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- A) STORIES COVERED IN REPORT:
- 1. HIJACKED TWA AIRLINER.
- 2. TABA.
- 3. MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS.
- B) SUMMARY OF TYPE OF COVERAGE:
- 1. HIJACKED TWA AIRLINER:
- -- ALL MEDIA LEAD WITH THE CONTINUING HOSTAGE DRAMA IN BEIRUT, WITH EXTENSIVE NETWORK CLIPS AIRED ON TV AND PRESS COMMENTARIES ON THE SITUATION. PRESIDENT REAGAN'S STATEMENT THAT THE "U.S. WILL NO" GIVE IN TO TERRORIST DEMANDS NOR WILL WE PRESSURE ANY COUNTRY TO DO SO" IS THE LEAD ITEM ON ISRAEL RADIO AND IN BANNER HEADLINES IN YEDIOT AND MAARIV.
- -- YEDIOT EDITOR-IN-CHIEF ROSENBLUM WRITES THAT
 "THE ACCEPTED PHILOSOPHY OF THE WESTERN WORLD"
 THAT INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM ULTIMATELY IS
 DIRECTED AGAINST ISRAEL HAS BEEN DESTROYED BY THIS
 HIJACKING. "THE REST OF THE WORLD IS NOW IN MORTAL
 DANGER FROM THE SCOURGE OF INTERNATIONAL
 TERRORISM," WRITES YEDIOT.
- -- HA ARETZ POLITICAL COMMENTATOR SAMET WRITES
 THAT THE USS MIGHT GIVE IN ON THE TERRORIST
 DEMANDS, "BUT WOULD PREFER THE UNPLEASANTNESS TO
 FALL ON ISRAEL'S SHOULDERS." SAMET ADVOCATES THE
 "SHOW OF WEAKNESS AT LEAST BE EQUALLY SHARED BY
 THE TWO FRIENDLY COUNTRIES."
- -- DAVAR WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT OREN SAYS THAT "ISRAEL SHOULD PUBLICIZE A PREVIOUS REQUEST BY THE AMERICANS NOT TO ATTACK SHIITE BASES IN THE BEKA"A VALLEY, WHERE OTHER AMERICAN HOSTAGES WERE BEING HELD."
- -- A MAARIV EDITORIAL COMMENTS THAT WHILE THE U.S. IS NOT ASKING ISRAEL TO RELEASE ITS SHIITE PRISONERS, IT IS REMINDING US THAT "THE TRANSFER OF THESE PRISONERS TO ISRAEL WAS A BREACH OF

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2. TABA:

-- ALL MEDIA REPORT DEEPENING POLITICAL CRISIS IN THE NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT OVER THE TABA ISSUE. ISRAEL RADIO QUOTE SOURCES CLOSE TO VICE PM SHAMIR THAT HE HAS "NO INTENTION OF GIVING IN." HA ARETZ POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT ELDAR QUOTES SOURCES CLOSE TO THE PRIME MINISTER AS SAYING "PERES CANNOT BT #9105

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AFFORD TO GIVE IN ON TABA."

- 3. MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS:
- -- ISRAEL RADIO WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT BARKAI SAYS THAT IN SPITE OF SECRETARY SHULTZ TESTIMONY YESTERDAY IN THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, THE SENATORS ARE OPPOSED TO THE SALE OF ARMS TO JORDAN.
- C) HEADLINES:
- 1. THE HIJACKED TWA AIRLINER:

"REAGAN TO TERRORISTS: IN THE NAME OF THE GOD YOU FEAR - PUT AN END TO THIS INFAMY" (MAARIV.) "REAGAN: WE SHALL NOT GIVE IN TO TERROR: ANOTHER CONCESSION WILL ONLY INVITE MORE TERRORISM" (YEDIOT AHARONOT.) "SHIITE ZEALOTS THREATEN: WE'LL BLOW UP BOOBY-TRAPPED AIRLINER OVER TEL-AVIV" (MAARIV AND YEDIOT.) "HIJACK GENERATES WAVE OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN THE U.S." (HA'ARETZ.) "U.S.: BERRI TO GET HIS 700 IF HE FREES THE HOSTAGES; BERRI THREATENS TO WASH HIS HANDS OF THE HIJACKING"; "(U.S.) WON'T MAKE DEALS WITH TERRORISTS" (JERUSALEM POST.) "AMERICAN PRESSURE ON ISRAEL: ISRAEL GETS BILLIONS. MUST RELEASE SHI'ITES" (HADASHOT) "ISRAEL HAS NO INTENTION AT THIS STAGE TO RELEASE SHIITE PRISONERS* (DAVAR.) 2. TABA:

