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- Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial
- information ((a)(4) of the PRA).

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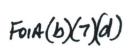
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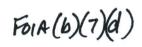
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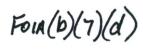
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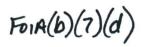
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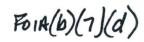


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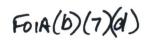


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SUBJECT: DEBRIEFING OF CAPTAIN OF KUWAITI AIRLINER

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ON DECEMBER 16, 1984,

OF KUWAIT AIRLINES FLIGHT 221 THAT WAS HIJACKED WHILE ON A ROUTINE FLIGHT FROM DUBAI TO

KARACHI, PAKISTAN WAS INTERVIEWED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RSO FROM 1500 HOURS TO 1630 HOURS. WHO

WAS BORN ON

THAS BEEN EMPLOYED AS A PILOT FOR KUWAIT AIRWAYS SINCE DECEMBER 1982. HE WAS RELUCTANT TO BE INTERVIEWED BUT WAS COOPERATIVE AND STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN OVER THE GROUND SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE, AND REQUESTED THAT A COPY OF HTHE TESTIMONY HE WAS ABLE TO GIVE BE

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EMBASSY THERE.

WAS VERY COOPERATIVE ONCE THE INTERVIEW BEGAN BUT SEEMED PRESSED FOR TIME. HE AGREED TO ANSWER SPECIFIC QUESTIONS AND RESPONDED FULLY AND AS COMPLETELY AS HE WAS ABLE TO RECALL. HE INDICATED THROUGHOUT THE INTERVIEW THAT SOME OF THE ANSWERS HE WAS GIVING WERE ANSWERS THAT HE HAD LEARNED WERE CORRECT AFTER THE RELEASE OF HIMSELF AND THE OTHER HOSTAGES AND NOT NECESSARILY THE ANSWERS HE THOUGHT WERE TRUE DURING THE HIJACKING ITSELF.

INDICATED THAT SECURITY AT THE AIRPORT

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IN KUWAIT WAS ADEQUATE AND ABOUT AVERAGE FOR AIRPORTS OF THERE ARE ALWAYS MEANS AVAILABLE TO CIRCUMVEN SECURITY PROCEDURES. BUT THE AIRPORT IN KUWAIT WAS AS GOOD AS ANY IN KEEPING THE LOOPHOLES DOWN. THE STANDARD PROCEDURE IS FOR ALL PASSENGERS AND CABIN CREW ON AIR-CRAFT TO ENTER THROUGH THE DEPARTURE AREA AND SUBMIT TO SCREENING. THEY MUST PASS A POLICEMAN THAT ENSURES THAT ONLY CREW AND PASSENGERS GET INTO THE DEPARTURE LOUNGE. THEN THEY MUST PASS THE IMMIGRATION CHECKPOINT AND PROCEED TO THE WALKTHROUGH METAL DETECTORS. ALL HAND AGGAGE IS PUT THROUGH THE X-RAY MACHINES. ALL PERSONS WHO BOARD AN AIRCRAFT WALK THROUGH THE METAL DETECTORS. THE CREW MUST HAVE AN IDENTIFICATION CARD, WHILE PASSEN-GERS MUST HAVE A BOARDING PASS TO ENTER. ONCE INSIDE HE DEPARTURE LOUNGE, ONLY HIGH-RISK RUNS HAVE FURTHER ECURITY CHECKS. THESE RUNS (TRIPOLI, DAMASCUS, AMMAN) ARE THEN SUBJECT TO INDIVIDUAL BAGGAGE IDENTIFICATION ON THE TARMAC BEFORE THE BAGGAGE IS PUT ABOARD AND SECURITY

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SAID THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHERE THE HIJACKERS
BOARDED THE FLIGHT AND DID NOT KNOW HOW OR WHERE THE
EAPONS THEY HAD WERE BROUGHT ABOARD. HE THINKS THAT
THE WEAPONS WERE BROUGHT ABOARD BY THE HIJACKERS THEMSELVES, AND NOT PLACED ABOARD BY SOMEONE ELSE.

INDICATED THAT IT WAS USUAL TO HAVE TWO
SECURITY OFFICERS ON THE FLIGHT BUT HE HAD HEARD FROM
OTHER CREW MEMBERS THAT THE SECOND SECURITY OFFICER
REPORTED SICK AND WAS NOT ON THE FLIGHT. HE BELIEVES
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THAT THE MAN IS NOW IN JAIL IN KUWAIT. THE SECURITY MEN ARE EMPLOYED BY THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR AND ARE POLICEMEN, NOT EMPLOYEES OF THE KUWAIT AIRLINES. THEY SECRET

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SUBJECT: DEBRIEFING OF CAPTAIN OF KUVAITI AIRLINER TRAVEL AS CREW BUT ARE NOT PART OF THE KU TEAM. THEY DO THE HAND SEARCH AND THEN TAKE A SEAT. ALL BOARDING PASSENGERS KNOW WHO THEY ARE.

