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# WITHDRAWAL SHEET

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57332	MEMO	NORTH, FORTIER, DUR TO MCFARLANE RE. BERUIT KIDNAPPING [W/NOTATIONS] <b>PAR 5/28/2003 NLSF98-042#127</b>	2	3/16/1984	B1 B3

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57338	MEMO	CHARLES HILL TO MCFARLANE [W/NOTATIONS] <b>R 3/19/2018 M098/17</b>	2	3/20/1984	B1	
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57343	MEMO	NORTH, FORTIER, DUR TO MCFARLANE RE. BEIRUT KIDNAPPING [DUP OF DOC. 57332, W/NOTATIONS] <b>PAR 5/28/2003 NLSF98-042#137</b>	2	3/16/1984	B1 B3
206268	MEMO	BEAL TO MCFARLANE, RE BUCKLEY KIDNAPPING (INCL POST-IT NOTE)	1	3/16/1984	B1
57344	MEMO	RICHARD BEAL TO MCFARLANE RE. THIRD CPPG CONF. CALL <b>PAR 5/28/2003 NLSF98-042#139; PAR 6/8/07 M1391#20</b>	2	3/16/1984	B1
57345	MEMO	RICHARD BEAL TO MCFARLANE RE. SECOND CPPG CONF. CALL <b>PAR 5/28/2003 NLSF98-042#140; PAR 6/8/07 M1391#21</b>	3	3/16/1984	B1

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57346	MEMO	RICHARD BEAL TO MCFARLANE RE. NOTES ON SECOND CPPG CONF. CALL <b>PAR 5/28/2003 NLSF98-042#141; PAR 6/8/07 M1391#22</b>	2	3/16/1984	B1
57347	MEMO	NORTH, FORTIER, DUR TO MCFARLANE RE. BEIRUT KIDNAPPING [DUP OF DOC. 57332, W/NOTATIONS] <b>PAR 5/28/2003 NLSF98-042#142</b>	2	3/16/1984	B1 B3
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206270	CABLE	161228Z MAR 84 - DAMASCUS 01882 <b>R 7/19/2002 NLSF98-042#145</b>	1	3/16/1984	B1
57348	NOTES	HANDWRITTEN <b>PAR 5/28/2003 NLSF98-042#146; PAR 6/8/07 M1391#24</b>	7	ND	B1 B3

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH

SIGNED

SUBJECT: Next Steps on Buckley Kidnapping

The attached memo at Tab I reflects the recommendations of the TIWG which convened yesterday, March 21, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 208, OEOB, with ADM Poindexter in the chair.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign and forward the memo at Tab I.

Approve ✓

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

cc: Don Fortier  
Geoff Kemp  
Phil Dur

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Tab I - McFarlane Memo to Shultz/Weinberger/Casey/Vessey

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 23, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE GEORGE P. SHULTZ  
The Secretary of State

THE HONORABLE CASPAR W. WEINBERGER  
The Secretary of Defense

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CASEY  
The Director of Central Intelligence

GENERAL JOHN W. VESSEY, JR.  
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT: Next Steps on Buckley Kidnapping (S)

The Terrorist Incident Working Group (TIWG) convened yesterday, March 21, to discuss additional measures which should be taken to locate and rescue William Buckley and the other two Americans missing from Beirut. The group agreed that:

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[REDACTED] determine whether additional assets should be deployed to the region--particularly Lebanon--to aid in locating Buckley. (S)

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[REDACTED]

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Sec. 3.3(b)(1)

State Department should determine whether additional State/ [REDACTED] assets should be moved to Beirut to assist the Embassy in planning. (S)

The State Department is requested to consolidate this information and provide it for review by the President no later than COB, Saturday, March 24. (C)

The group was unanimous in recommending that should Buckley be murdered by his abductors, the U.S. should take stringent measures in response. Accordingly, the Department of Defense is requested to prepare a list of options for U.S. action against the perpetrators/supporters involved. CIA and State should assist in developing an accurate target list which could be used for such response. This coordinated list of targets and response options should be available for review by the President no later than 12:00 noon on Monday, March 26, 1984. (TS)

FOR THE PRESIDENT:

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MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN M. POINDEXTER

FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH

SUBJECT: TIWG Meeting regarding Buckley Kidnapping

NOTED

The TIWG convenes at 2:00 p.m. today in Room 208, OEGB to deliberate next steps in our efforts to rescue Beirut COS Bill Buckley. There is growing concern that this is not a team effort and that we could well be doing more. Our objectives for the meeting should be:

- To determine the current level of information and effort.
- To arrive at some consensus regarding what more (if anything) can be done.

The memo from Secretary Shultz to the President (Tab A) provides a summary of actions taken to date. We should plan to forward this to the President after today's meeting. The agenda at Tab B covers each of the points relevant to the Buckley case. The agenda points us toward a posture that would be more responsive, should Buckley be found. Defense and State agree that we might have to react in a matter of hours. Our current disposition would preclude action by any forces other than the Marines offshore--who are not trained/equipped for the specialized tasks JSOC can perform.

There is resistance at JCS for moving to an Intermediate Staging Base (ISB). They believe that until we have a better fix on Buckley's location (Beirut, Damascus, Tehran, other) we should not degrade our response capability by pre-positioning forces in the wrong locale. JCS does support moving the rest of the Incident Response Team (IRT) [redacted] as soon as possible.

No one seems willing to move further on [redacted]

[redacted] Our earlier paper at Tab C elucidates. Your talking points at Tab I follow the agenda.

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Privately, you or Bud should take up with Stien/McMahon/Casey the counter-intelligence aspect of what Buckley knew--and could reveal under torture. This should be second nature to the Agency (it used to be), but may well not have been covered. We had to suggest to them the idea of interviewing David Dodge to discern what he might be able to contribute--and this may also have slipped through the cracks. This issue should not be raised at the meeting since it is unlikely that either  Cogan would know.

RECOMMENDATION

That you use the talking points at Tab I during the meeting.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Attachments

Tab I - Talking Points

Tab A - Shultz Memo to the President

Tab B - Agenda

Tab C - North Memo to McFarlane (90345) of Mar 16

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TALKING POINTS FOR USE BY JOHN POINDEXTER

TIWG Meeting

o Introduction

- Purpose of meeting is to review what we all know.
- Determine if more can be done.
- President is most anxious to recover Buckley safely.

o Intelligence

- [REDACTED] what new information do we have on the Buckley case?
- What, if anything, was [REDACTED]
- Is there a pattern in the three Beirut kidnappings that would shed any light on this?

o Diplomatic Situation

- What have we gotten from contact with other governments in region?
- Is this "cooperation" sincere?
- What have Israelis offered?
- How many people do we have at American Embassy Beirut?
- Shouldn't we move some of the less essential people out [REDACTED]

o Military Response Preparations

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- Do we have any other military intelligence collection assets which could be dedicated to this mission?