"PERES SAID THREATENING RESIGNATION OVER TABA"
(ISRAEL TV.) "SHAMIR DOES NOT INTEND TO GIVE IN ON
TABA" (ISRAEL RADIO.) "PERES AND SHAMIR MEET THIS
MORNING IN THE SHADOW OF GOVERNMENT CRISIS ON
TABA" (HA ARETZ.) "PERES TO CLARIFY TO SHAMIR:
WITHOUT TABA ARBITRATION, THERE IS NO GOVERNMENT"
(HADASHOT.)

3. THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS.

"ARAFAT TO HUSSEIN: POSITIVE CHANGE IN U.S. STAND" (HA ARETZ.)

D) SUPPORTIVE TEXT:

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- 1. THE HIJACKED TWA AIRLINER.
- I. ISRAEL RADIO, YEDIOT AND MAARIV LEAD WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN'S STATEMENT AT HIS NEWS CONFERENCE LAST NIGHT THA" "THE U.S. WILL NEVER GIVE IN TO TERRORISTS NOR PRESSURE ANY COUNTRY TO DO SO." ISRAEL RADIO WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT RAZI BARKAI REPORTS THAT THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT "ANY CONCESSION TO THE TERRORISTS WILL ONLY INCREASE 8T #9105 NNNN

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THE DANGER OF TERRORISM IN FUTURE." WITH REFERENCE TO THE SHI'ITE PRISONERS IN ISRAEL. THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT THEIR TRANSFER FROM LEBANON TO ISRAEL CONFLICTED WITH THE GENEVA CONVENTION. BUT "THERE MUST NOT BE ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN THE THE RELEASE OF THESE SHI'ITES AND THAT OF THE AMERICAN HOSTAGES. THAT WOULD SIGNIFY THAT THE U.S. AND ISRAEL HAVE GIVEN IN TO TERRORIST DEMANDS."

II. YEDIOT WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT ZEEV BARAK (WOLF BLITZER) WRITES THAT IN AN "AGGRESSIVELY-WORDED STATEMENT, PRESIDENT REAGAN SAID HE WILL NEVER GIVE IN TO TERROR. TO DO SO WILL ONLY INVITE FURTHER TERRORISM. III. YEDIOT EDITOR IN CHIEF HERZL ROSENBLUM SAYS THAT IT HAS BEEN THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE WESTERN WORLD THAT INTERNATIONAL TERROR IS ULTIMATELY DIRECTED AGAINST ISRAEL, OR WORLD JEWRY, BUT GRADUALLY THE TERRORISTS ARE STARTING TO "KILL AND THROW AMERICANS OU' OF THEIR AIRCRAFT. ONLY THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS SATELLITES REMAIN UNTOUCHED ... THE REST OF THE WORLD IS NOW IN MORTAL DANGER FROM THE SCOURGE OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM, UNLESS THEY WAKE UP."

IV. ISRAEL RADIO POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT SHIMON SHIFFER REPORTS THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE CLARIFIED THAT "ISRAEL WILL NOT NEGOTIATE WITH THE ICRC ON THE RELEASE OF SHI'ITE DETAINEES IN RETURN FOR THE HOSTAGES HELD PRISONER IN BEIRUT."

