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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: PRESIDENT REAGAN'S JUNE 18
PRESS CONFERENCE

REF: USIA 42254

1. EGYPTIAN PRESS COVERAGE OF PRESIDENT REAGAN'S JUNE 18
PRESS CONFERENCE IS LIMITED TO THE GOVERNMENT-SUPPORTED
DAILY "AL AKHBAR," WHOSE JUNE 19 EDITION GIVES EXTENSIVE
FRONT-PAGE NEWS PLAY TO THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENTS. THE
PRESS CONFERENCE OCCURRED TOO LATE TO MAKE HOLIDAY
EDITIONS OF "AL AHAM" OR "AL GOMHOURIYA." "AL AKHBAR"
CARRIES NO COMMENTARY.

1 A. WE ASSUME THAT OTHER DAILIES WILL GIVE COVERAGE TO
THE PRESS CONFERENCE IN THEIR NEXT ADDITIONS AND THAT
TV AND RADIO WILL ALSO PROVIDE COVERAGE. GOVERNMENT-

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OWNED MEDIA HAVE PREVIOUSLY ISSUED CONDEMNATION OF THE HIJACKERS (SEE FBIS NICOSIA 190036Z JUN 85). TODAY'S RADIO HAS ALSO CARRIED CONDEMNATION OF THE TERRORISTS' ACTION.

2. "AL AKHBAR" HEADLINES: "WE WILL NOT SURRENDER TO THE TERRORISTS" AND "WE WILL NOT OFFER ANY CONCESSION FOR THE RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES."

3. ACCORDING TO "AL AKHBAR," REAGAN'S COMMENTS INCLUDED A "SEVERE REBUKE" TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE FOR ITS FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY SECURITY MEASURES FOR INTERNATIONAL AVIATION.

4. THE PRESIDENT IS QUOTED AS DEMANDING OF LEBANESE SHIA ELEMENTS THAT THEY RELEASE THE TWA FLIGHT HOSTAGES WITHOUT CONDITION.

5. THE PAPER REPORTS THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT THAT THE U.S. WILL ACT TO CONFRONT THE TERRORISTS WHO HIJACKED THE TWA PLANE, ADDING THAT THE U.S. HAS BECOME A STATE "EXPOSED TO TERRORIST ATTACKS" AND A "TARGET OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM."

6. "AL AKHBAR" QUOTES THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT THAT HE ORDERED THAT "SEVERAL IMPORTANT STEPS" BE TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO THE HIJACKING: PROVIDING ADDITIONAL ARMED SECURITY OFFICERS ABOARD AMERICAN FLIGHTS SO AS TO DETER FUTURE HIJACKINGS AND "WARNING AMERICAN CITIZENS NOT TO TRAVEL TO GREECE UNTIL THE GREEK GOVERNMENT IMPROVES SECURITY MEASURES AT ITS AIRPORTS."

7. REPORTEDLY, PRESIDENT REAGAN CALLED ON AMERICANS TO REFRAIN FROM TRAVELING TO ANY MIDEAST COUNTRY THAT FAILS TO CONDEMN TERRORISM, AND ESPECIALLY THE TWA HIJACKING.

8. THE PRESIDENT IS QUOTED AS SAYING THE HIJACKING IS A "BLEMISH ON THE HONOR OF LEBANON."

9. WITH THE COMMENT "WE ARE IN A DIFFICULT SITUATION" REGARDING THE HIJACKING, REAGAN REPORTEDLY DECLARED THAT LEBANESE SHIITE LEADER NABIH BERRI BEARS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OUTCOME OF THE INCIDENT AS "A LEADER OF THE SHIITE COMMUNITY" IN LEBANON.

10. THE PRESIDENT REPORTEDLY DESCRIBED AS "DIFFICULT" POSSIBLE RETALIATORY ACTION IN THIS AFFAIRS, BECAUSE "WE ARE NOT DEALING WITH A SPECIFIC GOVERNMENT" THAT MIGHT BE

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HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE INCIDENT.

