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S/S 8433866
United States Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

December 11, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Ceremony for Victims of Kuwait Airline Hijacking

Pursuant to earlier conversations with NSC staff, we have made tentative plans for two ceremonies involving the American victims of the Kuwaiti airline hijacking.

1. Return of Bodies.

The bodies of the two murdered Agency for International Development employees are scheduled to arrive at Andrews Air Force Base at 0730, Wednesday, December 12. The Vice President has agreed to be at Andrews and make appropriate remarks. Undersecretary Armacost, AID Administrator McPherson, and AID Inspector General Herbert Beckington (the two murdered AID employees were members of the Inspector General's staff) will also be part of the official delegation. The families of the victims and other AID officials will also attend.

2. Presidential Meeting With Survivors and Families of Deceased.

We have also discussed with NSC staff the possibility of arranging a meeting with the President for the families of the two deceased AID employees and the two American survivors and their families. We believe such a meeting is important to (a) express our outrage and concern with this barbaric act of terrorism, (b) make a suitable statement of our counter-terrorism programs, and (c) make an appropriate gesture of support and sympathy for the victims of the hijacking and their families.

The two surviving Americans (Charles Kapar, an AID employee, and John Costa, a New York businessman) will arrive in Frankfurt, Germany tonight. Their departure for the United States will depend on a medical evaluation in Frankfurt. The family of one of the deceased AID employees lives in Virginia. The family of the other deceased AID employee will return from Karachi, Pakistan (where the AID employees were stationed) on Thursday evening, December 13. The families of the two surviving Americans reside in the United States (Virginia and New York).

The earliest time that a meeting could be scheduled with all parties would be Friday, December 14.

Covey
Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

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THE KUWAIT AIRLINER HIJACKING

TO: (Agency)	DELIVER TO	Extension	Room No.
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AL-HUQ ON THE KUWAIT AIRLINER HIJACKING

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FROM THE PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT ZIA AL-HUQ WHICH SHOULD
BE DELIVERED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR PRESIDENT ZIA: THE PAINFUL
SITUATION INVOLVING THE HIJACKED KUWAITI AIRLINER TO
TEHRAN HAS NOW ENDED. DURING OUR COMMUNICATIONS OVER THE
PAST SEVERAL DAYS, WE HAD BOTH AGREED ON THE IMPORTANCE
OF ADOPTING MEASURES AND TAKING STEPS TO END THIS CURRENT
TRAGEDY WITHOUT FURTHER LOSS OF INNOCENT LIVES. I WANT
TO EXPRESS TO YOU MY SINCERE GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION
FOR YOUR PERSONAL EFFORTS AND THOSE OF YOUR GOVERNMENT IN
BRINGING THIS UNFORTUNATE SITUATION TO AN END. IN
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ALTHOUGH THIS PARTICULAR EPISODE IS NOW AT AN END, I HOPE THAT OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS AND OTHERS OF LIKE MIND CAN CONCERT QUIETLY ON HOW BEST TO GENERATE EFFECTIVE ACTION ~~TO DEAL~~ WITH THE LONGER-TERM PROBLEM OF IRANIAN-INSPIRED TERRORISM. AS YOUR EXCELLENCY IS WELL AWARE, THAT THREAT REMAINS STRONG AND IS DIRECTED AGAINST ALL OF OUR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE ~~INTERESTS FOR~~ PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE REGION.
SINCERELY, RONALD REAGAN. YY

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Iranian Media Treatment of Kuwait Airways Hijacking

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Iranian Media Treatment of Kuwait Airways Hijacking

An examination of Iranian media has yielded no direct evidence that Tehran conspired with or supported the hijackers of the Kuwaiti airliner on which two Americans died. The ambivalence of some aspects of Iran's public treatment of the episode, however, may have reflected sympathy for the hijackers or their goals. Attempts to project an image of responsibility in Tehran's handling of the affair often were at odds with a reluctance to condemn the hijackers and their methods or to denounce the hijackers' goals.

Iranian media treatment of the hijacking was characterized from the beginning by an effort to project an image of Iranian authorities acting responsibly and according to prevailing international standards. Soon after the plane landed in Tehran on 4 December, Tehran radio quoted a Foreign Ministry spokesman as stating that Iran was "strongly opposed to any form of hijacking and such inhuman acts are condemned by us." He added that Iran had allowed the plane to land only because it was running out of fuel. Statements over the next several days by the president, prime minister, foreign minister, and other spokesmen condemned air piracy "on the grounds that it endangers the lives of innocent people." No statements supporting the hijackers or their cause were monitored.

Iranian officials were consistently portrayed as acting with humanitarian concern to bring about a negotiated end to the crisis. According to an Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) report on 7 December, for example, the Iranian authorities "managed to convince the hijackers to extend their deadline after a great deal of persuasion." It went on: "The attempts of our country's authorities to pacify the hijackers and to restrain them from any further drastic steps continue." Freed passengers were often quoted expressing gratitude for Iran's actions.

Balancing this concern to be seen as rejecting the hijackers' methods and moving responsibly to defuse the situation was an evident reluctance to condemn the hijackers' cause and goals. While Iranian media expressed no support for the hijackers, they also avoided portraying them in a negative or unfavorable light. Iranian media referred to them consistently—as "the hijackers" with no identification of their nationality or affiliation, describing them only as Arabic speakers. No monitored accounts indicated what cause

the hijackers represented, and after the hijackers' demands to free the prisoners in Kuwait were made, Iranian media reports made no mention of why the prisoners were incarcerated or who they were. An Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman on the 6th condemned the killing of one of the American diplomats, but monitored Iranian media carried no descriptions of how the executions were carried out and therefore conveyed no sense of the brutality of the actions.

As the crisis wore on, the media increasingly adopted a defensive tone in the face of world criticism of Iran's performance. The Iranians specifically expressed irritation with the Kuwaiti Government negotiators, upon whom they blamed the intransigence of the hijackers and the prolongation of the crisis. For example, according to IRNA on the 10th President Khamene'i complained that "if it were not for the negligence of Kuwaiti officials the Iranian Government could have ended the hijacking affair three days earlier." The Iranians took credit for the release of each group of passengers, citing their patience in negotiating a peaceful settlement.

Iranian officials scored U.S. statements, beginning with those of the State Department and President Reagan on 7 December, which criticized Iran for permitting the affair to drag on. Presidential adviser Mir Salim, for example, said in an IRNA interview on 9 December that "the coverage of the incident by the imperialist-dominated media" was meant to "cover up the tragedy of Bhopal, India, the responsibility for which rests directly on the United States."

In a speech broadcast by Tehran radio on the 11th, Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni called allegations of Iranian complicity in the hijacking "slander." He criticized Western complaints about Tehran's handling of the incident, saying: "If this hijacking had started in Iran and ended up somewhere else, and then was solved in this way . . . their propaganda would have said how well it was accomplished, how well it was carried out, and so on."

Air France Incident

Iran's public treatment of the Kuwait Airways incident bears a number of similarities to its handling of the hijacking of an Air France plane to Tehran on 1 August 1984, when the Iranian authorities allowed the airliner to land for "humanitarian reasons." As in the December crisis, Iranian media portrayed

Iranian officials as acting responsibly during the Air France hijacking and refrained from explicitly denouncing the hijackers.

The August incident came in the wake of a hijacking in June of an Iranian airliner to France, where the hijackers requested asylum. IRNA subsequently reported Foreign Ministry condemnation of the French failure to extradite the hijackers "in violation of international laws and regulations." The ministry spokesman concluded: "Such disregard can create the right to retaliatory action."

The August incident ended, according to Tehran radio, when the hijackers surrendered to the Iranian authorities after releasing the hostages and blowing up the plane's cockpit. IRNA thereafter reported a request by the hijackers for asylum, and on 3 August President Khamene'i condemned France and the Western powers as "the origin and source of the propagation of terrorism in the world." He added that France's "ignorant and stupid leaders gave asylum to the ugliest international terrorists."

France was again criticized in the wake of the Kuwait Airways hijacking. In a Friday prayer sermon on 14 December reported by Tehran radio, Majlis Speaker Hashemi-Rafsanjani complained about lenient treatment of hijackers of the Iranian aircraft to France: "If you want the aircraft hijack terrorists from us . . . then you, too, should hand over to us the fugitive aircraft hijack terrorists who are currently living in France."

There were threatening, if ambiguous, overtones in Rafsanjani's remarks. He told his audience: "Either there should be air security for all airlines—and we would join efforts in this—or there will be no security for airlines of those countries which are the subject of your hatred; there will be absolutely no security for you!" Rafsanjani added that Iran had "not yet deemed it necessary to join the fray," but he suggested a connection between Iran and unidentified terrorist organizations when he said that if necessary, "there are peoples in the world who would embark on such action," and Iran would be willing to "enter the arena." While he stated Iran's willingness to engage in "diplomatic talk," he served notice in the same breath that "if it becomes a matter of actions, then you should act correctly, as we too would act."

December 11, 1984

IRAN: KUWAIT AIRLINES HIJACKING

Q: What can you tell us about the return of the American citizens and remains?