V. JERUSALEM POST WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT WOLF BLITZER WRITES THAT "... PRIVATELY, U.S. OFFICIALS SAY THEY HOPE THAT SOME FACE-SAVING DIPLOMATIC FORMULA MAY YET BE FOUND ENABLING THE AMERICAN PASSENGERS AND CREW MEMBERS TO BE FREED. THEY INSISTED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD NOT ALLOW THIS ORDEAL TO BECOME "ANOTHER IRAN" ... "

HA ARETZ POLITICAL COMMENTATOR GIDEON SAMET WRITES THAT "SINCE THE WEEKEND, ISRAEL AND THE U.S. HAVE BEEN PLAYING CAT AND MOUSE.... NOT FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE DIMINISHING OF ITS MILITARY OPTIONS, THE U.S. IS PLAYING POKER WITHOUT CARDS, IF NOT WITH THE CARDS OF THE OTHER

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PARTY." SAMET SAYS THAT IT MAY NOW BE ASSUMED THAT "CONTRARY TO ITS WILL AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS, THE U.S. MAY GIVE IN, BUT WOULD PREFER THE UNPLEASANTNESS TO FALL ON JERUSALEM'S SHOULDERS." HA'ARETZ COMMENTATOR SAMET ARGUES THAT "IF THE TWO FRIENDLY COUNTRIES CANNOT RESOLVE THE PROBLEM BY FORCE, THE SHOW OF WEAKNESS SHOULD, AT LEAST, BE EQUALLY SHARED: THE ONE ASKS AND THE OTHER ACCEPTS THE ACT OF SURRENDER TO THE TERRORISTS." SAMET DECLARES THAT "THE U.S. CAN BETTER AFFORD TO LOSE FACE ON THIS HIJACKING AFFAIR THAN ISRAEL." BT #9105

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VII. DAVAR WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT AMIR OREN COMMENTS THAT ALTHOUGH THEY ARE DIFFICULT AND COMPLEX, SOME OF THE TASKS INVOLVED IN FREEING THE HOSTAGES IN BEIRUT SEEM "MUCH SIMPLER THAN THE PROBLEMS WHICH FOILED THE PLANNING OF THE IRANIAN RESCUE OPERATION." OREN SAYS THAT "FOR THE SAKE OF THE AMERICAN IMAGE IN THE ARAB COUNTRIES. REAGAN WILL PROBABLY PREFER ISRAELI ASSISTANCE IN SUCH AN OPERATION TO REMAIN UNNOTICED. BUT AT A TIME WHEN THERE IS GROWING PUBLIC RESENTMENT IN THE U.S. OVER ITS INSISTENCE ON AN EXPLICIT AMERICAN DEMAND FOR THE RELEASE OF THE PRISONERS. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR ISRAEL TO MAKE IT PUBLIC THAT IN THE WAKE OF A SIMILAR DEMARCHE THE ISRAELI AIR FORCE DID NOT ATTACK SHI'ITE BASES IN THE BEKA'A VALLEY OF LEBANON, WHERE OTHER AMERICAN HOSTAGES WERE BEING HELD."

VIII. MAARIV COMMENTS: "AMERICA IS NOT ASKING ISRAEL TO RELEASE THE 700 SHIITES BROUGHT FROM SOUTH LEBANON TO ATLIT. IT IS, HOWEVER, GIVING US A GENTLE REMINDER THAT IN AMERICAN EYES, THE TRANSFER OF THESE PRISONERS TO ISRAEL WAS A BREACH OF INTERNATIONAL LAW."

2. TABA.

I. ISRAEL TELEVISON'S POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT YORAM RONNEN QUOTED THE PRIME MINISTER'S ASSOCIATES AS ASSERTING THAT THE CRISIS OVER TABA MIGHT EVOLVE INTO A CRISIS FOR THE NATIONAL UNITY "THE PRIME MINISTER HAS THREATENED TO GOVERNMENT. SUBMIT HIS RESIGNATION TO THE PRESIDENT UNLESS VICE PREMIER YITZHAK SHAMIR ACCEPTS A FORMULA ADVOCATING ARBITRATION WITH EGYPT" " II. ISRAEL RADIO REPORTS THAT "SOURCES CLOSE TO VICE PM SHAMIR" TOLD CORRESPONDENT SHIMON SHIFFER LAST NIGHT THAT MINISTER SHAMIR "HAS NO INTENTION OF GIVING IN, AND WILL DEMAND A COMPROMISE PROCESS TO PRECEDE ARBITRATION." LIKUD SOURCES SAID THAT TABA WAS PART OF AN UNACCEPTABLE COMPREHESIVE MOVE TOWARDS NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FUTURE OF THE TERRITORIES, ISRAEL RADIO REPORTS. ALIGNMENT SOURCES SAID, HOWEVER, THAT IT COMES AS NO SURPRISE THAT YITZHAK SHAMIR, AN OPPONENT OF CAMP