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o Next Steps

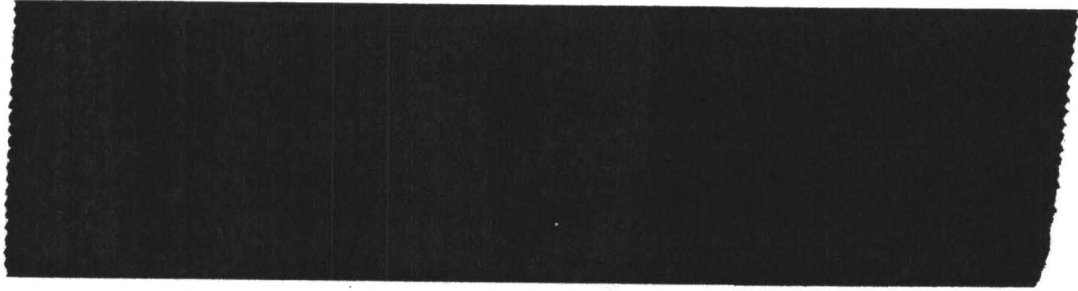
-- Are there any additional collection assets that could be dedicated to this effort?

-- How can we improve our response posture?

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-- What can we do to improve the team effort here in Washington?

- Set up a 24 hour task force.

- Better exchange of info among agencies.

- Secure conference call each day.

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WASHINGTON

March 20, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From: George P. Shultz *gps*

Subject: U.S. Efforts in Response to the  
Abduction of William Buckley

CIA Station Chief Bill Buckley was kidnapped in Beirut the morning of March 16. We are using every available diplomatic channel to encourage his safe and rapid return. We are also taking steps to prepare for a rescue operation should it prove necessary.

Within a few hours of Buckley's abduction, we had contacted all of the main Lebanese government officials and militia leaders who could be helpful, both in Beirut and in Lausanne, where the Lebanese reconciliation talks are underway. Reggie Bartholomew also called.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Reggie also instructed that all U.S. personnel be drawn inside the Embassy perimeter and that any personnel leaving the perimeter travel by car with a chauffeur and bodyguard.

We have also sought Syrian cooperation. Within a few hours of Buckley's abduction, we approached Foreign Ministry officials in Damascus requesting that all Syrian security checkpoints in Lebanon be on the lookout for Buckley. Shortly after, we also met with the chief aide to Syrian Vice President Rifa'at al-Assad. The aide said Syrian units in Beirut and at Damascus airport would be notified immediately and requested a photograph of Buckley which we later delivered.

On March 17, we renewed our approaches at the Syrian Foreign Ministry.

[REDACTED]

Meanwhile, our Embassy personnel in

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Damascus have been monitoring all Iranian aircraft departures from Damascus airport to verify that Syrian officials are watching for Buckley. Moreover, our consular officer in Damascus has met Lebanese as well as Syrian security officers at the main Lebanese-Syrian border crossing to alert them to Buckley's abduction.

We do not have any firm evidence as to who is responsible for Buckley's kidnapping or where he is being held. The conflicting intelligence reports we have received suggest either the complicity of Iran or pro-Iranian factions.

[REDACTED] suggest that Buckley was kidnapped by supporters of the Dawa group which was responsible for the bombings in Kuwait last December. These sources believe Buckley is being held in order to provide a bargaining chip for release of the twelve Dawa defendants on trial in Kuwait for those bombings. We do not have any confirmation of these reports, however, and based on available evidence cannot judge if the reports are valid. If they are, the kidnappers should surface with demands within the next few days, because the trial in Kuwait is nearing its end and convictions as well as executions are expected.

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WASHINGTON

By WJ, NARA, Date 6/8/07

TERRORIST INCIDENT WORKING GROUP (TIWG) MEETING

Wednesday, March 21, 1984

2:00-3:00 p.m.

Room 208, OEOB

E. O. 12958

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AGENDA

- I. INTELLIGENCE . . . . . Charles Cogan
  - A. New Information
  - B. [REDACTED]
  - C. [REDACTED]
- II. DIPLOMATIC SITUATION . . . . . Amb Sayre
  - A. Contacts w/Regional Parties
  - B. Situation at Beirut Embassy
- III. MILITARY RESPONSE PREPARATIONS . . . . . MGEN Rice
  - A. JSOC Response Time
  - B. Military Collection Assets
- IV. NEXT STEPS . . . . . ADM Poindexter
  - A. Additional Collection Assets
    1. [REDACTED]
    2. U.S. Military
    3. Other Nations - [REDACTED]
  - B. Improving Response Posture
    1. Dispatch of Advisor to Bartholomew
    2. [REDACTED]
    3. Intermediate Staging Base Deployment
  - C. Improving Team Effort

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John M. Poindexter

Distribution:

Don Gregg	VP Office	395-4213
Ambassador Robert Sayre	State	632-9892
Noel Koch	OSD	697-7728
MGEN Wesley Rice	JCS	695-5814
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Donald Fortier/Oliver North	NSC	395-3345