A: -- We have received confirmation that the remains of the two murdered Americans departed Tehran for Frankfurt. The remains will be identified by U.S. military forensic specialists. After identification, tentative plans call for the bodies to be transported to Andrews AFB. I do not have an arrival time for you at this time.

(NOTE TO BRIEFER: The remains were aboard LH 601 which was due in Frankfurt at 1455 local time, 0955 EST.)

-- Messrs. Kapar and Costa have been flown by a Kuwaiti aircraft to Kuwait where they are being picked up by a USAF aircraft and will be transported to Frankfurt, West Germany. I understand they should be leaving Kuwait just about now, 1200 noon, 12/11. A determination on their onward itinerary has not yet been made.

(NOTE TO BRIEFER: The Medevac crew cannot continue on to the U.S. directly. Therefore a determination will have to be made as to whether they will continue by commercial flight or stay in Frankfurt. Mr. Costa's family have requested that no information be given to the press as to his arrival in the U.S.)

Q: Do we have any opinion yet on the Iranian handling of the hijacking?

A: -- While we have not yet had a chance to fully debrief the survivors, many aspects of the Government of Iran's handling of this situation raise profound and disturbing questions *to which we are taking answers*

American
-- The fact of the matter is that two passengers were murdered by the hijackers, more were tortured and many were brutalized for an extended period of time without any effective measures being taken by the Government of Iran. Granting selective media access, broadcasting statements and screams of tortured passengers, permitting photographers aboard the aircraft, clearly encouraged extreme behavior by the hijackers. The passengers, the families of the murdered passengers, and the world, deserve answers from the Government of Iran. *No.*

-- Previous actions by the Government of Iran have shown that it has the capability to act rapidly and effectively to end hijackings when it so wishes. On this occasion, when the lives of innocent American, Kuwaiti and other citizens were at stake, it did otherwise. Two U.S. government employees were murdered. We will probably never know what would have happened had the Iranian Government acted more firmly. *8*

-- Now that the hijackers are in its custody, the Government of Iran has ~~x~~ very clear obligations. Under the Hague Convention for Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft, to which Iran is a party, the Government of Iran has an obligation to submit the hijackers' case to prosecutorial authorities or to extradite them to another country for trial.

-- Iran's failure to try or extradite several previous groups of hijackers is clear evidence that it has not met its obligations and reinforced the impression that it is sympathetic to ^{and provides} [international terrorism and] a safehaven for hijackers.

-- The American attitude and actions toward the Government of Iran in the aftermath of this tragedy will be conditioned by whether it meets its obligations and by our assessment of its role during this tragic incident. We have been and will continue to watch Iranian actions closely.

Q: Have we sent a "thanks" to the Iranians for securing the release of the hostages?

A: -- No. (use material for preceding question)

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U.N. CHIEF APPEALS TO AIRLINE HIJACKERS TO SPARE HOSTAGES

UNITED NATIONS, DEC 7, REUTER - SECRETARY GENERAL JAVIER PEREZ DE CUELLAR TONIGHT ISSUED AN URGENT APPEAL TO THE HIJACKERS OF A KUWAITI AIRLINER AT TEHRAN TO SPARE THE LIVES OF THEIR HOSTAGES, SEVERAL OF WHOM HAVE ALREADY BEEN KILLED.

A STATEMENT ISSUED THROUGH A SPOKESMAN SAID THE U.N. CHIEF WAS "APPALLED AND DEEPLY GRIEVED" THAT THE HIJACKING OF THE PLANE HAD RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF PASSENGERS ON BOARD.

"FOR COMPELLING HUMANITARIAN REASONS, HE MOST URGENTLY APPEALS TO THE HIJACKERS TO RECOGNIZE THE SANCTITY OF THE LIVES OF THE INNOCENT PASSENGERS AND TO RELEASE THEM SWIFTLY AND SAFELY WITHOUT FURTHER SUFFERING BEING CAUSED," THE STATEMENT SAID.

THE APPEAL FOLLOWED REPORTS FROM TEHRAN THAT THE ARAB HIJACKERS, WHO HAVE ALREADY KILLED AT LEAST FOUR PEOPLE, HAD NAMED OTHERS AS THEIR NEXT VICTIMS IF THEIR DEMANDS WERE NOT MET.

THEY WANT THE RELEASE OF CONRADES CONVICTED IN KUWAIT OF BOMBING THE U.S. EMBASSY AND OTHER WESTERN AND OFFICIAL TARGETS.

THE KUWAITI AIRWAYS AIRBUS LANDED IN THE IRANIAN CAPITAL ON TUESDAY AFTER BEING SEIZED ON A FLIGHT FROM KUWAIT TO PAKISTAN.

PEREZ DE CUELLAR YESTERDAY EXPRESSED HIS DEEP CONCERN ABOUT THE HIJACKING AT A MEETING WITH IRAN'S U.N. REPRESENTATIVE, SAID ONE PERSON WHO WAS THERE, AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT EVERYTHING POSSIBLE WOULD BE DONE TO RESOLVE THE SITUATION PEACEFULLY.

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REAGAN SENDS MESSAGE TO KUWAITI EMIR ON HIJACKING

KUWAIT, DEC 7, REUTER - PRESIDENT REAGAN HAS SENT A MESSAGE TO KUWAIT'S EMIR, SHEIKH JABER AL-AHMED AL-SABAH, CONCERNING THE HIJACKED KUWAITI AIRLINER HELD IN TEHRAN, OFFICIALS SAID TODAY.

THEY SAID U.S. AMBASSADOR ANTHONY QUANTON CONVEYED THE MESSAGE, THE CONTENT OF WHICH WAS NOT DISCLOSED, TO THE UNDERSECRETARY OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, RASHED AL-RASHED.

THEY SAID THE CABINET WAS STILL IN SPECIAL SESSION THIS AFTERNOON DISCUSSING LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE HIJACKING.

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FBIS 057 (SEE 046)

IRNA: HIJACKERS DEMAND DOCTOR FOR CRITICAL PASSENGERS

LI081823 TEHRAN IRNA IN ENGLISH 1820 GMT 8 DEC 84

(TEXT) TEHRAN, DEC. 8, IRNA -- HIJACKERS OF THE KUWAITI AIRLINER DEMANDED A DOCTOR, AN OXYGEN MASK AND MILK FOR A NUMBER OF PASSENGERS WHO ARE SAID TO BE IN CRITICAL CONDITION; A FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN TOLD IRNA TONIGHT.

HE SAID WHEN THE DOCTOR ENTERED THE PLANE THE HIJACKERS WERE TOLD FROM THE CONTROL TOWER AT 20:00 HOURS (16:30 GMT) THAT CRITICALLY ILL PASSENGERS HAD TO BE IMMEDIATELY TRANSFERRED OUTSIDE FOR NECESSARY TREATMENT.

+THE HIJACKERS STRONGLY REJECTED THE REQUEST AND SAID THEY WOULD NEVER FREE THE AMERICAN AND KUWAITI DIPLOMATS.

+THEY (HIJACKERS) SAID IF THE KUWAITI GOVERNMENT DOES NOT MEET THEIR DEMANDS, THEY WOULD BLOW UP THE PLANE AND KILL THEMSELVES AND OTHERS INSIDE.

+WE TOLD THEM (GUNMEN) THAT THIS IS A HUMANITARIAN ISSUE AND HUMANITARIAN ISSUES CONCERN ALL HUMAN BEINGS REGARDLESS OF THEIR POSITION.+

THE FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID THE DOCTOR WHO VISITED THE ILL PASSENGERS SAID ONE OF THEM, A KUWAITI, +IS ON THE VERGE OF DYING+.

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FURTHER DETAILS ON HIJACKING FROM RELEASED PASSENGERS

///PASSENGERS, HE SAID.

LD081759 TEHRAN IRNA IN ENGLISH 1754 GMT 8 DEC 84

(TEXT) TEHRAN, DEC. 8, IRNA -- IQBAL ALSO SAID TWO AMERICANS ARE BEING KEPT IN THE FIRST-CLASS SECTION AND ONE OF THEM HAS FACIAL INJURIES. THE GUNMEN SHOWED THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE TWO AND CLAIMED ONE OF THEM WAS A CONGRESSMAN.

+THE HIJACKERS WERE GOOD WITH US BUT THEY IRRITATED THOSE WHO OPPOSED THEIR VIEWS, SUCH AS THE KUWAITIS. THEY WERE NOT GOOD AT ALL WITH THEM (KUWAITIS),+ HE SAID.

+ABU HASSAN IS ONE OF THE HIJACKERS WHO SEEMS TO BE THEIR COMMANDER.

+THE FOUR HIJACKERS ARE YOUNG AND THE TREATMENT OF TWO OF THEM WITH THE PASSENGERS WAS VERY GOOD AND THEY TALKED TO US ABOUT THE DIFFERENT ISSUES OF THE ISLAMIC WORLD.+

THE HIJACKERS WERE ESPECIALLY GOOD WITH THE PAKISTANIS AND +ONE OF THEM EVEN SWORE THAT HE DID NOT INTEND TO KILL US.+

ANOTHER PAKISTANI PASSENGER, ALMAT SEKOUWAYOUN, SAID TWO KUWAITI PASSENGERS WERE +VERY ILL+ AND SERUMS HAD BEEN INJECTED INTO THEIR HANDS.