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DAVID AND THE PEACE TREATY WITH EGYPT, NOW WANTS TO WRECK THE CHANCES OF A SETTLEMENT WITH EGYPT.

III. HA ARETZ POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT AKIVA ELDAR QUOTES CIRCLES CLOSE TO THE PRIME MINISTER AS SAYING THAT PERES "CANNOT AFFORD TO GIVE IN ON TABA." THEY MAINTAIN THAT "IF EFFORTS FAIL TO ACHIEVE A THAW IN RELATIONS WITH EGYPT, ALL MIDDLE EAST PEACE INITIATIVES WOULD BE PARALYZED." ACCORDING TO ELDAR, LIKUD FIGURES YESTERDAY BT #9105

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CONFIRMED THEIR CONCERN THAT "CONCESSIONS TO EGYPT ON TABA MAY GIVE THE GREEN LIGHT TO CONCESSIONS TO JORDAN AS WELL." ACCORDING TO HA ARETZ, "THE U.S. MADE CLEAR THAT IT WOULD FAVOR AN ISRAELI AGREEMENT TO ARBITRATION ON THE TABA ISSUE."

HA ARETZ COMMENTS EDITORIALLY THAT "WHATEVER THE VIEWS ON THE JUSTICE OF THE EGYPTIAN STAND ON TABA . IF THE PRIME MINISTER IS THOROUGHLY CONVINCED THAT ISRAEL MUST TAKE UP THE TOUGH CHALLENGE OF TABA ARBITRATION, HE SHOULD NOT HESITATE TO DO SO. HE MUST ASK YITZHAK SHAMIR AND THE LIKUD MINISTERS POINT BLANK WHETHER THEY ARE PREPARED TO ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE COLLAPSE OF THE NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT FOR THE SAKE OF THEIR VIEWS ON TABA. V. DAVAR COMMENTS THAT "THE DESIRE TO OVERCOME THE DEADLOCK IN RELATIONS BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL IS SELF EVIDENT. ISRAEL MUST NOT WASTE ALL IT HAS INVESTED IN THEM ... ISRAEL'S PROBLEMS WILL NOT BE RESOLVED BY A GOVERNMENT UNABLE TO AGREE ON THE THE SIMPLEST ISSUES ... THE EDITORIAL MAINTAINS.

- 3. THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS.
- ISRAEL RADIO REPORTS THAT SECRETARY OF STATE SHULTZ LAST NIGHT TRIED TO PERSUADE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE TO APPROVE THE SALE OF ARMS AND ECONOMIC AID TO JORDAN. TESTIFYING IN A CLOSED SESSION, SECRETARY SHULTZ REITERATED THAT HUSSEIN HAS CHOSEN THE PATH OF PEACE AND THAT HE SHOULD BE PROTECTED AGAINST SYRIA. CORRESPONDENT RAZI BARKAI NOTES, HOWEVER, THAT THE SENATORS OPPOSITION IS MAINLY DIRECTED AGAINST THE SALE OF ARMS TO JORDAN.
- II. HA ARETZ ARAB AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT REPORTS
 THAT ARAFAT TOLD KING HUSSEIN THAT HE AGAIN
 REJECTED PM PERES PLAN FOR PEACE IN THE AREA, BUT
 HE NOTED A "POSITIVE CHANGE" IN THE U.S. STAND.
 ARAFAT SAID, ACCORDING TO HA ARETZ, "THAT HIS
 TALKS IN AMMAN HAS CONVINCED HIM THAT THE UNITED
 STATES HAS MOVED ONE STEP FORWARD IN TRYING TO
 SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF THE AREA."

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