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MEMORANDUM

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March 16, 1984

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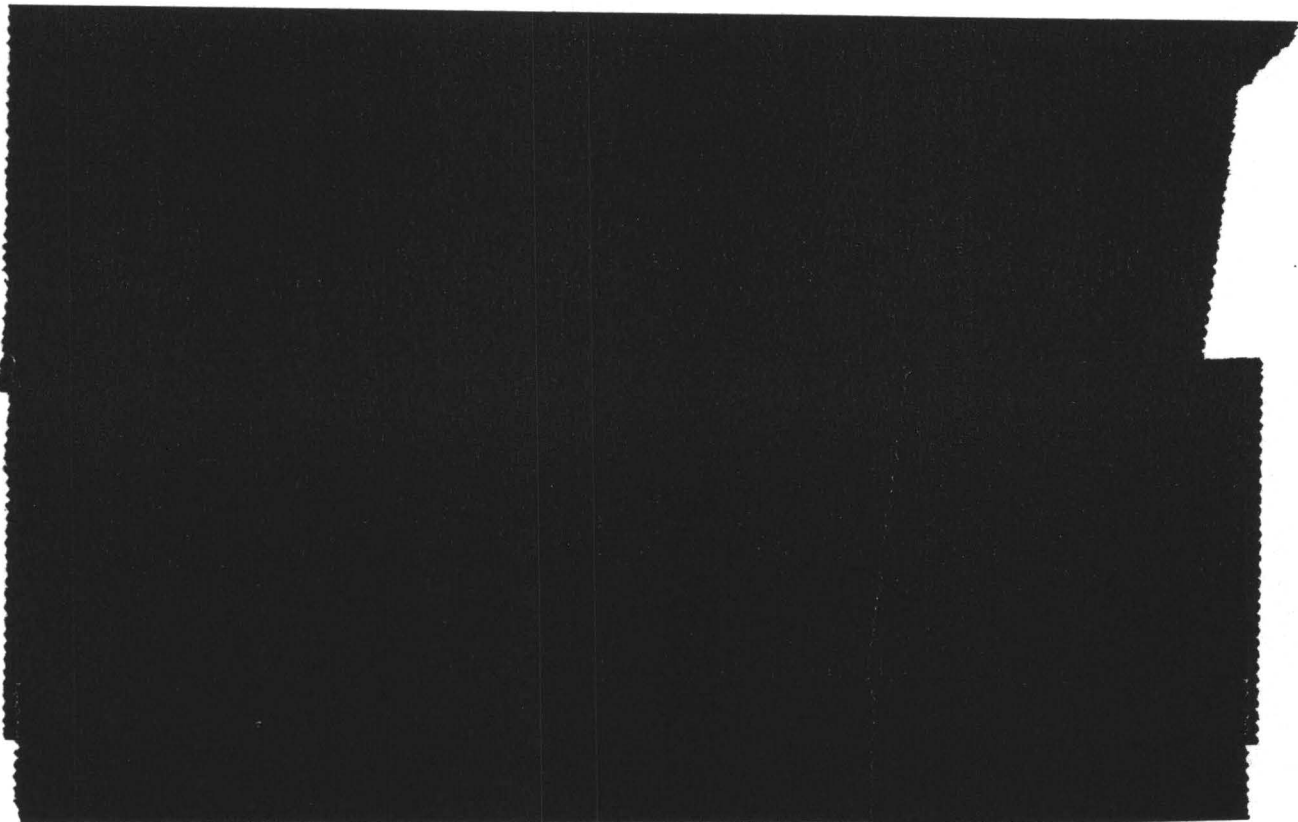
MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH  
DONALD R. FORTIER  
PHILIP A. DUR

SUBJECT: Beirut Kidnapping Follow-up

Based on the series of calls this morning, current plans are as follows:

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At this point, it would seem prudent to call a Terrorist Incident Working Group (TIWG) meeting in the WHSR this afternoon. Participants should be: Eagleburger and Sayre (State), McMahon (CIA), ADM Moreau and MGEN Rice (JCS), and Taft or Armitage (who will be back in Washington by 5:00 p.m.) (DOD).

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There are two immediate issues which should be resolved before planning proceeds much further:

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RECOMMENDATION

That you convene a TIWG meeting in the WHSR this afternoon to be chaired by either yourself or Don Fortier.

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Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

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March 21, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN M. POINDEXTER

FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH

SUBJECT: Agenda for Terrorist Incident Working Group (TIWG)  
Meeting

This afternoon at 2:00 p.m. you are scheduled to chair a TIWG meeting in Room 208, OEOB. The meeting has been called to discuss the current situation surrounding the Buckley kidnapping and our next steps. At Tab A is a proposed agenda for your signature.

Talking points for your use during the meeting will be forwarded separately.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the agenda at Tab A (advise passing out at the meeting rather than IDXing).

Approve

*[Signature]*  
*Put on 208 screen.*

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

cc: Don Fortier

Attachment  
Tab I - Agenda

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

TERRORIST INCIDENT WORKING GROUP (TIWG) MEETING

Wednesday, March 21, 1984

2:00-3:00 p.m.

Room 208, OEOB

AGENDA

- I. INTELLIGENCE . . . . . [REDACTED] Charles Cogan
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- C. [REDACTED]
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- A. Contacts w/Regional Parties
- B. Situation at Beirut Embassy
- III. MILITARY RESPONSE PREPARATIONS . . . . . MGEN Rice
- A. [REDACTED]
- B. Military Collection Assets
- IV. NEXT STEPS . . . . . ADM Poindexter
- A. Additional Collection Assets
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3. [REDACTED]
- B. Improving Response Posture
1. Dispatch of Advisor to Bartholomew
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- C. Improving Team Effort

John M. Poindexter

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March 21, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN M. POINDEXTER

FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH

SUBJECT: Agenda for Terrorist Incident Working Group (TIWG)  
Meeting

This afternoon at 2:00 p.m. you are scheduled to chair a TIWG meeting in Room 208, OEOB. The meeting has been called to discuss the current situation surrounding the Buckley kidnapping and our next steps. At Tab A is a proposed agenda for your signature.

Talking points for your use during the meeting will be forwarded separately.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the agenda at Tab A (advise passing out at the meeting rather than LDXing).

Approve \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Attachment  
Tab I - Agenda

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TAB

I

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

TERRORIST INCIDENT WORKING GROUP (TIWG) MEETING

Wednesday, March 21, 1984

2:00-3:00 p.m.

Room 208, OEOB

AGENDA

- I. INTELLIGENCE . . . . . [REDACTED] Charles Cogan
- A. [REDACTED]
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SUBJECT: ABDUCTED BEIRUT POLOFF BUCKLEY: NOT SEEN  
-- BOARDING MARCH 18 IRANIAN FLIGHTS FROM DAMASCUS  
[REDACTED] AGAIN VISITED DAMASCUS AIRPORT  
MARCH 18 AND SPENT SEVERAL HOURS WATCHING PASSENGERS AND  
AIRCRAFT. HE OBSERVED TWO IRANIAN AIRLINE FLIGHTS  
LANDING ABOUT THE SAME TIME SHORTLY AFTER NOON, AND  
DISGORING APPARENT IRANIAN TOURISTS. ONE OF THE TWO  
PLANES KEPT ITS ENGINE RUNNING AND TOOK OFF 90 MINUTES  
LATER AFTER BOARDING APPROXIMATELY 12 MEN DRESSED IN  
BUSINESS SUITS AND WEARING KAFIAS (ARAB HEAD CLOTHS).  
MEN APPEARED TO BE ARAB RATHER THAN IRANIAN  
AND THERE WERE NO SIGNS THAT ANY ONE BOARDING HAD THE  
APPEARANCE OF BEING FORCED ON TO THE PLANE. [REDACTED]  
SAW NO BAGGAGE OR CARGO BEING LOADED ON THAT PLANE.  
THE OTHER IRANIAN FLIGHT APPEARED TO BE NORMAL DAILY  
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March 21, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH *N*

SUBJECT: Status Report on Efforts to Locate/Rescue  
William Buckley

Your memo to the President at Tab I forwards two memoranda regarding the Buckley kidnapping.

