMUT) KOHL AND (WEST GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER) MR. GENSCHER. ALL THE WAGERING ON A CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES AND THE POSSIBILITY OF EXERTING PRESSURE ON US AND RESTRICTING OUR MOVES IS NOT ONLY NOTHING, BUT ON OUR PART, WILL ALSO LEAD IN THE FUTURE TO A SETTLEMENT OF THE CORDES CASE. WE CHALLENGE GERMANY TO HURT THE HAMADI BROTHERS.

SECOND: WE ARE PRACTICING A LEGAL RIGHT FOR A STRUGGLE AGAINST AMERICA. BROTHER MOHAMMED HAMADI IS ONE OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS IN THIS PATH. HE SHOULD BE TREATED WELL AND RELEASED. IF THIS ROUND WAS USELESS, WE AFFIRM THAT GERMANY WILL COMPLY BY FORCE. THEREFORE, THIS CHANCE MUST BE USED.

THIRD: WE ARE STARTING TO APPROACH A NEW SITUATION WHICH WILL DETERMINE THE KIND OF REACTION WE SHALL HAVE. WE REMIND THAT WE NOW HAVE A SET OF GERMAN TARGET THAT WILL PROBABLY BE STRUCK. WE ALSO HAVE AN ARM EXTENDED FOR DIALOGUE.

FINALLY, WE APPEAL TO CHANCELLOR KOHL AND GENSCHER TO CONSIDER, TO RESPECT WHAT HAD BEEN AGREED UPON AND TO MAKE USE OF THE NEW CHANCE FOR A SOLUTION NOT PROCRASTINATION.

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