11. IN HIS REMARKS, REAGAN SAID "WE MUST DETERMINE WHO THE HIJACKERS ARE AND WHERE THEY ARE LOCATED." HE TERMED AS THE PRIMARY GOAL" OF THE U.S. THAT OF INSURING THE SAFETY AND RELEASE OF THE TWA HOSTAGES.

12. REPORTEDLY, THE PRESIDENT STATED THAT THE U.S. CANNOT ASK ISRAEL TO MEET THE HIJACKERS' DEMANDS BY RELEASING DETAINED SHIITES. PENNEY

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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: PRESIDENT REAGAN'S JUNE 18 PRESS
- CONFERENCE/STATE DEPARTMENT TRAVEL ADVISORY ON
- ATHENS' HELLENIKON AIRPORT

1. THIS IS AN INFORMATION MESSAGE. NO ACTION REQUIRED.
2. SUMMARY: BECAUSE THE TEXT OF THE PRESIDENT'S PRESS CONFERENCE REACHED ATHENS AFTER THE FILING DEADLINE FOR MANY JUNE 19 DAILIES, ONLY ONE AFTERNOON PAPER MADE IT THE LEAD STORY (PRO-GOG ELEFTHERTOTYPIA, WHICH DESCRIBED THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT AS "BLACKMAIL"). SEVERAL OTHER AFTERNOON DAILIES INCLUDED THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ABOUT GREECE IN THEIR COVERAGE OF THE HOSTAGE CRISIS. PRO-GOG AND MOSCOW-LINE COMMUNIST PAPERS CONCENTRATED ON THE STATE DEPARTMENT TRAVEL ADVISORY, WHICH THEY PORTRAYED AS AN ASSAULT ON GREECE'S TOURIST INDUSTRY, POSSIBLY BASED ON ULTERIOR MOTIVES. OPPOSITION NEWSPAPERS WERE DIVIDED BETWEEN TREATING THE ADVISORY AS

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AN ANTI-GREEK ATTACK, AND POINTING OUT THAT MANY NON-AMERICAN SOURCES HAD SERIOUSLY CRITICIZED HELLENIKON AIRPORT SECURITY AS WELL. GREECE'S NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE TERRORISTS FEATURED ONLY AS A MINOR ISSUE IN MEDIA TREATMENT OF THE STORY. END SUMMARY.

3. FOLLOWING JUNE 18 PRIME-TIME NEWS COVERAGE OF THE TWA 847 STORY ON BOTH CHANNELS OF STATE TV, WHICH FEATURED DEFENSE MINISTER YANNIS HARALAMBOPOULOS' LENGTHY STATEMENT ABOUT A "DEFAMATORY CAMPAIGN" LAUNCHED AGAINST GREECE FROM THE U.S., THE PRO-GOG PRESS JUNE 19 INVEIGHED AGAINST THE SUPPOSED ATTACKS OF THE USG ON GREECE (PARTICULARLY THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S TRAVEL ADVISORY AND U.S. PRESS COVERAGE OF THE HOSTAGE STORY). TO VIMA, UNDER THE FRONT-PAGE BANNER HEADLINE, "WASHINGTON PROVOKES CRISIS IN RELATIONS WITH GREECE, DECLARES BOYCOTT OF HELLENIKON AIRPORT," QUOTED ITS NY CORRESPONDENT STATHIS EFSTATHIADIS: "SINCE SATURDAY THE (U.S.) GOVERNMENT, CONGRESS, THE PRESS, THE MASS MEDIA, AND RELEVANT 'EXPERTS' OF ALL KINDS HAVE BEEN MOBILIZED IN A DOWNRIGHT CAMPAIGN AGAINST GREECE WITH OBVIOUS POLITICAL RIZED AS OHE ECONOMIC STRANGULATION OF THE COUNTRY IS DISCUSSED WITH THE PROCLAMATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL BOYCOTT AGAINST GREECE!"