RECOMMENDATION

That you initial and forward your memo to the President at Tab I w/Tabs A and B attached.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

cc: Don Fortier  
Geoff Kemp  
Phil Dur

Attachments

- Tab I - McFarlane Memo to the President
- Tab A - Shultz Memo to the President of Mar 20, 1984
- Tab B - Hill Memo to McFarlane of Mar 20, 1984

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WASHINGTON

March 26, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROBERT C. MCFARLANE *RCM*  
SUBJECT: Status Report [REDACTED] CIA  
Station Chief William Buckley

*OR*  
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As Amended  
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Secretary Shultz' memo at Tab A provides details [REDACTED] Bill Buckley. The memo at Tab B provides some additional insight into [REDACTED] which may have relevance in the Buckley case.

Since the Secretary's memo at Tab A was prepared, John Poindexter has convened the Terrorist Incident Working Group (TIWG) to discern if there is more that can be done. The group concluded that:

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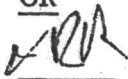
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[REDACTED] The TIWG will reconvene to weigh our options as new information develops and we will keep you apprised.

Recommendation

OK

No



That you review the memos at Tabs A and B.

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E. O. 12958      Tab A - Secretary Shultz' Memo of March 20, 1984  
As Amended      Tab B - [REDACTED] Memo to McFarlane of March 20, 1984  
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cc Vice President

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S E N S I T I V ETHE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

March 20, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From: George P. Shultz *GPS*

Subject: U.S. Efforts in Response to the  
Abduction of William Buckley

CIA Station Chief Bill Buckley was kidnapped in Beirut the morning of March 16. We are using every available diplomatic channel to encourage his safe and rapid return. We are also taking steps to prepare for a rescue operation should it prove necessary.

Within a few hours of Buckley's abduction, we had contacted all of the main Lebanese government officials and militia leaders who could be helpful, both in Beirut and in Lausanne, where the Lebanese reconciliation talks are underway. Reggie Bartholomew also called [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Reggie also instructed that all U.S. personnel be drawn inside the Embassy perimeter and that any personnel leaving the perimeter travel by car with a chauffeur and bodyguard.

We have also sought Syrian cooperation. Within a few hours of Buckley's abduction, we approached Foreign Ministry officials in Damascus requesting that all Syrian security checkpoints in Lebanon be on the lookout for Buckley. Shortly after, we also met with the chief aide to Syrian Vice President Rifa'at al-Assad. The aide said Syrian units in Beirut and at Damascus airport would be notified immediately and requested a photograph of Buckley which we later delivered.

On March 17, we renewed our approaches at the Syrian Foreign Ministry [REDACTED]

Meanwhile, our Embassy personnel in [REDACTED]

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Damascus have been monitoring all Iranian aircraft departures from Damascus airport to verify that Syrian officials are watching for Buckley. Moreover, our consular officer in Damascus has met Lebanese as well as Syrian security officers at the main Lebanese-Syrian border crossing to alert them to Buckley's abduction.

We do not have any firm evidence as to who is responsible for Buckley's kidnapping or where he is being held. The conflicting intelligence reports we have received suggest either the complicity of Iran or pro-Iranian factions.

[REDACTED] suggest that Buckley was kidnapped by supporters of the Dawa group which was responsible for the bombings in Kuwait last December. These sources believe Buckley is being held in order to provide a bargaining chip for release of the twelve Dawa defendants on trial in Kuwait for those bombings. We do not have any confirmation of these reports, however, and based on available evidence cannot judge if the reports are valid. If they are, the kidnappers should surface with demands within the next few days, because the trial in Kuwait is nearing its end and convictions as well as executions are expected.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE  
THE WHITE HOUSE

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SUBJECT: Possible Lessons Learned from the Dodge Kidnapping

The President expressed an interest in a review of what we know of the Dodge kidnapping--its sequence, the modus operandi of the kidnappers and the little that is known of the locations to which Dodge was taken. We have gone over again with David Dodge his recollections of his kidnapping.

Dodge believes he spent approximately one week in various parts of Beirut, and was then taken to the Bekaa where he spent seven months and was moved frequently. Aside from the five days he spent in a tent in the Bekaa, he lived the rest of the time confined to one room in a variety of houses or apartment buildings. He always had a bed and bath-room facilities, but was not permitted to look out of the window or to exercise outdoors. Each time he was moved he was either blind-folded or drugged and moved by car, sometimes in the trunk of a car. Until he was taken to Tehran, where he spent five months in an Iranian prison, Dodge's guards, who were usually Iranian, tried to mislead him about where he was. (He was repeatedly told he was in Marjayoun in southern Lebanon and was told he was being held by the Phalange.) Although his captors successfully scared him early in his captivity by brandishing knives, they never harmed him. Dodge believes he was able to persuade them to treat him well because of his age. His interrogations were not conducted by people Dodge would consider experienced. He was accused of working for the CIA, but Dodge has told us his interrogators did not dwell on this question.

Dodge was transported to Tehran via Damascus airport drugged and in a box. In Iran he was held in solitary confinement for a brief period and later had an Iranian cellmate with whom he could converse in French. He was seen by an Iranian prison doctor in Tehran approximately once a week, and was permitted to shower once a week, as opposed to the once-a-month bath he had while in the Bekaa. His food throughout his captivity was adequate if unappetizing. Throughout the period he was in Lebanon he was permitted to

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keep his watch and on occasion a guard would give him a book to read in English. He was also permitted pencil and paper and was able to make a calendar and keep notes. When in Tehran his watch was taken away from him, but he was able to keep his notes.

Dodge believes, and we agree, that the Syrians--Rif'at al-Assad in particular--were instrumental in obtaining his release. He also believes that Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah's interest was very important in maintaining Rif'at's interest in pursuing his release. We are in touch with both and they have promised to help.

Dodge arrived in Washington on Sunday evening and met with Bill Casey and his staff on Monday afternoon. Dick Murphy met with Mr. Dodge on Tuesday morning, March 20.

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for Charles Hill  
Executive Secretary

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AMERICAN EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER IN BEIRUT ON 16 MAR 1984 (S)  
WARNING: (U) THIS IS AN INFO RPT, NOT FINALLY EVALUATED INTEL  
DOI: (U) 840317  
REQS: (U) D-DC4-42557  
SOURCE: (TS/NF/WNINTEL) [REDACTED] SOURCE IS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WHO HAS REPORTED RELIABLY IN THE PAST. SOURCE OBTAINED THIS  
INFO FROM LF HUMINT SOURCES.