6. HE STATED THAT THE HIJACKERS WERE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE AIRCRAFT. THEY HAD BEEN BRIEFED ON IT AND KNEW THAT IT NEEDED WATER, FUEL AND ELECTRICITY, BUT THEIR KNOW-LEDGE ENDED THERE. HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THEY KNEW WHO WAS ON THE AIRCRAFT, AND ASKED FOR ALL THE PASSPORTS SO THEY COULD DISCOVER IF THEY HAD ANYONE IMPORTANT. THEY STATED AT ONE POINT THAT THEY HAD BEEN "TRAILING"

FOR THREE MONTHS BECAUSE THEY WERE CONVINCED ADDED AT THIS THAT HE WAS A CIA AGENT. POINT THAT THE HIJACKERS SAID A LOT OF THINGS THAT HE KNEW COULD NOT BE TRUE, AND THIS MAY HAVE BEEN ONE OF TH

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KUWAIT 06925 02 OF 03 171406Z THINGS THAT THEY SAID TO JUSTIFY THEIR ACTIONS. HE ALSO INDICATED THE THE HIJACKERS SPOKE ONLY VERY LIMITED ENGLISH. COMMUNICATION WAS DIFFICULT, AND THEY WERE VER SURPRISED TO FIND A PILOT ON THE AIRCRAFT THAT DID NOT SPEAK ARABIC. THE HIJACKERS ONLY SPOKE ARABIC. ALSO SAID THAT THE HIJACKERS WERE VERY SKILLED IN TERRORIZING PEOPLE. THEY "WERE OBVIOUSLY WELL TRAINED." THEY KNEW WHEN TO APPLY PRESSURE AND WHEN TO EASE UP TO OBTAIN THE MAXIMUM BENEFIT. HE ADDED THAT THEY WERE "ALL, A LITTLE NUTS AND SOMEONE HAD SIMPLY CHANNELED THEIR NUTTINESS TO MAKE THEM EXPERT TERRORISTS."
7. THEY DEMANDED THAT THEIR "BROTHERS" IN KUWAIT JAILS BE RELEASED. THEY CLAIMED THAT THEY WERE INNOCENT AND HAD BEEN PICKED UP IN A GENERAL SECURITY SWEEP AFTER THE

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BOMBINGS AND HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT. THEY DID NOT CLAIM ALLEGIANCE TO ANY CAUSE OR APPEAR TO SUPPORT ANY COUNTRY OR GOVERNMENT. HE BELIEVES THAT THEY ARE FROM LEBANON. ONE OF THE HIJACKERS, CALLED DAOUD (PHONETIC NOT PRECISE BUT CLOSE TO PRONUNCIATION), SPOKE A LITTLE EETTER ENGLISH THAN THE REST AND DURING A CALM PERIOD. WHILE CHATTING, INDICATED THAT HE WAS FROM THE SABRA PALESTINIAN CAMP IN BEIRUT AND HE HAD LOST A BROTHER. 13 YEARS OLD, AND TWO SISTERS, AGES 9 AND 7 YEARS, IN THE MASSACRE AT THE SABRA AND CHATILLA CAMPS IN 1982. BELIEVES THAT THIS MAN IS THE BROTHER OF KHALID AND HE. WORE A BLACK LEATHER JACKET. KHALID WORE A GREY TRACK SUIT DURING THE ENTIRE ACTION AND WAS THE MAN THAT PUNCHED AND KICKED THE HOSTAGES THAT WERE ABUSED. FASSAN WAS THE LEADER AND THE NASTIEST OF THE LOT. ORE BLUE JEANS WITH THE WORD LOIS EMBROIDERED ON THE REAR POCKET. HE ALSO WORE A BLUE DENIM JACKET. FOURTH MAN WAS CALLED SAMIR AND WORE A BLACK CANVAS TYPE JACKET. HE WAS THE GENTLEST OF THE GROUP AND SELDOM

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SPOKE. SAID THAT HE HAD NO INDICATION OF A SLEEPE
OR ADDITIONAL HIJACKER IN THE PASSENGERS AND DOES NOT
PELIEVE ANY OTHERS WERE INVOLVED.