4. (PRO-GOG) ELEFTHERTOTYPIA, THE ONLY JUNE 19 ATHENS NEWSPAPER TO BUILD ITS LEAD STORY AROUND THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT IN HIS JUNE 18 PRESS CONFERENCE, TOOK A VERY SIMILAR LINE TO TO VIMA UNDER THE FRONT-PAGE BANNER HEADLINE, "REAGAN'S IMPUDENT STATEMENT: HE BLACKMAILS AND THREATENS TO BOYCOTT TOURISM IN GREECE." THE STORY CONTINUED, "THE CLIMAX OF THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT WAS HIS REQUEST THAT AMERICAN AIRLINES REVIEW THE WISDOM OF THEIR CONTINUING FLIGHTS TO ATHENS, AND HE IMPLIED THAT HE ALSO PLANS TO BOYCOTT GREEK FLIGHTS TO THE U.S." (LEFTIST) ETHNOS CALLED THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT "A HORRIBLE AND UNIQUE ATTACK ON GREECE." (LEFTIST PRO-GOG) TA NEA CLAIMED THAT GREECE WAS THE VICTIM OF DOUBLE STANDARDS, SINCE HIJACKINGS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES' AIRPORTS HAD PRODUCED NO SIMILAR SANCTIONS, AND ATTRIBUTED AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN CRITICISM OF HELLENIKON'S SECURITY TO "FORCES THAT HOPED FOR AN (OPPOSITION) NEW DEMOCRACY PARTY VICTORY IN THE RECENT ELECTIONS" AND WERE NOW PRESUMABLY SEEKING TO EMBARRASS PASOK (SIMILARLY IN TO VIMA).

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STRAIGHTFORWARD NEWS COVERAGE OF THE STORY.
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SUBJECT: TWA HIJACKING: GOG STATEMENTS ON ATHENS
- AIRPORT SECURITY

REF: ATHENS 11302

1. IN THE PAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, SENIOR GREEK GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE ISSUED PUBLIC STATEMENTS WHICH HAVE ATTEMPTED TO SHOW THAT SECURITY MEASURES AT ATHENS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ARE ON A PAR WITH THOSE OF OTHER AIRPORTS IN WESTERN EUROPE, AND INDICATED THAT THE WEAPONS USED BY THE HIJACKERS OF TWA FLIGHT 847 WERE SMUGGLED ON THE PLANE IN CAIRO. LISTED IN THE PARAGRAPHS BELOW ARE SUMMARIES OF THE STATEMENTS:

2. PRIOR TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE U.S. TRAVEL ADVISORY ON GREECE, GREEK MINISTER OF PUBLIC ORDER ATHANASSIOS TSOURAS STATED JUNE 18 THAT THE WEAPONS USED TO HIJACK THE TWA AIRLINER HAD NOT PASSED THROUGH ATHENS AIRPORT SECURITY CONTROLS OR

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THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN DETECTED AT BOTH THE GREEK POLICE AND TWA SECURITY STATIONS, THE SEMI-OFFICIAL ATHENS NEWS AGENCY (ANA) REPORTED JUNE 19. ACCORDING TO ANA, TSOURAS SAID THAT THE "ALLEGATION" MADE BY HIJACK ACCOMPLICE ALI ATWA THAT THE ARMS HAD BEEN WRAPPED IN FIBER GLASS WAS "UNFOUNDED." TSOURAS SAID THAT AN "EXPERIMENT" SUBSEQUENT TO ATWA'S CLAIM HAD SHOWN THAT THE AIRPORT SECURITY MACHINES WOULD HAVE DETECTED WEAPONS THROUGH SUCH INSULATION. TSOURAS SAID ATWA HAD BACKED DOWN ON HIS STORY OF HOW THE ARMS WERE SMUGGLED ON THE PLANE WHEN PRESENTED WITH THE FINDINGS OF THE EXPERIMENT. TSOURAS NOTED THAT THE PLANE HAD ORIGINATED IN CAIRO AND REMAINED IN ATHENS AIRPORT SEVERAL HOURS PRIOR TO BOARDING FOR FLIGHT 847. HE SAID HE COULD THEREFORE "NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY" THAT THE WEAPONS WERE ALREADY ON THE PLANE WHEN THE HIJACKERS BOARDED.