SUMMARY: (S/NF/WNTEL) THIS REPORT FORWARDS INFO RELATING TO THE  
KIDNAPPING OF MR. WILLIAM BUCKLEY, AMERICAN EMBASSY POLITICAL  
OFFICER ON 16 MAR 1984. THE KIDNAPPING REPORTEDLY WAS ACCOMPLISHED  
UNDER THE DIRECTION OF SYRIAN INTEL.

TEXT: (TS/NF/WNINTEL) [REDACTED] REPORTED THAT SYRIAN INTEL IN TELL AL  
KALAUH ARE BEING PRESSURED INTO CONDUCTING THE KIDNAPPING OF THE  
AMERICAN SERGEANT AS A RESULT OF A SUCCESSFUL SYRIAN INTEL  
KIDNAPPING AGAINST THE AMERICANS IN BEIRUT ON 16 MAR 1984. THIS  
SUCCESSFUL OPERATION WAS REPORTEDLY CONDUCTED BY A SYRIAN EXTERNAL  
INTELLIGENCE HEADQUARTERED IN THE BICUA VALLEY TOWN OF JDITA (GRIDS  
365YC626464) COMMANDED BY A SYRIAN MAJOR (HALBUNI) WORKING IN  
LEBANON UNDER THE COVER OF SAIQA. HALBUNI IS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE  
TO BGEN KAMEL (TAWIL) OF THE SYRIAN INTEL HQS IN DAMASCUS. HALBUNI  
HAS FOUR CASE OFFICERS WORKING FOR HIM IN BEIRUT. THEY ARE CAPT.  
AHMAD (HALLAQ) A SYRIAN WORKING UNDER THE COVER OF SAIQA; 1ST  
LT JIHAD (SOLEIMAN), A SYRIAN; 1ST LT BALAL (HASSAN), A PALESTINIAN  
CONNECTED TO THE PLO AND 1ST LT ZUHEIR (ALMASRI), A SYRIAN. THESE  
INDIVIDUALS ARE NOT BELIEVED TO BE THE EXECUTORS OF THIS KIDNAPPING  
OPERATION BUT RATHER THE PLANNERS OF THE OPERATION ITSELF. SOURCE  
REPORTS THE "JDITA NET" AS SPECIALIST IN THIS TYPE OF KIDNAPPING  
OPERATION. SOURCE FURTHER REPORTS THAT FACILITIES ARE LOCATED IN  
JDITA FOR DETAINING/INTERROGATING AN INDIVIDUAL SUCH AS MR BUCKLEY.

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JDITA IS REPORTED TO BE THE FORMER LOCATION OF ARAFAT'S PLO INTEL HEADQUARTERS.

COMMENTS: (TS/NF/WNINTEL) THIS INFO WAS OBTAINED BY SOURCE [REDACTED] SOURCE PERMITTED USMC TRANSLATOR (WHO SPEAKS NATIVE ARABIC) TO LISTEN TO THE INFO AS BEING REPORTED OVER UNSECURE LEBANESE TELEPHONE NETWORK. USMC TRANSLATOR DESCRIBED THE SOURCE [REDACTED] LF SOURCE DESCRIBE AGENT AS PROVIDING A-1 INFO IN THE PAST. JTF-LEB HAS LF PHOTOCOPY OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FOR THE TOWN OF JDITA WHICH IDENTIFIES THE BUILDINGS USED BY SYRIAN INTEL IN JDITA. THIS PHOTOCOPY IS OF POOR QUALITY AND CAN NOT BE TRANSMITTED BY TELEFAX CAPABILITIES. LF SOURCE DOES HAVE SEVERAL INFORMANTS IN JDITA BECAUSE OF THIS TOWN BEING A FORMER ARAFAT INTEL HQ AND HE IS PRESENTLY TASKING ALL SOURCES OF INFO TO CONFIRM OR DENY WHETHER MR BUCKLEY IS BEING DETAINED IN JDITA. ADDITIONAL INFO ON THE "JDITA NET" IS PRESENTLY BEING TRANSLATED AND WILL BE FORWARDED AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

PROJ: (U) N/A  
COLL: (U) NONE  
INSTR: (U) U. S.: YES  
PREP: (U) [REDACTED]  
APPR: (U) [REDACTED]  
EVAL: (U) YES; REL TO: NONE  
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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH  
DONALD R. FORTIER  
PHILIP A. DUR

SUBJECT: Beirut Kidnapping Follow-up

Based on the series of calls this morning, current plans are as follows:

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At this point, it would seem prudent to call a Terrorist Incident Working Group (TIWG) meeting in the WHSR this afternoon. Participants should be: Eagleburger and Sayre (State), McMahon (CIA), ADM Moreau and MGEN Rice (JCS), and Taft or Armitage (who will be back in Washington by 5:00 p.m.) (DOD).

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There are two immediate issues which should be resolved before planning proceeds much further:



RECOMMENDATION

That you convene a TIWG meeting in the WHSR this afternoon to be chaired by either yourself or Don Fortier.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

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16 MARCH 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: RICHARD S. BEAL

SUBJECT: Buckley Kidnapping -- Beirut

o Circumstances of kidnapping:

- Buckley kidnapped by 3 unidentified armed men in civilian clothes.
- Buckley forced into white Renault 12, with covered license plate, and driven away.

o U.S. Embassy reactions to kidnapping:

- Embassy notified at approximately 0800 of incident by a woman later identified as Buckley's neighbor.
- DCM contacted AMCIT AMAL official at 0820 local to advise of incidents and request AMAL seal off exits from Beirut and search for Buckley. AMAL officials agreed to help in search.

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## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

March 16, 1984

## MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: RICHARD S. BEAL

SUBJECT: Third Secure CPPG Conference Call March 16, 1984  
Kidnapping of William Buckley in Beirut  
11:10 a.m. (LOCAL)

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As Amended

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1. McFarlane asked [REDACTED]

a. Answer: [REDACTED]

b. Ambassador Bartholomew had questions about anyone going into Beirut at the present time. An alternative is for them to be positioned [REDACTED]

2. CIA Deputy Director John McMahon [REDACTED]

a. Principal advantage is that it is closer than Cyprus, and may permit better rehearsals, access to intelligence, and planning.

b. There are, however, [REDACTED]

c. [REDACTED]

3. CIA reported [REDACTED]

4. McFarlane [absent momentarily] reported that the President had:

a. Cleared the State drafted cable for Cairo and Khartoum.

b. Directed that [REDACTED] the advance JSOC element be dispatched.

c. Asked for additional information from JCS/DOD on response times. [JCS indicated that response times depended on the type of mission. The range was [REDACTED] for

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deployment, and this was dependent on planning, rehearsals, equipment, and mission.]

d. Reduce the response time as much as possible depending upon intelligence.