CONCERNING ARMS, INDICATED THAT THEY HA WO SILVER COLORED (CHROME) AUTOMATIC PISTOLS OF THE THEY WERE VERY SMALL. THEY ALSO HAD THE OR .25 CALIBRE. FEVOLVER TAKEN FROM THE KUWAITI SECURITY OFFICER, A COLT THEY HAD A SECOND REVOLVER THAT WAS .38 SPECIAL. RESCRIBED BY ONE PASSENGER AS A MAGNUM BUT HE COULD NOT ADD ANY FURTHER DESCRIPTION OTHER THAN IT WAS BLUE STEEL. THEY HAD TWO HAND GRENADES. THE GRENADES WERE SMALL, OVA (PINEAPPLE) SHAPED AND COVERED OR COATED WITH A CHALKY GREEN PLASTIC COLORED SUBSTANCE. THEY HAD A LEVER DOWN THE SIDE, ALSO GREENISH IN COLOR, AND EACH HAD A COTTER TYPE SPLIT PIN IN IT. ONE HAD A RING ON THE PIN AND THE THE GRENADES WERE SCORED INTO SQUARES BUT OTHER DID NOT. THE SQUARES APPEARED RECESSED AND THE MARGINS RAISED. ONLY OTHER WEAPONS THE HIJACKERS HAD WERE THE FIRE AX AND THE CROWBAR FROM THE COCKPIT. OF NOTE IS THE FACT THAT THEY KEPT SWAPPING THE WEAPONS AROUND TO CONFUSE THE PASSENGERS AND MAKE THEM BELIEVE THEY HAD MORE GUNS THAN THEY DID.

DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THEY HAD EXPLOSIVES ON THE AIRCRAFT AT ANY TIME. HE ELABORATED BY STATING THAT THEY INTRODUCED "EXPLOSIVES" ON THE SECOND DAY BY PRESENTING A PACKAGE COVERED IN BLACK PLASTIC LIKE A GARBAGE BAG DONE UP WITH TAPE APPROXIMATELY EIGHTEEN INCHES BY EIGHT INCHES BY SIX INCHES. THIS IS ABOUT THE SIZE OF THE CARDBOARD CONTAINERS FOR TWO PORTABLE RADIO/

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CASSETTE PLAYERS THAT MANY OF THE PASSENGERS HAD ON THE LIGHT. TOWARDS THE END OF THE ORDEAL THEY INTRODUCED SMALL PACKAGES, APPROXIMATELY SIX INCHES BY TWO INCHES BY SECRET

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SUBJECT: DEBRIEFING OF CAPTAIN OF KUWAITI AIRLINER THREE INCHES, AGAIN WRAPPED IN BLACK PLASTIC AND TAPED UP BUT WITH THE ENDS SHOWING, THAT THEY PLACED AROUND THE CABIN. THEY PUSHED WIRES INTO THESE PACKAGES BUT THE WIRES DID NOT GO TO ANYTHING. HE BELIEVES THAT THE PACKAGES CONTAINED THE POLYSTYRENE FOAM USED TO PACK THE RADIO/CASSETTE PLAYERS THAT WERE ON BOARD. THE GROUND ENGINEER ON THE FLIGHT, TOLD HIM THAT HE BELIEVED THAT THE MATERIAL IN THE SMALL PACKAGES WAS PLASTIQUE" AND THAT HE HAD SEEN THEM BURN FUSE TO INSURE THAT IT WORKED. IS CONVINCED THAT THESE

WERE ALL FAKES. COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE TOWER AND THE PLANE WAS THROUGH AN INTERPRETER THAT WAS PLACED ON THE GROUND FETWEEN THE PLANE AND THE TOWER. THE HIJACKERS WOULD

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PAGE 02 KUWAIT 06925 Ø3 OF Ø3 1714082 SPEAK TO THE INTERPRETER OVER THE PLANE'S RADIO WHICH VAS ON THE GROUND CHANNEL FREQUENCY OF 1217. THE INTER-PRETER HAD A SMALL HANDHELD RADIO. THE INTERPRETER WOULD THEN TALK TO THE TOWER ON THE SAME RADIO AND FREQUENCY IN FARCI. THE HIJACKERS WANTED THE MAN TO COME ABOARD THE PLANE BUT THE IRANIANS WOULD NOT LET HIM. FIM IN THE TOWER. HIS POSITION ON THE TARMAC WAS A COMPROMISE.

