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4. letter	to John Poindexter, re attached, 1p	2/11/82	P1/F1
5. publication	re terrorist groups, 16p (11 numbered pages)	2/2/82	P1/F1
6. memo	D F97-0511, #22 to Poindexter, re "Serious International Terrorist Threat...", 1p	2/12/82	P1/F1
7. summary	"Serious International Terrorist Threat...", 4p	2/11/82	P1/F1
8. memo	D F97-0511, #23 William Clark to Casey, re collection, 1p	2/20/82	P1/F1
9. memo	Chris Shoemaker through Thomas Reed to Clark, re improved collection, 1p	2/16/82	P1/F1
10. memo	L. Paul Bremer to Clark, re collection, 1p R 5/25/80 NL SF 97-051 #24	2/8/82	P1/F1
11. profile sheet	8200757, 1p R " " " #25	2/8/82	P1/F1
12. memo	James Nance to the Vice President, re terrorist activities against Americans, 1p	12/31/81	P1/F1
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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November 9, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: DOUGLAS J. FEITH *JF*
SUBJECT: PLO Groups and Terrorism (U)

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NLRR M338 #106194

BY KML NARA DATE 7/10/12

At today's NSC Staff Meeting, you raised the question of whether any PLO organizations do not engage in international terrorism. (C)

The PLO is an umbrella organization. There are five organizations under the umbrella, each of which is represented in the Executive Committee of the PLO: Fatah (led by Arafat), Saiqa (Syrian-dominated), the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (led by Hawatmah), the Arab Liberation Front (led by Rahman Ahmad), and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine - General Command. All five of these organizations continue to engage in international terrorism. (U)

While some analysts favor a distinction between "international terrorism" and terrorist acts committed in Israel, others see little merit in such a distinction, given that (1) the USG recognizes Israel as a sovereign state and (2) the terrorist acts committed in Israel involve border crossings in that those acts are planned or supported from outside Israel. (U)

A CIA special National Intelligence Estimate entitled "Soviet Support for International Terrorism and Revolutionary Violence," dated May 27, 1981, stated on page 20:

Fatah, the largest group in the PLO, is headed by Yasir Arafat, whose policy before 1973 was to engage in terrorism, both within Israel and internationally. Since then, he has largely dissociated Fatah from terrorism outside Israel and the occupied territories. (emphasis added) (S)

Note that Arafat has not dissociated Fatah entirely from international terrorism. Note that this quotation implies that Fatah continues not only to conduct but to associate itself with terrorism in Israel. (S)

A CIA research paper, entitled "Patterns of International Terrorism: 1980," dated May 1981 stated on page 17:

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(In 1980,) Fatah, the largest group in the PLO, while presumably waiting for the result of Arafat's diplomatic initiatives, restricted its international terrorist attacks to the Middle East countries. It conducted terrorist attacks in Jordan, Kuwait, Israel, and the West Bank. ... Fatah also continued to train groups that often used terrorism and maintained contacts with supporters abroad. (C)

Thus, even Fatah, the most "moderate" of the five organizations under the PLO umbrella, continues to engage in terrorist activities, though such activities appear to be confined chiefly to the Middle East. It is noteworthy that [REDACTED] ✓

[REDACTED] (see Tab A). (C)

Charles Waterman, CIA's NIO for the Middle East, confirmed to me today that there are no groups in the PLO that are not terrorist, but, he contended, there are, within certain PLO groups, factions that are not terrorist. ✓

The President would be on firm ground in characterizing the PLO as a terrorist organization. This is no less true because some PLO members administer social welfare programs rather than plant bombs in supermarkets. (C)

Norm Bailey concurs.

Attachments

Tab A Excerpt
B SNIE 11/2-81
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*An interesting
compilation.
What does State INR
and Defense ISA/ISP
have to say to this
question?
DIA? I'd like
to have it in working.*



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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

10 October, 1981

Janet

For your possible use, we have attached a copy of the earlier Tanter memo on this same topic.

We need to talk about a reduction of the infighting on this topic.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Allan", with a stylized, sweeping underline.

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

November 9, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: RAYMOND TANTER

SUBJECT: The PLO and the President's Press Conference

During the staff meeting of November 9, you inquired as to whether there are any organizations within the PLO that are not terrorist in nature. It was suggested that all of the organizations within the PLO are terrorist though there may be individuals who are not themselves terrorists within these units. My response was that the President should not brand all of the PLO organizations as terrorist since the PLO includes a number of social and political institutions. Indeed, the CIA's Palestinian Handbook states that:

Palestinian students' and women's groups, farm organizations, and professional unions are represented in the PLO and elect delegates to the National Council A PLO Research Center was established in Beirut in February, 1965, and a Planning Center in 1969. Another PLO agency is the Palestine Red Crescent Society. (U)

While there are non-terrorists institutions within the PLO, however, none of the Fedayeen groups disavow terror as an instrument. These groups include Fatah, the Syrian controlled Saiqa and the pro-Syrian Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command. These three favor a negotiated settlement, while the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine vacillates between favoring a negotiated settlement and not.