3. SIMILARLY, AT A MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN CIVIL AVIATION CONFERENCE IN STRASBOURG, THE GOVERNOR OF THE GREEK CIVIL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION GEORGE TZOUVALIS SAID JUNE 19 THAT THE WEAPONS WERE "PROBABLY" PLACED ON BOARD THE AIRCRAFT IN CAIRO WHERE THE TWA FLIGHT ORIGINATED, AP REPORTED. TZOUVALIS SAID THAT THE HIJACKERS COULD NOT HAVE SMUGGLED THEIR ARMS ON BOARD THROUGH THE DOUBLE SECURITY SYSTEM RUN BY GREEK AUTHORITIES AND TWA AT ATHENS AIRPORT. HE POINTED OUT THAT, AS PART OF A POLICE REORGANIZATION SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, THE GOG HAD STRENGTHENED SECURITY AT ATHENS AIRPORT AND INCREASED SECURITY PERSONNEL AT ALL PASSENGER AND BAGGAGE CHECKPOINTS. THE INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION (IATA), HE SAID, HAD INSPECTED THE NEW SECURITY MEASURES AND FOUND THEM SATISFACTORY.

4. MEANWHILE IN ATHENS, MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS EVANGELOS KOULOUMBIS ISSUED A STATEMENT JUNE 19 DENOUNCING THE "ABSOLUTELY FALSE" CLAIMS IN THE FOREIGN PRESS THAT ATHENS AIRPORT AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT TAKEN APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO FOIL TERRORIST ACTS. KOULOUMBIS SAID THE AIRPORT OBSERVED "ALL ACCEPTED AND ESTABLISHED INTERNATIONAL SECURITY REGULATIONS" REGARDING INFRASTRUCTURE, EQUIPMENT AND TRAINED PERSONNEL.

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KOULOUMBIS NOTED THAT, ALTHOUGH ATHENS AIRPORT HAD EXPERIENCED THE HIGHEST RATE OF INCREASE IN AIR TRAFFIC IN RECENT YEARS, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF AIR COMPANIES AS WELL AS GERMAN AND U.S. CIVIL AVIATION SERVICES HAD DURING RECENT VISITS HERE EXPRESSED "FULL SATISFACTION" WITH THE SECURITY MEASURES IN EFFECT. AND, AT ITS PARIS CONFERENCE ON FEBRUARY 19, 1985, HE SAID, THE EUROPEAN CIVIL AVIATION COMMITTEE HAD RECOGNIZED IN WRITING THAT SECURITY MEASURES AT ATHENS AIRPORT WERE "ABSOLUTELY SATISFACTORY" AND

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THOSE OF OTHER MAJOR EUROPEAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS. REFERRING TO THREE UNSPECIFIED INSTANCES OF HIJACKINGS FROM FRANKFURT AIRPORT, KOULOUMBIS OBSERVED THAT, DESPITE ALL INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS, AIRPORTS WITH EVEN THE "MOST PERFECT" SECURITY MEASURES HAVE FAILED TO "COMPLETELY ELIMINATE" AIR TERRORISM, WITHOUT BEING SUBJECTED TO THE TYPE OF "SLANDEROUS CAMPAIGN" CURRENTLY CONDUCTED AGAINST GREECE BY "WHAT ARE CONSIDERED AUTHORITATIVE INTERNATIONAL PRESS ORGANS."

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