5. McFarlane requested that as much planning be done as possible, and JCS responded that this was being done, including the packaging of the helios now.

6. Admiral Howe asked for confirmation from the JCS that it was the JCS view that readiness was not genuinely improved by deploying assets to an intermediate staging area?

a. The JCS response was that it really was no improvement at the present time.

b. JCS thought, given the low level of current intelligence, that deploying assets now was risky because we might discover they were in the wrong location.

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[There was a discussion at the end of CPPG conference call concerning the deployment of the advance team. It seemed to me that the President approved it, McFarlane tasked it, but that the participants wanted to check with Ambassador Bartholomew before the team was actually deployed.]

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March 16, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: RICHARD S. BEAL <sup>RSB</sup>

SUBJECT: Notes on the Second Secure CPPG  
Conference Call, 9:30 a.m. Local Time

BUCKLEY KIDNAPPING IN BEIRUT AND BOMBING IN OMDURMAN

A. Buckley Kidnapping: Eagleburger raised McFarlane's question whether to [REDACTED] the contingency that Buckley is found. The initial OSD response was that this was prudent strategy, but the JCS response was that we should send [REDACTED] but not the teams themselves. There was a general discussion back and forth on this issue for most of the conference call. After considerable discussion, Eagleburger tried to summarize the points as follows:

1. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] There was interagency agreement on this point.

2. [REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED]

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McFarlane came in late in the conversation and indicated that he would appreciate it if JCS and OSD would raise the issue of the IRT and its forward deployment with the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the JCS. That they be prepared at 11 a.m. to make a recommendation.

B. Sudan bombing in Omdurman:

1. Howe read the State cable that was prepared for distribution to Cairo and Khartoum. Eagleburger asked for comments and the general conversation centered around whether we had interagency agreement in principle to deploy AWACS at the request of the governments of Sudan and Egypt.
  - a. It was finally agreed that if Egypt and the Sudan requested the aircraft and that a subsequent review of available data and information confirmed the need, that we should comply with the request to deploy the AWACS to the region.
  - b. Defense was inclined not to overstate the commitment to deploy the AWACS given that it might be subsequently determined that the incident did not warrant such action.
  - c. State's position was that there may well be political reasons for sending the aircraft regardless of any subsequent data regarding the incident.
  - d. The final language of the cable reflected the points that we would agree to deploy the AWACS into the region but we would also review the subsequent information about the incident to determine the appropriateness of this action.
  - e. The cable will be sent to the White House for McFarlane to further brief the President on the situation and the cable.

2. Eagleburger reported that McFarlane had asked him whether or not we should deploy tacair along with the AWACS. General

[REDACTED]

3. McFarlane raised the question whether or not this would help to put any additional assets in Cairo West and left that to JCS and DOD to determine.

[REDACTED]

General Gabriel said that the untrained personnel on the ground however only sighted one aircraft.

4. The issue was raised as to whether or not we wanted to use this occasion to put tacair assets into the region in case of an Iran-Iraq escalation.

5. McFarlane tasked the group to reconvene on a second conference call at 11 a.m. to resolve any outstanding issues.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: RICHARD S. BEAL

SUBJECT: Notes on the Secure CPPG Conference Call:  
Buckley Kidnapping in Beirut and Bombing  
of Omdurman, Sudan

A. Buckley Kidnapping

1.

[REDACTED]

2. McFarlane asked if anyone knew who was responsible? The answer was "no."

a. The groups that could be involved are thought to be:

- Hizballah
- PFLP GC, or
- Abu Nidal's group

3.

[REDACTED]

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4. JCS said they were monitoring the overall situation, and were waiting to see what the new developments were.

a. McFarlane asked the JCS to consult with Vessey and Armitage regarding the possible forward deployment of the JSOC survey team. This request, as usual,

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should be kept very close. McFarlane tasked JCS to make a recommendation during the next conference call at 9:30 a.m. (local).

- b. Admiral Moreau came on the line to say he would take that item for action.

5. [REDACTED]
6. Secure CPPG conference call to reconvene at 9:30 a.m. Robert McFarlane will update the President with regard to the situation.

B. Sudan -- Bombing of Omdurman

1. DOD/JCS had no updates beyond Robert McFarlane's brief description of the situation. They indicated they were monitoring the situation.
2. McFarlane indicated USG interests were to respond to the Sudan and Egypt, and their interests.

- a. USG response in the past had been to use the AWACs.

b. [REDACTED]

c. [REDACTED]

- d. McFarlane tasked State to coordinate a USG position regarding the bombing and to prepare a cable for Cairo and Khartoum. The purpose of the 9:30 a.m. conference call would be to discuss the position taken in the State cable.

3. Howe indicated that he would coordinate with OSD/JCS the military options and USG position. It would be necessary to sort out the facts, especially the question of the origin of the aircraft involved in the bombing.

4. The issue arose that in the last incident, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] The suggestion was that we needed greater confirmation before we proceed too vigorously.