+THE PILOT AND THE FLIGHT ENGINEER ARE BRITISH AND I THINK THEIR SITUATION ALONG WITH THAT OF THE AMERICANS AND KUWAITIS IS MORE DANGEROUS THAN OTHERS.+

WALTER BANT, THE PAKISTANI TECHNICAL ENGINEER OF THE PLANE, WHO WAS ALSO FREED, SAID THE KUWAITI GOVERNMENT SHOULD GIVE IN TO THE HIJACKERS* DEMANDS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. +I THINK THE LIVES OF THE PASSENGERS IS WORTH DOING IT.+

+THE PLANE* IS GETTING EMPTIER AND I THINK THE SITUATION IS GETTING HARDER FOR THE AMERICAN AND KUWAITI HOSTOGES.+

OTHER PASSENGERS SAID ONE OF THE HIJACKERS +RESTED AND WAS CONSTANTLY SMOKING+ AND THE OTHER THREE KEPT AN EYE ON THE DOORWAYS AND CHECKED TO MAKE SURE NO ONE GOT NEAR THE PLANE

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IRNA: HIJACKERS TO TRY AMERICANS; IRAN PLEADS RELEASE

LD081618 TEHRAN IRNA IN ENGLISH 1608 GMT 8 DEC 84

(TEXT) TEHRAN, DEC 8, IRNA -- THE HIJACKERS OF THE KUWAITI JETLINER, AT TEHRAN'S MEHRABAD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SINCE TUESDAY MORNING, CONTACTED THE CONTROL TOWER OF THE AIRPORT, AT 14.35 LOCAL TIME (19:05 GMT) THAT THEY WOULD "IN A FEW MINUTES TIME PUT ON TRIAL ALL AMERICANS ON BOARD THE PLANE," SAID A FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN HERE.

IRANIAN OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE HIJACKERS AT THE AIRPORT, TRIED TO DISSUADE THE HIJACKERS FOR TWENTY MINUTES. THAT THEY SHOULD REFRAIN FROM SUCH ACTION AND RELEASE THE REMAINING PASSENGERS STILL ON BOARD THE PLANE, HE ADDED.

AN IRANIAN OFFICIAL WHO TALKED TO ONE OF THE HIJACKERS THROUGH THE TOWER, TOLD HIM THAT INSTEAD OF MAKING THREATS TO DO SUCH THINGS IT WAS BETTER TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE. THE HIJACKER WAS TOLD TOO, THAT IF THEY RELEASED THE PASSENGERS, "GOD'S BLESSING WOULD BE UPON THEM."

FURTHER IN THE CONVERSATION, THE IRANIAN OFFICIAL ASKED THE HIJACKER, WHETHER HE BELIEVED IN GOD, INFORMING HIM THAT THIS ACTION WAS NEITHER RATIONAL NOR DID IT DENOTE COURAGE. HE SAID, "YOUR COURAGE WILL BE PROVEN WHEN YOU RELEASE THE PASSENGERS."

HOWEVER, THE HIJACKERS REPEATED THEIR THREAT THAT THEY WOULD "PUNISH THE AMERICANS ON BOARD." AN OFFICIAL SPEAKING FROM THE CONTROL TOWER URGED THE HIJACKERS TO REMAIN CALM AND REFRAIN FROM ANY VIOLENT ACTION AND REQUESTED THAT THEY (HIJACKERS) GIVE

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AFP: HIJACKERS REPORTEDLY SHOT ANOTHER AMERICAN

AFP Killed him,
saying American was
killed, not shot.

NC081652 PARIS AFP IN ENGLISH 1650 GMT 8 DEC 84

(EXCERPT) TEHRAN, DEC 8 (AFP) -- HIJACKERS SHOT ANOTHER
PASSENGER, PROBABLY AN AMERICAN, ON THE STEPS LEADING UP A KUWAITI
AIRLINER TODAY AFTER SIXTEEN HOSTAGES WERE FREED, IRANIAN TELEVISION
SAID.

THE DEAD MAN WAS THOUGHT TO BE CHARLES KIPPER.

AFTER THE SHOOTING THE HIJACKERS CALLED IN A MEDICAL TEAM, SAYING
"AN AMERICAN IS BLEEDING". THEY TOOK MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND CHASED
THE TEAM DOWN THE STEPS.

THE NATIONALITY OF THE 16 WAS NOT KNOWN AS THEY LEFT THE AIRCRAFT
AT 6:15 P.M. (1445 GMT). THE HIJACKERS HAD EARLIER SAID "INNOCENT"
PASSENGERS WOULD BE FREED.

IRANIAN TELEVISION CORRECTED ITS EARLIER REPORTS THAT 19 HOSTAGES
WERE RELEASED TO TALLY WITH THE 16 COUNTED LEAVING THE PLANE BY
JOURNALISTS.

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IRNA REPORTS HIJACKERS RELEASE 23 MORE PASSENGERS

LD081649 TEHR . IRNA ENGLISH 1646 GMT 8 DEC 84

(TEXT) TEHRAN DEC 8 IRNA -- ACCORDING TO A LATEST REPORT
RECEIVED AT 20:15 LOCAL TIME (16:45 GMT), THE HIJACKERS RELEASED 23
MORE PASSENGERS OF THE HIJACKED KUWAITI AIRLINER AT THE MEHRABAD
AIRPORT HERE.

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TEHRAN: HIJACKERS SAY THEY WILL CARRY OUT THEIR THREAT

GF081442 TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ARABIC 1430 GHT 8 DEC 84

(+TEXT+ OF STATEMENT FROM HIJACKERS OF KUWAITI AIRLINER RECEIVED
FROM TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER IN MEHRABAD AIRPORT, TEHRAN)

(TEXT) IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE KUWAITI AUTHORITIES HAVE SO FAR NOT YET REPLIED TO OUR JUST DEMAND, THEREFORE, WE HAVE DECIDED TO CARRY OUT OUR THREAT AND RELEASE THE REMAINING PERSONS WHOM WE BELIEVE ARE NOT CONNECTED WITH THIS ISSUE SO AS TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE ENTIRE WORLD, AND TO THE KUWAITI PEOPLE IN PARTICULAR, THAT WE ARE NOT KILLERS AND WE ARE NOT TERRORISTS.

WE HAVE ONE JUST DEMAND: NAMELY THE RELEASE OF OUR BROTHERS WHO ARE FALSELY ACCUSED. WE REPEAT: WE SHALL RELEASE THOSE WHO HAVE NO CONNECTION FOR NOTHING IN RETURN. THIS IS BECAUSE WE SHALL HASTEN TO CARRY OUT OUR THREAT AGAINST THE AIRCRAFT AND THE REMAINING CRIMINALS.

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VELAYATI SAYS IRAN PREPARED TO LAUNCH ATTACK ON PLANE

LD081210 TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN 1044 GMT 8 DEC 84

(TEXT) FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER MR ALI AKBAR VELAYATI, IN REPLY
TO A MESSAGE FROM SHAYKH SABAH AL-AHMAD AL-JABIR AS-SABAH, THE
KUWAITI FOREIGN MINISTER, ON THAT COUNTRY'S REQUEST FOR ENDING THE
INCIDENT OF THE HIJACKED KUWAITI AIRLINER, ANNOUNCED IN A TELEGRAM:

THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN STRONGLY CONDEMNS ANY KIND OF
HIJACKING UNDER ANY NAME AND EXCUSE, CARRIED OUT FOR ANY REASON BY
ANY GROUP, AND DECLARES ITS HATRED AND DISGUST AGAINST ANY ACTION
WHICH BRINGS TERROR AND INTIMIDATION TO INNOCENT PEOPLE AND
ENDANGERS LIVES.

THE MESSAGE ADDS: FROM THE BEGINNING OF RECEIVING NEWS OF THE
HIJACKING OF THE KUWAITI AIRLINER, ALL IRANIAN AIRPORTS WERE CLOSED
TO THIS PLANE. DUE TO PLEADING BY THE PILOT OF THE HIJACKED PLANE
TO OFFICIALS OF MEHRABAD AIRPORT TO THE EFFECT THAT THE HIJACKERS
HAD THREATENED TO BLOW UP THE PLANE IN THE SKY IF THEY WERE REFUSED
PERMISSION TO LAND AT TEHRAN AIRPORT AND ALSO THE FACT THAT THE
PLANE HAD RUN OUT OF FUEL, THE OFFICIALS OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF
IRAN WERE FORCED TO PERMIT THE KUWAITI AIRLINER TO LAND IN
ACCORDANCE WITH HUMANE AND MORAL PRINCIPLES.

THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN CONDEMNED THIS ACTION IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE LANDING OF THE KUWAITI AIRLINER.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN HAS BEEN PREPARED TO LAUNCH A MILITARY ATTACK ON THE PLANE AND RELEASE THE PASSENGERS, BUT THE KUWAITI OFFICIALS HAVE NOT AGREED WITH THIS OPTION. HOWEVER, THIS READINESS STILL REMAINS. ALSO HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, IN REPLY TO MESSAGES FROM SOME FRIENDLY HEADS OF STATE, WHILE DISPATCHING HIS TOP ADVISER TO THE AIRPORT AND WHILE SUPERVISING THE WORKS OF THE CONTACT MISSION WITH THE HIJACKERS, ONCE AGAIN DECLARED VIEWS OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN ON CONDEMNATION OF SUCH DEEDS AND HAS STRESSED CEASELESS EFFORTS FOR ENDING THIS HIJACKING INCIDENT. FOLLOWING THIS ORDER, ANOTHER GROUP OF THE PASSENGERS WAS RELEASED. I AM CERTAIN THAT WITHOUT THE CEASELESS EFFORTS OF OFFICIALS OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, THE DEPTH OF THE TRAGEDY WOULD PROBABLY HAVE BECOME MUCH GREATER AND WIDER. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT WE SHALL DO OUR UTMOST TO PEACEFULLY SETTLE THIS HIJACKING ISSUE, AND WE HOPE THAT THROUGH OUR CEASELESS EFFORTS WE WILL PREVENT THE OCCURENCE OF ANOTHER BITTER INCIDENT.

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KUWAITI NATIONAL ASSEMBLY STATEMENT ON HIJACKING

LD031144 KUWAIT DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC 1055 GMT 8 DEC 84

(TEXT) WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CONCERNING THE CRIME OF THE HIJACKING OF THE KUWAIT AIRLINES PLANE.

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY HAS FOLLOWED WITH EXTREME SORROW AND DISTRESS THE NEWS OF THE HIJACKING OF THE KUWAIT AIRLINES PLANE. THE ASSEMBLY HELD A SPECIAL EMERGENCY SESSION TODAY AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT.

THE ASSEMBLY STRONGLY DENOUNCES THIS ABOMINABLE CRIME AND CALLS ON THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT TO INTERVENE QUICKLY AND SERIOUSLY TO SAFEGUARD THE LIVES OF ALL PASSENGERS AND CREW AND ENSURE THEIR SAFETY.

THE ASSEMBLY ALSO CALLS ON THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL, INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AND FRATERNAL AND FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS TO AFFIRM THEIR STANDS AGAINST THIS CRIME AND TO WORK FOR ENDING IT AND ALSO FOR ENDING THE SUFFERING OF THOSE DETAINED ON BOARD.

AFTER LISTENING TO THE GOVERNMENT'S STATEMENT ON THE DETAILS OF THE CRIME AND THE MEASURES IT HAS TAKEN IN DEALING WITH IT, AND AFTER DISCUSSING AT LENGTH THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE CRIME AND THE WAYS OF DEALING WITH IT, THE ASSEMBLY AGREED TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT'S MEASURES IN DEALING WITH THE CRIME.

THE ASSEMBLY AFFIRMS THAT THE SUPREMACY OF THE LAW AND THE DIGNITY OF THE STATE TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER ALL OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.

THE ASSEMBLY REJECTS ALL FORMS OF BLACKMAIL AND THREAT. IT CALLS ON THE GOVERNMENT TO FOLLOW GOD'S SAYING: +THERE IS LIFE IN PUNISHMENT, FOR YOU, OH PEOPLE WITH MINDS, SO THAT YOU MAY RESTRAIN YOURSELVES.+ IT CALLS ON THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE FURTHER SECURITY MEASURES TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE HOMELAND AND THE CITIZENS.

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IRANIAN PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER ON EFFORTS TO END HIJACKING

LD081134 TEHRAN IRNA IN ENGLISH 1115 GMT 8 DEC 84

(TEXT) TEHRAN, DEC. 8, IRNA -- PRESIDENT ~~ALI~~ KHAMENEH'S ADVISER MUSTAFA MIR-SALIM, APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT TO FOLLOW UP THE ISSUE OF THE HIJACKED KUWAITI JETLINER, SATURDAY STRESSED +ALL OUR EFFORT IS CONCENTRATED TO END THE ORDEAL WITHOUT ANY LOSS AND DAMAGE.+

+TO THIS END, WE HAD NEGOTIATIONS WITH KUWAITI FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS AT THE AIRPORT THIS MORNING AND ALTOGETHER WE HOPE THE TALKS WILL LEAD TO GOOD RESULTS,+ MIR-SALIM SAID.

INTERVIEWED BY IRNA THIS MORNING, HE ADDED THAT THE HIJACKERS WHO COMMANDEERED A KUWAITI AIRBUS TO TEHRAN LAST TUESDAY, HAVE A NUMBER OF DEMANDS, FULLFILLMENT OF WHICH IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE KUWAITI OFFICIALS, AND HAS GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH IRAN.+ +FORTUNATELY, CONTACTS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE HIJACKERS AND THE KUWAITI AUTHORITIES IN KUWAIT AND THEY ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE NATURE OF DEMANDS,+ HE SAID.

HE FURTHER TOLD IRNA THAT THE IRANIAN OFFICIALS DUE TO HUMANITARIAN REASONS, HAVE DONE THEIR BEST TO CONVINCE THE HIJACKERS TO REFRAIN FROM FURTHER VIOLENCE AND THE EFFORTS HAVE LED TO GOOD RESULTS. ONE OUTCOME OF SUCH EFFORTS, HE ADDED, WAS RELEASE OF EIGHT OF THE PASSENGERS FRIDAY NIGHT.

HE FURTHER HOPED THAT THROUGH EFFORTS OF THE KUWAITI OFFICIALS, THE ORDEAL WOULD SOON END.

ON THE BIASED PROPAGANDA OF NEWS IMPERIALISM AND IRRESPONSIBLE STATEMENTS OF CERTAIN FOREIGN OFFICIALS ON THE ISSUE OF THE HIJACKED PLANE, HE SAID THAT IF SUCH IRRESPONSIBLE AND MALEVOLENT STATEMENTS CONTINUED, AND THE KUWAITI OFFICIALS DID NOT TAKE THE NECESSARY MEASURES, NATURALLY IN SPITE OF THE EFFORTS OF THE IRANIAN OFFICIALS, A SWIFT SOLUTION WILL NOT BE REACHED.

+WE CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO SOLVE THE ISSUE DESPITE ALL THE PROPAGANDA AND BIASED STATEMENTS WHICH EVEN GO AS FAR AS ATTACKING IRAN DIRECTLY,+ HE ADDED. +WE HOPE+, HE REITERATED, +IN COOPERATION WITH THE KUWAITI OFFICIALS, THE ORDEAL WILL END WITH THE MINIMAL LOSS.+

WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF MILITARY ACTIONS TO SOLVE THE ISSUE, HE SAID FROM THE BEGINNING IRAN DISCUSSED SUCH A MEASURE WITH THE KUWAITI OFFICIALS, HOWEVER, +THEY STRESSED THAT THE ISSUE BE SOLVED THROUGH PEACEFUL MEASURES AND TENSION IN THE PLANE BE PREVENTED.+ FOLLOWING THIS, NEXT MOVES WERE FORMULATED AND DUE TO THE STATES OF THE HIJACKERS AND THE DEGREE OF VIOLENCE THAT THEY HAVE SHOWN, ANY MILITARY ACTION WOULD FURTHER ENDANGER THE LIVES OF PASSENGERS, HE ADDED.

MR-SALIM FURTHER DENIED CLAIMS THAT A FINGER OF ONE OF THE PASSENGERS WAS CHOPPED OFF AND THROWN OUTSIDE THE PLANE. HOWEVER, HE ADDED, SINCE THE ORDEAL IS NOW IN ITS FIFTH DAY, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE PASSENGERS HAVE SUFFERED A GREAT DEAL. ALL THESE PROPAGANDA, HE STRESSED, AIMED AT TARRING THE IMAGE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, WHICH HAS NOT FALLEN SHORT OF ANY ACTION TO SOLVE THE ISSUE.

ON THE STATEMENT OF THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT WHO HAS SAID THAT IRAN WAS IN SYMPATHY WITH THE HIJACKERS, MR-SALIM SAID THAT HE DID NOT CONSIDER IT WORTHY OF ANALYSIS AND ADDED IT SHOWED THAT THE U.S. PRESIDENT HAD BEEN PROVIDED WITH BIASED AND INCOMPLETE INFORMATION.

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IRNA: 19 MORE PASSENGERS FREED BY HIJACKERS

LD081552 TEHRAN IRNA IN ENGLISH 1548 GMT 8 DEC 84

(TEXT) TEHRAN, DEC. 8, IRNA -- NINETEEN EXHAUSTED PASSENGERS
ABOARD THE KUWAITI JETLINER WERE RELEASED BY THEIR CAPTORS WHO ASKED
FOR FUEL AND THAT THE PLANE BE RECHARGED.

THE PASSENGERS WERE RELEASED AT 10:30 (15:00 GMT). BUT THEIR
NATIONALITIES ARE NOT YET KNOWN.

IRANIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE REFUSED TO PROVIDE FUEL BUT AGREED TO
THE CONNECTION OF A POWER CHARGER FOR THE AIRLINER, THE +KADHMA+.

THE FOUR OR FIVE ARABIC-SPEAKING HIJACKERS HAVE SO FAR FREED A
TOTAL OF 126 PASSENGERS, LEAVING 40 INSIDE THE PLANE, INCLUDING
THEMSELVES.

A FEW HOURS EARLIER, THE GUNMEN WARNED THEY WOULD CARRY OUT THEIR
DEATH THREATS AGAINST +GUILTY+ PASSENGERS IF THEIR DEMAND FOR THE
RELEASE OF THEIR FRIENDS IN KUWAITI JAILS WAS NOT MET.

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NEA PRESS STATEMENT

December 6, 1984

The United States Government received information today, December 6, that strongly suggests that two of its diplomats have been murdered aboard the hijacked aircraft at Tehran Airport. Citizens of other countries have suffered the same fate. There is strong evidence that those responsible for the hijacking have abused their captives in a fashion which amounts to wanton torture. This evidence is available to the Government of Iran, indeed much of it has appeared in international media with Iranian Government approval.

Despite these facts, we know of no effective steps the Government of Iran has taken to secure the release of the captives aboard the aircraft and to stop the serial m executions. The Government of Iran's continued delay in carrying out its international, humanitarian and religious obligations amounts to complicity in this ongoing tragedy. Previous actions by the Iranian Government have demonstrated that it has the capability to act firmly when it so wishes. On this occasion it sadly has chosen otherwise.

The United States Government strongly condemns the failure of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to live up to its commitments under the Hague Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft. This behavior reflects an

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apparent indifference of the Government of Iran to its responsibilities under international law to ensure the safety of the aircraft, its crew and passengers. Aside from its solemn treaty commitment, the Government of Iran has a humanitarian and religious obligation to ensure the safety of individuals located on its territory. The United States has seen no evidence that either obligation has been met.

The United States Government calls upon the Government of Iran, even at this late date, to fulfill its obligations and take effective measures to protect those passengers remaining aboard the hijacked aircraft. We ask the international community to exert every effort toward achieving this same goal.

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TEHRAN RADIO CARRIES HIJACKERS STATEMENT

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TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ARABIC AT 1536 GMT ON 7 DECEMBER 1984 BEGINS TO CARRY TEXT OF STATEMENT OF HIJACKERS OF KUWAITI AIRCRAFT. THE STATEMENT SAYS THAT +WE KILLED CHARLES (FREUD) (AS HEARD), THE CURSED AMERICAN, WHO CARRIED OUT HIS CRIMES THROUGH THE CIA. WE THEN KILLED WILLIAM STANFORD, WHO TRIED TO ESCAPE AND FLEE FROM OUR HANDS PRIOR TO THE CARRYING OUT OF HIS EXECUTION, AS A RESULT OF THE STALLING OF THE KUWAITI AUTHORITIES AND THEIR FAILURE TO COME DIRECTLY TO NEGOTIATE WITH US. WE EXECUTED OTHERS FOR THE SAME REASON, NAMELY THEIR CRIME AND SECONDLY THE ABSENCE OF A POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM THE KUWAITI RULERS, WE DO NOT BEAR ANY RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD THOSE KILLED.+

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(+TEXT+ OF THE STATEMENT BY THE HIJACKERS OF THE KUWAITI

AIRCRAFT THAT WAS HANDED TO THE CONTROL TOWER AT MEHRABAD AIRPORT+

IN TEHRAN)

(TEXT) IN THE NAME OF GOD, THE MERCIFUL, THE COMPASSIONATE. THANK GOD WHO HAS GRANTED US SUCCESS TO CHAMPION HIS RELIGION AND WHO HAS GIVEN US PUPPET AND WEAK RULERS WHO ARE OBEDIENT TO THE FOREIGNER AND WHO HAVE SOLD THEIR RELIGION AND TRADED IN THE BLOOD OF THEIR PEOPLES AND OPTED FOR THEIR PLEASURES AND DID NOT RESPECT SANCTITIES. THANK GOD THAT HE HAS NOT PLACED US WITH THEM IN THIS WORLD AND WE ASK HIM NOT TO PLACE US WITH THEM IN THE HEREAFTER.

WE HAVE CARRIED OUT THIS ACTION NOT TO COMMIT AGGRESSION AGAINST ANYONE, OR TO RESTRICT ANYONE'S FREEDOM, OR TO TERRORIZE ANYONE. WE ARE NOT OF THOSE WHO THINK ONLY OF THIS WORLD AND WHO HAVE FORGOTTEN THEIR CREATOR AND THE HEREAFTER. WE CARRIED OUT OUR ACTION FIRST TO PLEASE ALMIGHTY GOD, AND SECOND TO HELP OUR UNJUSTLY TREATED BROTHERS WHO HAVE BEEN FALSELY ACCUSED BY THE KUWAITI AUTHORITIES. THEY WERE TORTURED BY THE EXECUTIONERS OF JOINT APPARATUSES OF KUWAIT, THE UNITED STATES, AND FRANCE, AND COMPELLED TO MAKE CONFESSIONS THAT ARE NOT TRUE. THE UNJUST JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES ENDORSED THESE CONFESSIONS CONTRARY TO ALL DIVINE LAWS AND CONTRARY TO INTERNATIONAL NORMS, AND CONTRARY EVEN TO THE NORMS OF THE TYRANNICAL KUWAITI AUTHORITIES.

ON THE BASIS OF THESE CONFESSIONS THEY PASSED SENTENCES RANGING FROM DEATH SENTENCES TO LONG-TERM AND LIFE PRISON SENTENCES. THE KUWAITI AUTHORITIES DID NOT PUBLISH ANY DOCUMENT OR GENUINE EVIDENCE ON THE INVOLVEMENT OF OUR BROTHERS IN THE ACTIONS ASCRIBED TO THEM.

THEREFORE, WE ARE DETERMINED UNTIL WE ARE MARTYRED TO HELP OUR UNJUSTLY TREATED BROTHERS AND FREE THEM OR JOIN THE MARTYRS THAT PRECEDED US. WE SHALL NOT BE MOVED ONE INCH TO GIVE UP THIS DEMAND. LET THE TYRANNICAL KUWAITI AUTHORITIES AND ALL THE WORLD KNOW THIS, AND LET THEM TESTIFY THAT WE HAVE SAID OUR WORD AND WE WILL CARRY OUT WHAT WE SAY, JUST AS WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY SAID AND CARRIED OUT WHAT WE SAID. OUR ACTIONS WILL CONTINUE UNTIL OUR

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///BROTHERS ARE RELEASED.

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(TEXT) THE WORLD WILL WITNESS A GREAT EPIC. THE STOOGES OF THE UNITED STATES -- THE KUWAITIS AND THEIR ILK -- WILL SEE HOW BLOOD ALONE WILL DESTROY THEM AND DESTROY THEIR KINGDOM THAT IS BUILT ON THE COLLAPSING BRINK OF AN ABYSS.

WHEN WE BEGAN THIS OPERATION AND UNTIL NOW WE DID NOT CARRY OUT ANY ACTION WITHOUT GIVING THE COWARDS OF KUWAIT A CHOICE. WE MADE THREATS FROM THE VERY BEGINNING AND WE DID NOT HEAR A SERIOUS ANSWER. WE KILLED GOD'S FIRST ENEMY AND WE CARRIED OUT ON HIM GOD'S JUST SENTENCE: WE KILLED CHARLES (FREUD) (AS HEARD); THE CURSED AMERICAN, WHO CARRIED OUT HIS CRIMES THROUGH THE CIA. WE THEN KILLED WILLIAM STANFORD, WHO TRIED TO ESCAPE AND FLEE FROM OUR HANDS PRIOR TO THE CARRYING OUT OF HIS EXECUTION, AS A RESULT OF THE STALLING OF THE KUWAITI AUTHORITIES AND THEIR FAILURE TO COME DIRECTLY TO NEGOTIATE WITH US. WE EXECUTED OTHERS FOR THE SAME REASON, NAMELY THEIR CRIME AND SECONDLY THE ABSENCE OF A POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM THE KUWAITI RULERS.

WE DO NOT BEAR ANY RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD THOSE KILLED BECAUSE WE HAD CONVEYED (OUR DEMANDS -- FBIS), THREATENED, AND FIXED A TIME FOR EVERY ACTION. HOWEVER, IT TRANSPIRED THAT THE KUWAITI RULERS WERE NOT INTERESTED IN ANYONE'S LIFE AND SO FAR HAVE NOT GIVEN THE MATTER THE NECESSARY SERIOUSNESS. THEY STALLED AND TRIED THROUGH THEIR SECURITY MAN, WHO WAS INSIDE THE AIRCRAFT, AND OTHERS TO CARRY OUT A NEGATIVE ACTION, BUT THAT ACTION REBOUNDED -- WE WOUNDED THE SECURITY MAN AND THEN SHOWED GOODWILL BY RELEASING HIM, ALTHOUGH HE GREATLY DESERVED TO BE KILLED.