The rejectionists include the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, the pro-Iraq Front for the Liberation of Palestine, the Iraqi-controlled Arab Liberation Front and the Popular struggle Front, as well as Black June, which is close to Iraq. Note that the rejectionists are affiliated with Iraq; with the exception of the relatively independent Fatah, those who favor a negotiated settlement tend to affiliate with Syria.

See Tab A for Q & A on the PLO and Terrorism.

Geoff Kemp concurs.

cc: D. Feith; Bob Kimmitt; Chris Shoemaker

THE PLO AND TERRORISM

Q: Is the PLO a terrorist organization? Do all the PLO organizations engage in terrorism?

A: Although the PLO has agencies that carry out political, social, and humanitarian tasks, none of the main groups such as Fatah have renounced terrorism. As a result of a failure to renounce terrorism, a failure to accept UN Resolutions 242/338, and a failure to accept Israel's right to exist, the U.S. will not negotiate with the PLO.

11/13 w/ Feith
FIA

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Doug Feith

See RIA notes.

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SUBJECT: PLO GROUPS & TERRORISM & PRES PRESS CONF

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11 February 1982

Rear Admiral John M. Poindexter
Military Assistant to the Assistant to
President for National Security
Affairs
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Admiral Poindexter:

The Intelligence Community recently completed an updated assessment of the likelihood of various kinds of nuclear incidents perpetrated by foreign terrorist groups (enclosed). Its key findings acknowledge the rising public apprehension over nuclear power development and nuclear weapons modernization--conditions that present new opportunities for terrorist exploitation by attacking nuclear weapons or power plants or by perpetrating a hoax. The findings also underscore the very serious consequences of any such incidents including political pressures for removal of US nuclear weapons from foreign nations and a crippling of the nuclear power industry.

Sincerely,

Special Assistant for
Nuclear Proliferation Intelligence

Enclosure

Memo to Holders of SNIE 6-78

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Rear Admiral John Poindexter, USN
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

106206

February 20, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CASEY
Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Collection Against International Terrorism

The President has expressed growing concern with international terrorism. Accordingly, we need to identify ways and means of raising the priority of our current collection against this target and to identify additional resources which could be brought to bear.

I would appreciate it if you would outline a plan to improve our collection capabilities on this problem.

FOR THE PRESIDENT:



William P. Clark

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BY KML NARA DATE 7/10/12

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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February 16, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

SIGNED

THROUGH: THOMAS C. REED *ap*
FROM: CHRIS SHOEMAKER *CS*
SUBJECT: Improved Collection on Terrorism

Jerry Bremer has written you (Tab II) asking you to task CIA to raise the priority of collecting against terrorism. CIA has historically not focused adequate attention on terrorism collection and, therefore, State's suggestion should be acted upon. Bremer has also suggested that the President convey his concern with international terrorism directly to Mr. Casey, whenever possible.

KLF
Gregg Concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo at Tab I to Mr. Casey.

Approve ✓ Disapprove

Attachments

Tab I Memo to Mr. Casey
Tab II Incoming memo from Jerry Bremer

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BY KML NARA DATE 11/29/12



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

February 8, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR JUDGE WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Improved Collection on Terrorism

Recent events, including the tragic death of Col. Ray in Paris, have again emphasized the unsatisfactory state of our intelligence collection effort against the international connections of terrorist organizations, particularly the Italian Red Brigades.

The Secretary, therefore, would appreciate your sending a letter along the lines of the attached draft to Bill Casey. By emphasizing the importance both you and the President also attach to this problem, he hopes that the collection priority can be significantly raised and additional resources devoted to the problem.

It unquestionably also would be helpful if the President could find an opportunity personally to emphasize to Bill Casey his growing concern with this problem.

L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

Attachment:
Draft letter to Bill Casey.

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CASEY, W

SUBJECT: PROPOSED PRES LTR TO CIA RE IMPROVED COLLECTION AGAINST INTL
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December 31, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: JAMES W. NANCE *Bud*

SUBJECT: TERRORIST ACTIVITIES AGAINST AMERICANS

This morning's Daily Report included a synopsis of the attached CIA assessment of the growing terrorist danger for Americans.

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BY KRL NARA DATE 7/10/12

cc: Ed Meese
James Baker
Michael Deaver

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Growing Terrorist Danger for Americans

Key Judgements

The kidnapping of General Dozier by the Red Brigades along with other recent international terrorist incidents portend increased security threats--particularly to Americans--in Europe, the Americas and the Near East over the next few months. ~~(S/NF)~~

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--If anti-US operations produce positive results, terrorist groups that share the Brigades anti-US orientation--such as the Red Army Faction in West Germany--will be encouraged to attempt attacks against US nationals. ~~(S/NF)~~

--The extradition from the United States to Israel of Abu Eain, a Palestinian terrorist, has provided radical Palestinians further incentive to attack Americans. ~~(S/NF)~~