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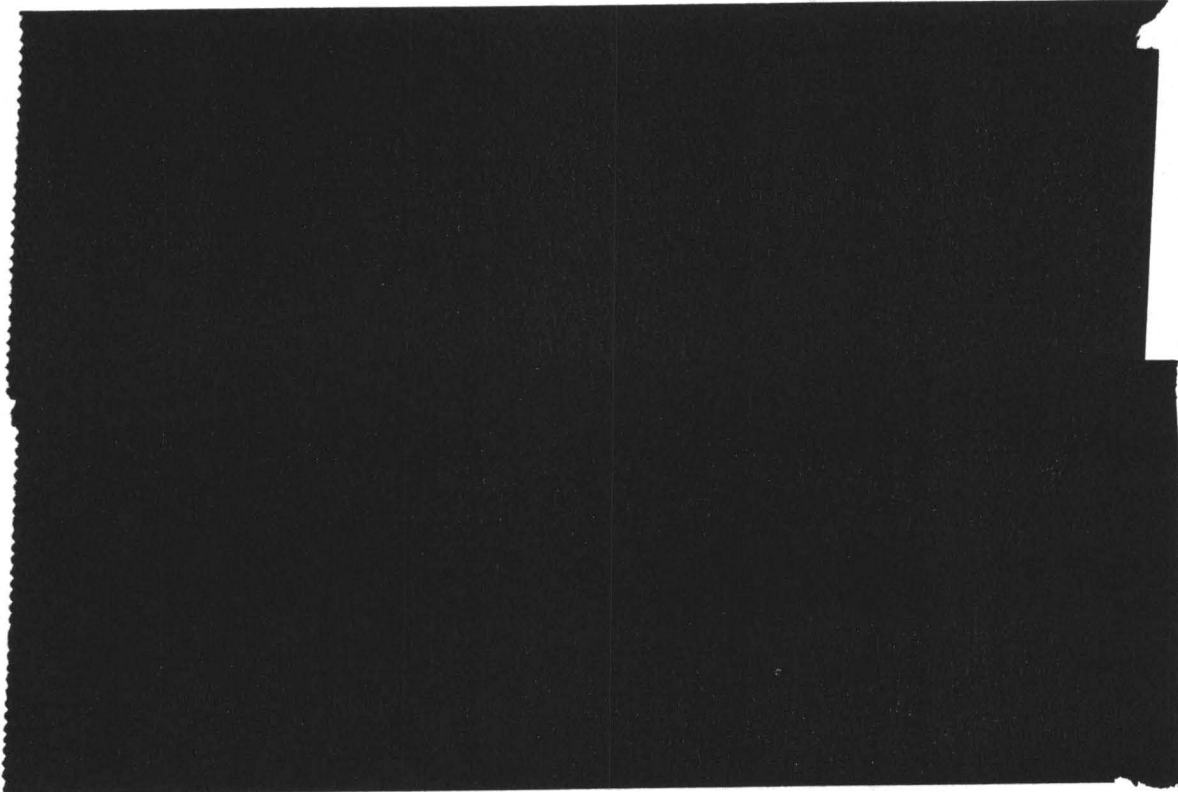
MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH  
DONALD R. FORTIER  
PHILIP A. DUR

SUBJECT: Beirut Kidnapping Follow-up

Based on the series of calls this morning, current plans are as follows:

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At this point, it would seem prudent to call a Terrorist Incident Working Group (TIWG) meeting in the WHSR this afternoon. Participants should be: Eagleburger and Sayre (State), McMahon (CIA), ADM Moreau and MGEN Rice (JCS), and Taft or Armitage (who will be back in Washington by 5:00 p.m.) (DOD).

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There are two immediate issues which should be resolved before planning proceeds much further:

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RECOMMENDATION

That you convene a TIWG meeting in the WHSR this afternoon to be chaired by either yourself or Don Fortier.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

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TAGS:            PTER, PGOV, ASEC, LE, US  
SUBJECT:        BARRI'S EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF BUCKLEY

1.    (C) - ENTIRE TEXT.

2.    AMB. BARTHOLOMEW CALLED NABIH BARRI AT 1030 EST MAR.  
16, TO EXPRESS HIS PERSONAL APPRECIATION FOR BARRI'S  
EFFORTS TO LOCATE WILLIAM BUCKLEY. BARRI SAID HE WAS  
DOING HIS VERY BEST: "I WILL USE ALL MY PRESSURE." BARRI  
SAID HE HAD ALREADY SPOKEN WITH SHAYKH QABALAN, SHAYKH  
SHAMS AD-DIN AND (HIZBALLAH LEADER) SHAYKH FADLALLAH TO  
GET THEIR COOPERATION AS WELL. IN ADDITION, MARWAN  
HAMMADAH HAD SENT A TELEGRAM TO HIS PEOPLE IN THE  
MOUNTAIN TO TRY TO ENSURE THAT NO ONE WOULD GET THROUGH.

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BARTHOLOMEW AGAIN EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL CONCERN AS WELL AS THAT OF WASHINGTON FOR BUCKLEY'S SAFETY AND WELL-BEING AND REITERATED HIS THANKS FOR BARRI'S EFFORTS.

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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR

TAGS: PTER, PINS, ASEC, SY, LE

SUBJECT: ABDUCTION OF EMBASSY BEIRUT POLOFF: REQUEST  
- TO SYRIAN V.P. RIF'AT AL-ASSAD FOR ASSISTANCE

REF: A) BEIRUT 2763, B) DAMASCUS 1878 (NODIS)

1. ~~(ENTIRE TEXT)~~.

2. THIS IS AN ACTION MESSAGE (SEE PARAS 8 AND 9).

3. SUMMARY: AT 1330 LT (1130 GMT) CHARGE MET WITH CAPTAIN JOSEPH SZANSIL, CHEF DE CABINET OF SYRIAN VICE PRESIDENT RIF'AT AL-ASSAD, AND ASKED THAT RIF'AT ASSIST IN FINDING AND FREEING ABDUCTED BEIRUT POLOFF WILLIAM BUCKLEY. CHARGE GAVE SZANSIL INFORMATION OF ABDUCTION AND DESCRIPTION OF BUCKLEY, AND SUGGESTED THAT

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RIF'AT NOTIFY SYRIAN CHECKPOINTS AND UNITS IN LEBANON -- AND SECURITY AUTHORITIES AT DAMASCUS AIRPORT -- AT ONCE, STRESSING THAT QUICK ACTION SHOULD IMPROVE CHANCES OF SUCCESS IN LOCATING THE ABDUCTORS. SZANSIL SAID SYRIAN UNITS IN LEBANON AND AT THE AIRPORT WOULD BE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY. HE ALSO REQUESTED A PHOTOGRAPH OF BUCKLEY FOR USE IN IDENTIFYING HIM. END SUMMARY.

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4. UPON RECEIPT OF BEIRUT REFTTEL, WE BEGAN TRYING TO CONTACT NOT ONLY SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER (SEPTTEL) BUT ALSO THE OFFICE OF SYRIAN VICE PRESIDENT RIF'AT AL-ASSAD. AFTER SOME DELAY, CAUSED BY FRIDAY HOLIDAY AND EXTRA WORKLOAD AT RIF'AT'S OFFICE IMPOSED BY HIS NEW VICE PRESIDENTIAL RESPONSIBILITIES,

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CHARGE MET BY APPOINTMENT WITH RIFA'AT'S CHEF DE CABINET CAPTAIN JOSEPH SZANSIL AT 1330 LT, MARCH 16. CHARGE GAVE SZANSIL THE DETAILS OF THE KIDNAPPING OF WILLIAM BUCKLEY AND REQUESTED THAT RIF'AT, THROUGH THE MEANS AT HIS DISPOSAL IN LEBANON AND IN SYRIA, TAKE STEPS TO FIND AND FREE MR. BUCKLEY. SPECIFICALLY, CHARGE SUGGESTED THAT BECAUSE A VEHICLE LIKE THE ONE USED BY THE KIDNAPPERS WAS SEEN GOING SOUTH FROM KHALDE THIS MORNING, AND PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT MR. BUCKLEY MIGHT BE TAKEN TO THE BIQA', IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT ANYONE WHO WANTED TO HELP US FIND HIM WOULD MOVE QUICKLY AND, FOR EXAMPLE, NOTIFY ALL SECURITY CHECKPOINTS UNDER SYRIAN CONTROL TO LOOK FOR HIM. CHARGE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT SECURITY PERSONNEL AT DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BE ALERTED IN THE EVENT AN ATTEMPT IS MADE TO TAKE BUCKLEY THROUGH THE AIRPORT OUT OF SYRIA WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF SYRIAN AUTHORITIES.