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///TO BE KILLED.

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(TEXT) WE THEN RELEASED CHILDREN AND WOMEN IN TWO GROUPS: THE FIRST GROUP COMPRISED 19 PERSONS= THE SECOND COMPRISED 24. WE THEN RELEASED THOSE WHOM WE BELIEVE DO NOT CONFLICT WITH OUR OBJECTIVE AND WHOM WE BELIEVE ARE INNOCENT: THE FIRST GROUP COMPRISED 24 PERSONS, WHO INCLUDED THE MAD SECURITY MAN= THE SECOND GROUP CONSISTED OF 30 PERSONS, INCLUDING 1 KUWAITI. WE THEN RELEASED THE KUWAITI PILOT AS AN EXPRESSION OF OUR GOODWILL. A REPLACEMENT WAS NOT SENT, AND THIS PROVES THAT THERE WAS NO POSITIVE RESPONSE. WE NOW DECLARE THAT WE STILL DETAIN THE OTHER FIGURES WHICH THE MAD WORLD CONSIDERS TO BE (?IMPORTANT) AND WHICH IN OUR VIEW ARE NO MORE THAN A GROUP OF CRIMINALS WHO DESERVE TO BE KILLED ACCORDING TO THE JUDGEMENT OF GOD AND THE KORAN. THEY INCLUDE: (STANLEY STEVERS), A U.S. DIPLOMAT AND MEMBER OF AID, WHICH IS AFFILIATED TO THE (?CIA), AND A SPECIAL WHITE HOUSE EMPLOYEE.

2. IBRAHIM AL-KUHAMMA, ADVISER.

3. KHALIFAH HUSAYN MUSLIM, AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY.

4. MAHMUD HADD AL-RAHIM AL-SANDI, HEAD OF THE KUWAITI INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT AND A FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL. HE AND HIS OTHER COLLEAGUES TOOK PART IN ASSASSINATING OUR BROTHERS AND IN PASSING UNJUST SENTENCES AGAINST THEM. WE HOLD THEM AND OTHER AMERICANS AND OTHERS OF VARIOUS NATIONALITIES WHOM WE WILL NEVER RELEASE EXCEPT KILLED OR BURIED UNDER THE AIRCRAFT'S WRECKAGE, UNLESS THE KUWAITI AUTHORITIES RETURN TO THEIR SENSES AND RELEASE OUR DETAINED BROTHERS.

AS FOR THE OTHERS WHOM WE BELIEVE ARE NOT CONNECTED WITH OUR OBJECTIVE, PAKISTANIS AND OTHERS, WE WILL RELEASE THEM, BUT ONLY WHEN WE HEAR OUR STATEMENT WHICH WE HAVE READ ON THE RADIO THROUGH THE RADIO AND (?PRESS). (SENTENCE AS HEARD) OUR HEARING OF OUR STATEMENT ON THE RADIO WILL BE A DECLARATION OF OUR ACCEPTANCE OF THEIR RELEASE. WE HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE THAT GOD WILL GIVE SOLACE TO OUR MUJAHIDIN BROTHERS WHO ARE DETAINED IN KUWAIT AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, AND THAT GOD WILL EMBRACE THEM WITH HIS MERCY, AND THAT HE WILL GRANT US AND THEM A PLACE IN PARADISE. PRAISE BE TO GOD, LORD OF THE UNIVERSE.

(ENDALL)

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TEHRAN SAYS U.S. SERIOUSLY ENDANGERING SAFETY OF PASSENGERS

LD071722 TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN 1644 GMT 7 DEC 84

(TEXT) IN CONNECTION WITH THE PREJUDICIAL REMARKS MADE BY THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS ON THE EVENTS RELATED TO THE HIJACKED KUWAITI AIRLINER, A SPOKESMAN OF OUR COUNTRY'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY SAID: THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN IS CONCENTRATING ITS COMPREHENSIVE EFFORTS ON THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE HIJACKED KUWAITI AIRLINER AND IS IMPLEMENTING ITS MEASURES IN COORDINATION WITH THE KUWAITI AND PAKISTANI OFFICIALS PRESENT AT TEHRAN AIRPORT. THIS MATTER HAS RESULTED IN GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION OF THE RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES OF THESE COUNTRIES AND SOME HEADS OF THE REGIONAL COUNTRIES.

HE ADDED: UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WHERE COOPERATION, COORDINATION, AND CREATION OF A CALM ATMOSPHERE ARE NECESSARY FOR WISE ACTIONS AND APPROPRIATE DECISIONS. THE U.S. OFFICIALS, ACTING IRRESPONSIBLY AND WITHOUT CONSIDERING THE PRESENT CRITICAL AND DANGEROUS CONDITIONS, ARE SERIOUSLY ENDANGERING SAFETY OF THE PASSENGERS EVERY MOMENT, AND ARE DISTORTING THE CLIMATE OF THE MEDIA AND DEVIATING PUBLIC OPINION PURELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF BENEFITING FROM PROPAGANDA AND IN ORDER TO SHOW THEIR OVERT HOSTILITY AGAINST THE ISLAMIC REVOLUTION.

IN CONCLUSION, WHILE DENYING ACCUSATIONS OF THE U.S. OFFICIALS, THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID:

WE SHALL CONTINUE OUR COORDINATION WITH THE KUWAITI OFFICIALS IN OUR RELENTLESS EFFORTS FOR THE PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THE ISSUE.

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IRNA REPORTS SHOTS HEARD INSIDE HIJACKED PLANE 7 DECEMBER

LD071649 TEHRAN IRNA IN ENGLISH 1647 GHT 7 DEC 84

(TEXT) TEHRAN DEC. 7 IRNA -- ACCORDING TO LATEST REPORTS SEVERAL SHOTS WERE HEARD FROM INSIDE THE HIJACKED KUWAITI PLANE AT 16:30 LOCAL TIME (13:00 HOURS GHT). THE SITUATION INSIDE THE PLANE SEEMS TO BE CRITICAL.

NO FURTHER DETAILS WERE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE.

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IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL DENIES U.S. ACCUSATIONS

LD071650 TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN 1630 GMT 7 DEC 84

(FROM THE NEWS HEADLINES)

(TEXT) COMMENTING ON THE PREJUDICIAL REMARKS MADE BY U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS ON EVENTS CONNECTED WITH THE HIJACKED KUWAITI AIRLINER, A SPOKESMAN OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, HAVING DENIED THE ACCUSATIONS LEVELLED BY U.S. OFFICIALS, SAID: THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN IS CONCENTRATING ITS COMPREHENSIVE EFFORTS ON THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE HIJACKED KUWAITI AIRLINER AND THAT IT IS IMPLEMENTING ITS MEASURES IN COORDINATION WITH THE KUWAITI AND PAKISTANI OFFICIALS STATIONED AT TEHRAN AIRPORT.

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IRNA REPORTS FURTHER DETAILS ON RELEASED PASSENGERS

LD061834 TEHRAN IRNA IN ENGLISH 1814 GMT 6 DEC 84

(TEXT) TEHRAN, DEC. 6, IRNA -- THE HIJACKERS OF THE KUWAITI PLANE FREED 30 MORE PASSENGERS AT 18:30 HOURS (1500 GMT), FOLLOWING CONSISTANT EFFORTS BY THE OFFICIALS OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC.

THE FREED PASSENGERS WERE TAKEN BY BUS TO THE AIRPORT TERMINAL. OF THE PASSENGERS 27 WERE REPORTED PAKISTANI, ONE KUWAITI, ONE SAUDI ARABIAN, AND ONE PALESTINIAN.

IN AN EARLIER REPORT THIS AFTERNOON, IT WAS THOUGHT THAT FOUR PASSENGERS WERE RELEASED BUT THE ACTUAL NUMBER HAS RISEN TO 30. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF FREED PASSENGERS HAS NOW REACHED 99.

THE PASSENGERS ENTERED THE AIRPORT TERMINAL WITH THE SLOGANS OF LONG LIVE KHOMEYNI, WHILE OTHERS TOUCHED THE GROUND WITH THEIR FOREHEAD IN SIGN OF GRATITUDE.

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KUWAIT AIRLINE HIJACKING
DECEMBER 5, 1984

Q: There were news reports during the night that the hijacked Kuwaiti airliner had left Tehran for an unknown destination. Can you confirm this?

A: As of 0900 EST, the hijacked Kuwaiti airliner was still on the ground in Tehran.

Q: How many passengers have been released?

A: We understand from both diplomatic and press reports that the hijackers have released Approximately ⁶⁶~~54~~ persons, most of whom are women and children. Two of those released are American citizens. [Not for Release: The two are Pakistani-American dual nationals currently staying in the former Hilton Hotel in Tehran.] In addition, the hijackers reportedly permitted an injured airline security guard to be taken to a hospital. We have seen reports that a medical team has been given access to those passengers remaining on the plane, but we cannot confirm these.

Q: How many U.S. citizens are involved?