Innocent American passers-by--even if not deliberately attacked--appear at some risk in the United Kingdom, to which the Provisional Irish Republican Army (PIRA) again has extended its bombing operations, and in the Near East where terrorists increasingly have used mass-casualty producing car bombs. ~~(S/NF)~~

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The actions of some terrorist groups may influence future behavior of other groups, but we see no evidence of a central coordinating authority. To some extent, the RAF and the Red Brigades share similar strategic objectives, but such issues as NATO nuclear weapons deployments are not at the forefront of PIRA or Palestinian concerns. ~~(S/NF)~~

The Libvan threat to senior US officials and the Abu Eain extradition case are not issues being stressed by West European terrorist groups. Both the Libvan campaign and Palestinian anger over Abu Eain could involve the use of radical Palestinian groups against US interests, especially in the Middle East. ~~(S/NF)~~

The US is facing terrorist threats from several quarters which, although unconnected, will challenge the US ability to react to widely dispersed and potentially serious international terrorist attacks. ~~(S/NF)~~

The Dozier Kidnapping: Others to Follow?

The outcome of the Dozier kidnapping by the Red Brigades is likely to determine whether the Brigades, or other terrorist groups that oppose NATO policies such as the Red Army Faction (RAF) in West Germany, attack US officials in the near term. The first Brigades communique on the Dozier kidnapping and earlier published materials suggest the Brigades are trying to tap anti-military, anti-nuclear sentiment in Italy and West Europe. They hope to embarrass NATO and the US and to erode the Italian government's policies on the Alliance and nuclear weapons deployment. By prolonging the kidnapping, the Brigades seek maximum public attention. ~~(S/NF)~~

The communique calls for a coordinated or cooperative effort between the Brigades, and other terrorist groups, specifically the RAF, PIRA and ETA Basques in Spain. We believe RAF operatives already have begun target selection and surveillance, and preparations for operations against US targets in West Germany. If the Dozier operation seems to be achieving positive results for the Brigades, the RAF is more likely to accelerate its preparations for an attack against an American official or installation in order to advance anti-US objectives both groups share. ~~(S/NF)~~

The Irish Republican Army and ETA Basques are less likely to target Americans at this time. Most US officials in Spain are located outside normal ETA operational areas. Anti-NATO feeling in Spain is not high. ~~(S/NF)~~

Although anti-NATO, the PIRA values support from certain segments of American society and would risk categorical condemnation in the US should it attack American targets. There remains a threat of indiscriminate PIRA bombing in the London area, which could produce victims among American passers-by. The PIRA launched a bombing campaign in the United Kingdom this fall, and in the past, has attempted bombings in England during the holiday season. Stringent security has limited the effectiveness of such campaigns, but British authorities apparently have still not uncovered a cache of over 500 pounds of explosives believed hidden somewhere in the London area for use in a future bombing campaign. (S/NF)

The Abu Eain Extradition Case

The US extradition to Israel on 13 December of accused Palestinian terrorist Ziyad Abu Eain, after a two-year battle in US courts, has heightened anti-US sentiment in the Near East and the threat to the well-being of Americans there and elsewhere. US Embassies in the region have been warned during the past two years that US interests would be attacked if Eain were extradited to Israel. (S/NF)

His extradition comes at a time of increased tensions in the Near East over Israeli de facto annexation of the Golan Heights, the stalemated Palestinian autonomy talks and reinforcement of military positions along the Israeli-Lebanese border. Even moderate Arabs point to the refusal of US courts to extradite PIRA terrorists to the UK as evidence of a US double-standard on the question of extradition. (S/NF)

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Most Libyan attempts against world leaders have been thwarted in the planning or operational phase before the attack could take place. In many instances, tight security around the intended victim has persuaded Libyan-directed assassins to call off the attempt. Nonetheless, the Libyan campaign against US officials is without precedent, and the potential effectiveness of security, and other deterrent measures is hard to gauge.

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Other Terrorist Threats

American officials in Central America remain potential targets.

Mass-casualty producing car bombs have been used to some extent by the PIRA in the United Kingdom, but such attacks are mainly centered in the Near East. Statistically, there have been twice as many car bombings by international terrorist groups

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this year as during the same period in 1980, and resultant casualties in 1981 will be higher than for any year since 1968.

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Most of the recent, serious car bombings have taken place in Beirut and Syria, where there are relatively light concentrations of Americans. Unless US interests are directly targetted, the threat from car bombings to Americans in the United Kingdom and the Near East seems incidental and remote. ~~(C)~~

New Dangers in Europe

If, as the French police apparently suspect, Armenian terrorists have worked operationally with radical Palestinian terrorists in Europe, a more ominous terrorist threat would obtain in West Europe. The Palestinians have a well-developed support infrastructure in Europe, and the Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia (ASALA) is among the most capable and dangerous terrorist organizations in the world. ~~(S/NF)~~

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Americans could become targets of this potentially powerful combination if the Palestinians, in reaction to the Abu Fain case, expand their target list to include US nationals and solicit Armenian cooperation ~~(S/NF)~~

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