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5. CHARGE GAVE SZANSIL A BRIEF PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF MR. BUCKLEY. CHARGE LEFT A NON-PAPER IN ENGLISH AND ARABIC WITH THE ABOVE INFORMATION AND SUGGESTIONS WITH SZANSIL.

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6. SZANSIL SAID HE UNDERSTOOD ALL OF THESE POINTS AND HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY SEE THAT ACTION IS TAKEN AS CHARGE SUGGESTED TO NOTIFY SYRIAN SECURITY UNITS AND CHECKPOINTS IN LEBANON. SZANSIL INDICATED HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD THE NEED FOR TAKING ACTION QUICKLY. HE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A PHOTOGRAPH OF BUCKLEY IN ORDER TO ASSIST SYRIAN AUTHORITIES IN FINDING HIM.

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7. COMMENT: ON THE BASIS OF OUR PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH SZANSIL AND RIF'AT, WE BELIEVE SZANSIL WILL INFORM RIF'AT IMMEDIATELY AND THAT THE WORD WILL GO OUT TO SYRIAN PERSONNEL IN LEBANON TO HELP FIND BUCKLEY.

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8. BEIRUT ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE SEND EMBASSY DAMASCUS BY FASTEST AVAILABLE MEANS (SUGGEST CHECKING TO SEE IF AMERICAN JOURNALIST MAY BE COMING THIS WAY TODAY) PHOTOGRAPH OR PHOTOGRAPHS OF MR. BUCKLEY.

9. FOR DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS IMMEDIATELY TO GENEVA, EYES ONLY WINN.

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10. BEIRUT MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. RUGH  
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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF EMBASSY BEIRUT POLOFF

1. (~~S~~ ENTIRE TEXT).

2. FYI: AS OF 1330 LOCAL MARCH 16 THERE ARE NO OBSERV-  
ABLE IRANIAN AIRCRAFT AT DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.  
DAO SAW IRANIAN COMMERCIAL 747 LAND AND DEPART AT 1330,  
HAVING TAKEN ON TOURISTS AND ABOUT 20 UNIFORMED IRANIAN  
SOLDIERS -- NO UNUSUAL BOARDING PROCEDURE WAS NOTED,  
ALTHOUGH IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO WATCH ALL BAGGAGE BEING  
LOADED.

3. BEIRUT MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. RUGH  
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Dressmaker  
 Hongland  
 John  
 Shot/Killed  
 X fire  
 Suicide  
 M-60 MG  
 Pinned down  
 w/ Govt Forces  
 UPI Report  
 ① of Car  
 A-37's

↓ move at first glimmer of info.

~~Newweek~~ ~~Cassidy~~ Reporter killed Sedito  
- John Hagler:

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- Sub. doesn't want anybody  
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- Want to get additional
- Responsive to Nicosea security
- Don't

Potential for using J30C to  
7 days for ~~Deployment~~

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Reggie's view:

- Prefer not to come to Beirut  
house -

- John W. Nelson

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141 Departure this evening

Approves current disp. of IRT  
Response time  
could we reduce

Resp. time - 6 days worst case

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Plu. - Reduce response time <sup>to minimum</sup> as much as possible

- Packaging of small helos now -

Actual Response Team - keep the

Should we Re-po

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- Raise issue w/ Secretary

- ~~11:00~~ → Resolve issue

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Secure Conf Call

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Burt Hutchings - [REDACTED]  
- Determine what we want to wear, where when (Barut)

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✓ Sayre Arnold  
✓ Howe (522)  
✓ Schneider  
✓ Raphael  
- Murphy (USA)  
- Raphael  
  
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~~Patricia [Redacted]~~

- Cable to Khartoum/Cairo

E - Question for discussion - Should we send Tac Air?

G - we should send at least a bat of fighters

E - Include in cable

E - Buckley kidnapping

-- wisdom of sending JSOC to

Pow - See wcd.

Rae - Small survey to for intel collection  
- don't

Arnold -

Baker -

Tam -

Arnold - for intel

6-8 fighters  
+ tankers to  
Cairo west  
to protect  
agency

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Emce - Agency/JCS - coord ~~of the~~ teams

- Should teams just go to Cyprus?

- Do we prepo

House

Comb

Comeback 1hr

coord usc to Cairo/Khartoum

Prepare a coordinated USC cable

- State - House - sort out facts  
origin - questions

- Contingent

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Chuck - 0730 abducted 3 armed

Amal/PSP contacts Khaldie

Damascus - 1330 Iranian A/C left

Charge & Chanchel asked for photo  
asked to tell Relant

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PRCP/GC - Hizbani suspected

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- Rice - monitoring

Gen Consult w/ Vessey/Armitage  
to advise back on value of dispatching  
USOC to [REDACTED] to

reduce response time

Noreen - take for the

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- Noreen - Survey team out

- Charge - Pullled all inside perimeter

- Arnie - 2 points - Khartoum Request from Abu Ghazala  
Close loop w/ Mukarab



## Talking Points Re Buckley Kidnapping

Includes: Bob Sayer - State (NKT)  
MC Phil Rice - JCS (Special Ops Agency)

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- <sup>Chuck Casan</sup> ~~Bob Gates~~ / Frank Durr - Do we have any further words on Bill Buckley's whereabouts?

- Do we have the ability to get a fix on his location?

- S MC Rice / <sup>Rice Remains</sup> ~~What if~~ Assuming we can fix Buckley's whereabouts -- should we have some JSOC assets (Survey team or a detachment) closer to the area so that we could reduce response times?

- STATE - (<sup>Howe</sup> ~~Enriquez~~ / Sayer) - WOULD YOU WANT TO HAVE SOME OF OUR BACK-UP ~~RESCUE~~ COMMS AND A SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO COORDINATE WITH THE EMBASSY?