A: Several U.S. citizens were reportedly on this flight. We are still seeking confirmation of both numbers and identities.

Q: Who are they?

A: Privacy Act constraints prohibit us from identifying any U.S. citizens who may be involved.

Q: News agencies report that one person was killed by the hijackers. Can you confirm claims by the hijackers that he was an American?

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A: One person was killed during the hijacking. ~~[because his body was stripped of all identification.]~~ It has been impossible to determine his name or nationality.

Q: Some news reports state that the deceased was an American diplomat. Is this true?

A: We have seen this report, but have no ~~information~~ ^{CORROBORATIVE EVIDENCE.}
~~[suggesting that this is true]~~ [NOTE: WE ARE RECEIVING
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.]

Q: Were there in fact any U.S. Government officials on board the hijacked plane?

A: I have no further information for you at this time.

[NOTE: WH ~~REPORTED~~ HAS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT 3 AID EMPLOYEES ~~WERE~~ WERE ON THE PLANE.]

(Note to briefer: Three AID officials assigned to the Regional Inspection Office in Karachi are on board the airplane. The three are: William Stanford, Charles Kaper, and Charles Hegna. This information is not to be released. A copy of a cable comparing descriptions of the person killed by the hijackers and the three AID officials is attached for your information.)

DECEMBER 6, 1984

KUWAIT AIRLINES HIJACKING

Q: What can you tell us about the status of the hijacking Kuwaiti Airliner in Tehran?

A: -- We have seen various press reports, some of which contain conflicting information.

-- A number of passengers released by the hijackers have been transported on an Iranian aircraft to Karachi. We believe at least two Americans, a mother and her daughter, are among those on the plane. Our Consulate in Karachi reports that the plane landed at 0900 EST, and that U.S. officials are in touch with the Americans who were released.

Q: How many Americans are on board the plane and have they been harmed?

A: -- At least six Americans were on board the plane. Two of them were released. There is a strong possibility that one of the remaining four was killed. We are attempting to intervene with the Iranians through our Swiss protecting power to secure the release of the remains and to facilitate identification.

Q: Can you now confirm that one of those killed was an American diplomat?

A: -- We still cannot confirm the identity of the deceased person, who may be an American. For this reason, we are asking the Swiss to claim the body from the Iranians so that positive identification can be made. In accordance with our policy, we will not release a name unless positive identification is made and the next of kin informed.

Q: What is being done to end this hijacking?

A: -- The Kuwaitis have sent a team to Tehran to attempt to work for the release of the remaining passengers. Several other countries have urged the Iranians to do whatever they can to end this tragic episode as soon as possible without additional injury to those aboard. Obviously, the United States is strongly opposed to the terrorism which is exemplified by the hijacking of this aircraft. We fully support the efforts of the government of Kuwait and other governments to secure the safe release of those remaining on the aircraft.

Q: How would you characterize the cooperation, attitude, and actions taken by the Iranian authorities to resolve the incident?

A: -- That judgment can best be made when we have full information on the incident. I'm just not going to speculate now.

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BC-HIJACK-KILLINGS *** URGENT

HIJACKERS KILL AT LEAST FOUR MORE HOSTAGES

TEHRAN, DEC 6, REUTER - AT LEAST FOUR HOSTAGES WERE SHOT DEAD ABOARD A HIJACKED KUWAITI AIRLINER AT TEHRAN AIRPORT TODAY, ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS AND WITNESSES.

OFFICIALS AT THE AIRPORT SAID AT LEAST TWO HOSTAGES, BOTH THOUGHT TO BE KUWAITIS, WERE KILLED THIS MORNING.

WITNESSES SAID TWO MORE HOSTAGES WERE KILLED SEPARATELY THIS AFTERNOON ON THE STAIRS LEADING INTO THE HIJACKED AIRBUS.

ONE PASSENGER WAS KILLED TUESDAY, AND HE WAS IDENTIFIED BY THE HIJACKERS AS AN AMERICAN DIPLOMAT.

AT LEAST TWO OTHER AMERICANS WERE ABOARD THE PLANE, AND THE HIJACKERS HAD THREATENED TO KILL THEM TOO.

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IRNA: KUWAITI MINISTER AGREES TO NEGOTIATE WITH HIJACKERS

LD052002 TEHRAN IRNA IN ENGLISH 1959 GMT 5 DEC 84

(TEXT) TEHRAN DEC. 5, IRNA -- THE KUWAITI MINISTER OF THE
INTERIOR HAS REPORTEDLY ANNOUNCED HIS READINESS TO NEGOTIATE WITH
HIJACKERS ON BEHALF OF THE KUWAITI GOVERNMENT. THIS WAS ANNOUNCED
BY THE KUWAITI CHARGE D'AFFAIRES HERE.

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IRNA REPORTS HIJACKED PLANE'S TAKE-OFF BLOCKED

LD051821 TEHRAN IRNA IN ENGLISH 1818 GMT 5 DEC 84

(TEXT) TEHRAN, DEC. 5, IRNA -- THE KUWAITI AIRLINES AIRBUS A-310 WITH ABOUT 100 PEOPLE ON BOARD HAS BEEN WIRED UP WITH EXPLOSIVES AND IS READY TO LEAVE TEHRAN'S MEHRABAD AIRPORT, THE HIJACKERS SAID. IN THEIR LATEST RADIO CONTACT WITH THE IRANIAN AUTHORITIES.

THEY STEPPED OUT OF THE PLANE MINUTES AGO AND CHECKED THE PLANE'S LIGHTS AND WHEELS AND THE SOUND OF ITS STARTER WAS ALSO HEARD.

HOWEVER SECURITY FORCES HAVE CLOSED THE RUNWAY WITH VEHICLES AND OTHER OBSTACLES TO PREVENT THE PLANE FROM TAKING OFF.

AN IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID THE HIJACKERS ANNOUNCED THEY HAD +LAID BOMBS IN THE PLANE WHICH IS READY TO LEAVE. (THEY SAID) IT IS POSSIBLE THEY WOULD DETACH THE STAIRCASE AND TAKE OFF AT ANY MOMENT.+

+THE HIJACKERS THREATENED THEY WOULD DO SOMETHING THAT CERTAINLY NO ONE WOULD BENEFIT FROM.+ THE OFFICIAL SAID.

THE OFFICIAL SAID THE HIJACKERS HAD ASKED ABOUT THE KUWAITI GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO THEIR DEMANDS AND WERE TOLD NO RESPONSE HAD YET BEEN RECEIVED.

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IRAN: HIJACKERS RELEASE WOUNDED PASSENGER

LD050956 TEHRAN IRNA IN ENGLISH 0954 GMT 5 DEC 84

(TEXT) TEHRAN, DEC. 5, IRNA -- FOLLOWING THE CONTINUOUS EFFORTS OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN'S OFFICIALS AT TEHRAN'S MEHRABAD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO CONVINCE THE HIJACKERS OF THE KUWAITI JETLINER TO FREE THE INJURED PASSENGER AND THOSE WHO ARE IN AN UNDESIRABLE CONDITION, THE INJURED PASSENGER WAS TRANSFERRED OUTSIDE THE PLANE.

THE PASSENGER WAS CARRIED OUT OF THE PLANE ON A STRETCHER AND IMMEDIATELY TAKEN TO THE HEALTH CARE DEPARTMENT OF THE AIRPORT AND PUT UNDER MEDICAL TREATMENT.

EFFORTS ARE NOW UNDERWAY TO SECURE FREEDOM OF A NUMBER OF OTHER PASSENGERS, TWO OF WHOM ARE PROBABLY SUFFERING FROM HEART PROBLEMS.

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IRNA: HIJACKERS SEPARATE AMERICANS FROM OTHER PASSENGERS

LD042048 TEHRAN IRNA IN ENGLISH 2026 GMT 4 DEC 84

(TEXT) TEHRAN, DEC. 4 IRNA -- THERE ARE TWO IRANIANS AMONG THE PASSENGERS OF THE HIJACKED KUWAITI PLANE, ACCORDING TO A RELEASED KUWAITI LADY, SAADIYEH IJAZ HUSSEIN, A STUDENT AT THE BRITISH COLLEGE IN KUWAIT, WHO WAS AMONG THE SECOND GROUP OF RELEASED PASSENGERS, SAID IN AN INTERVIEW WITH IRNA THAT THE HIJACKERS HAD SEPARATED THE AMERICAN PASSENGERS FROM THE OTHERS. SHE SAID THE HIJACKERS HAD SEVERAL TIMES REPEATED THE WORD +PALESTINE, PALESTINE.+

ANOTHER RELEASED PASSENGER SAID THE INJURED PERSON WAS A BLACK WHO HAD BEEN SHOT BY ONE OF THE HIJACKERS WHEN HE ATTEMPTED TO SHOOT AT THEM WITH HIS PISTOL. THE PISTOL THE MAN CARRIED BELONGED TO THE KUWAITI SECRET POLICE, THE RELEASED PASSENGER TOLD IRNA, ADDING THAT HE WAS PERHAPS A KUWAITI SECURITY AGENT.

EARLIER REPORTS SAID THAT THE INJURED MAN HAD BEEN TREATED BY A PAKISTANI PHYSICIAN AMONG THE PASSENGERS. THERE WAS NO INFORMATION ON HIS CONDITION, HOWEVER.

THERE WERE THREE WOMEN CREW MEMBERS AMONG THE RELEASED PASSENGERS IN THE SECOND STAGE, INCLUDING TWO EUROPEANS, WHO REFUSED TO BE INTERVIEWED BY IRNA, SAYING THAT THEY WOULD REPLY TO QUESTIONS OF THE REPORTERS ONLY IF THE KUWAITI EMBASSY ALLOWED THEM.

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HIJACKED KUWAITI JET LANDS IN TEHRAN

TEHRAN, DEC 4, REUTER - A HIJACKED KUWAIT AIRWAYS AIRBUS WITH 155 PASSENGERS AND CREW MEMBERS LANDED TODAY AT TEHRAN'S MEHRABAD AIRPORT, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE KUWAITI EMBASSY SAID.

THE PLANE LANDED AT 6.00 AM (LOCAL) AND THE HIJACKERS WERE THOUGHT TO NUMBER FIVE, HE SAID, BUT NO OTHER DETAILS WERE AVAILABLE.

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IRAN: FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN GIVES DETAILS OF HIJACKING

LD040703 TEHRAN IRNA IN ENGLISH 0659 GMT 4 DEC 84

(TEXT) TEHRAN, DEC. 4, IRNA -- A SPOKESMAN AT IRAN'S MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TOLD IRNA TUESDAY THAT A PASSENGER PLANE ENTERED THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN'S AIRSPACE AT 03:00 HOURS (2300 GMT) LOCAL TIME TUESDAY.

IMMEDIATELY, HE ADDED, AN IRANIAN FIGHTER FLEW TO HINDER FURTHER PROGRESS OF THE VIOLATING AIRPLANE INTO IRANIAN AIRSPACE, BUT ONCE IN CONTACT WITH THE PASSENGER PLANE, IT WAS FOUND OUT THAT THE PLANE WAS COMMANDEERED TO TEHRAN.

THE PILOT OF THE PASSENGER PLANE ANNOUNCED THAT THE HIJACKERS HAD THREATENED THAT IF THE PLANE WAS NOT ALLOWED TO LAND AT TEHRAN'S MEHRABAD AIRPORT, THEY WOULD EXPLODE THE PLANE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ALTHOUGH THE HIJACKERS WERE TOLD THAT ALL AIRPORTS IN IRAN WERE CLOSED TO THE COMMANDEERED PLANE, AT 05:00 HOURS (0130 GMT) THE PILOT OF THE PASSENGER PLANE ANNOUNCED THAT THE PLANE WAS OUT OF FUEL AND HAD TO BE LANDED AT THE NEAREST AIRPORT, HE ADDED.

THEREFORE, THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED, DUE TO HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS AND TO SAVE THE LIVES OF THE PASSENGERS AND CREW OF THE PLANE, IRAN PERMITTED THE HIJACKED PLANE TO LAND.

AT PRESENT, THE HIJACKED PLANE IS LANDED AT ONE OF THE SIDE RUNWAYS AT MEHRABAD AIRPORT AND IS UNDER SECURITY CONTROL.

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HIJACKED KUWAITI JET LANDS IN TEHRAN

(EDS: ADDS DETAILS AND BACKGROUND AFTER 3RD GRAF)

TEHRAN, DEC 4, REUTER - A HIJACKED KUWAIT AIRWAYS AIRBUS WITH 155 PASSENGERS AND CREW MEMBERS LANDED TODAY AT TEHRAN'S MEHRABAD AIRPORT, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE KUWAITI EMBASSY SAID.

THE PLANE LANDED AT 6.00 AM (LOCAL) AND THE HIJACKERS WERE THOUGHT TO NUMBER FIVE, HE SAID.

THE KUWAIT NEWS AGENCY QUOTED AIRPORT SOURCES AS SAYING THE PLANE HAD BEEN BOUND FOR KARACHI.

THE AIRLINE'S SCHEDULE SHOWED AN AIRBUS DUE TO LEAVE KUWAIT FOR KARACHI AS FLIGHT KU221 AT 10.30 (LOCAL) LAST NIGHT.

AIRLINE SOURCES SAID THE AIRBUS, WITH ONE KUWAITI AND ONE BRITISH PILOT, WAS HIJACKED 14 MINUTES AFTER TAKING OFF FROM DUBAI IN THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (UAE), WHERE IT MADE A SCHEDULED STOP.

THE FLIGHT INFORMATION SERVICE IN DUBAI SAID ONLY THAT THE FLIGHT HAD BEEN CANCELED AND WOULD NOT SAY WHETHER IT HAD LANDED. AN AIRPORT SPOKESMAN SAID HE COULD NOT COMMENT.

REUTER 0154

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PM-HIJACK 2NDLD***URGENT

HIJACKERS SEIZE KUWAITI AIRBUS, KILL ONE HOSTAGE IN TEHRAN

(EDS: UPDATES WITH SHOOTING, DETAILS)

BY TREVOR WOOD

TEHRAN, DEC 4, REUTER - A KUWAIT AIRWAYS AIRBUS WITH AT LEAST 155 PEOPLE ON BOARD WAS HIJACKED TO TEHRAN TODAY, AND AN IRANIAN SECURITY GUARD SAID THE HIJACKERS KILLED ONE OF THEIR HOSTAGES AFTER IT LANDED AT MEHRABAD AIRPORT.

THE GUARD TOLD REUTERS A MAN WAS SHOT AND KICKED OUT OF THE AIRCRAFT AND THE HIJACKERS FIRED AGAIN AS HE LAY ON THE RUNWAY. IT WAS SOME TIME BEFORE THE BODY COULD BE RECOVERED BY AN AMBULANCE, HE SAID.

IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THE DEAD MAN WAS A PASSENGER OR CREW MEMBER.

THE AIRCRAFT LANDED IN TEHRAN AFTER THE PILOT RADIOED THAT HE WAS RUNNING LOW ON FUEL, ACCORDING TO AIRLINE SOURCES AND LOCAL NEWS AGENCIES.

AIRLINES SOURCES SAID THE AIRCRAFT, FLIGHT KU221 TO KARACHI WITH ONE KUWAITI AND ONE BRITISH PILOT, WAS HIJACKED AT ABOUT 2200 GMT, 14 MINUTES AFTER TAKEOFF FROM DUBAI IN THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, WHERE IT MADE A SCHEDULED STOP. AIRPORT OFFICIALS IN DUBAI REFUSED TO COMMENT.

A KUWAIT EMBASSY SPOKESMAN IN TEHRAN SAID HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT THE PLANE LANDED AT THE IRANIAN CAPITAL'S MEHRABAD AIRPORT, AND WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE FIVE HIJACKERS ABOARD. HE COULD GIVE NO FURTHER DETAILS.

THE IRANIAN NATIONAL NEWS AGENCY IRNA SAID AN IRANIAN FIGHTER JET WAS BEEN SENT UP TO INTERCEPT IT WHEN IT ENTERED IRANIAN AIR SPACE.

THE PILOT RADIOED THAT THE HIJACKERS HAD THREATENED TO BLOW UP THE PLANE UNLESS IT WAS ALLOWED TO LAND IN TEHRAN. HE WAS TOLD THAT ALL IRANIAN AIRPORTS WERE CLOSED TO THE PLANE, BUT RADIOED LATER THAT THE AIRCRAFT WAS RUNNING LOW ON FUEL, IRNA QUOTED A FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY SPOKESMAN AS SAYING.

IT GAVE NO DETAILS OF WHAT HAPPENED IN THE INTERVENING TWO HOURS, BUT SAID THE AIRBUS WAS ALLOWED TO FLY TO TEHRAN FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS. IT WAS UNDER GUARD ON A SIDE RUNWAY AT MEHRABAD.

THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE INFORMATION ON THE IDENTITIES OR MOTIVES OF THE HIJACKERS OR THE NATIONALITIES OF THE PASSENGERS.

BUT HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF WORKERS FROM PAKISTAN AND OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT WORK IN THE GULF, AND FLIGHTS BETWEEN THE TWO AREAS ARE USUALLY FULL.

KUNA SAID THERE WERE 150 PASSENGERS AND 11 CREW ABOARD THE AIRBUS, BUT THE KUWAITI EMBASSY SPOKESMAN IN TEHRAN GAVE THE TOTAL NUMBER AS 155 PASSENGERS AND CREW.

KUNA SAID KUWAITI PRIME MINISTER SHEIKH SAAD AL-ABDULLAH AL-SABAH HAD SENT A CABLE TO IRANIAN PRIME MINISTER MIR HOSSEIN MOUSAVI ASKING FOR HIS URGENT INTERVENTION TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF THE PLANE AND ITS PASSENGERS.

IT WAS THE THIRD AIRCRAFT HIJACKED TO TEHRAN -- AND THE NINTH IN THE GULF REGION -- IN JUST OVER FOUR MONTHS.

REUTER 0307