KHALID AND ABOL HASSAN WERE OUTSIDE THE PLANE AT VARIOUS TIMES AND ALWAYS COVERED THEIR FACES WITH PLASTIC BAGS WITH HOLES CUT IN THEM FOR EYES AND MOTH. DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THE IRANIANS WERE INVOLVED IN THE EIJACKING. THE MATERIAL FOR BINDING UP THE PASSENGERS CAME EITHER FROM THE IRANIANS WHO PROVIDED IT AFTER IT

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MAS DEMANDED AND A CONCESSION WAS EXACTED FROM THE FIJACKERS TO GET IT, OR FROM THE BAGS OF THE PASSENGERS WHO HAD ALL KINDS OF THINGS THAT THEY WERE TAKING BACK TO PAKISTAN. THE BINDING WAS QUARTER INCH NYLON ROPE, CRANGE IN COLOR.

SAID THAT THE FIRST AMERICAN WAS KILLED BECAUSE THE HIJACKERS SAID HE WAS A CIA AGENT, AND THE SECOND MAN WAS KILLED AS A MEANS OF PRESSURING THE US COVERNMENT TO FORCE THE KUWAITI GOVERNMENT TO RELEASE THE HOSTAGES. HE BELIEVED THAT THE KUWAITIS HAD BEEN KILLED FOR ABOUT 48 HOURS AFTER THEY WERE SUPPOSEDLY EXECUTED. IT WAS KEPT SECRET FROM THE PASSENGERS THAT THEY WERE NOT TEAD. HE ADDED THAT DURING THE FIRST THREE DAYS HE WAS KEPT IN THE COCKPIT AND FOR THE REST OF THE TIME HE WAS KEPT IN THE REAR OF THE PASSENGER CABIN UNLESS NEEDED FOR SOME OPERATIONAL MATTER IN THE COCKPIT.

13. HE STATED THAT HE KNEW LITTLE OF THE RESCUE. HE WAS SITTING BOUND TO THE SEAT AND BOUND TO

WHEN A MEDIC CAME ABOARD TO LOOK AFTER THE

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PAGE Ø3 KUWAIT Ø6925 03 OF 03 1714Ø8Z PEOPLE WHO HAD SUFFERED HEART ATTACKS. HE ADDED THAT THIS WAS QUITE ROUTINE.) THE MEDIC THEN JUMPED THE ONE FIJACKER THAT WAS STANDING GUARD AND A SCUFFLE ENSUED. GAS GRENADE THEN EXPLODED AND THE CABIN FILLED WITH GAS THAT MADE HIS EYES RUN AND MADE HIM COUGH. HE AND THE TWO AMERICANS THEN BECAME ENGROSSED IN GETTING THEIR HANDS AN ARMS FREE FROM THE BONDS. THEY FREED THEMSELVES AND GOT UP AND RAN OUT OF THE PLANE. HE ESCAPED TO THE OUTSIDE AS THE RESCUERS WENT INSIDE. HE SAW NOTHING ELSE. IT WAS OVER, THE RESCUERS TRIED TO CLEAR THE GAS OUT OF THE PLANE AND OPENED SOME OF THE DOORS. THIS CAUSED THE ESCAPE SLIDES TO INFLATE. RETURNED TO THE PLANE AT THIS TIME AND DISARMED THE REMAINING DOORS SO THEY COULD BE OPENED TO HELP DISPEL THE GAS. AS HE LEFT THE PLANE TE NOTICED THAT THE LADDER WAS EXTENDING FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE AVIONICS BAY BELOW THE COCKPIT AND HE ASSUMED THAT THIS LADDER HAD BEEN USED TO FORCE ENTRY FOR SOME OF THE RESCUERS.

STATED THAT HE WAS CONVINCED THAT THE IRANIANS WERE NOT IN COLLUSION WITH THE HIJACKERS AND SAW NO EVIDENCE OF ARMS, EXPLOSIVES OR MEN BEING USED TO SUPPORT THEM. HE ADDED THAT AFTER THE RESCUE THE IRANIANS WERE VERY PLEASANT, HELPFUL AND ACCOMMODATING TO THE PASSENGERS. HE ALSO STATED THAT THE IRANIANS ONLY GAVE THE FIJACKERS SOMETHING AFTER A LONG NEGOTIATION AND AFTER SOME CONCESSION HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM THEM. QUAINTON SECRET

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     2. FOLLOWING ARE NOTES BASED ON CONVERSATION WITH THREE
NHU ARRIVED IN KARACHI FRUM TEHRAN
     DECEMBER 6, 1900 MRS LUCAL TIME ABOARD SPECIAL IKAN
     AIR FLIGHT (KARACHI 10342). DEBRIEFING WAS DVER PERIOD
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FOLLOWING IS CONSENSUS OF THREE INTERVIEWED AS NOTED, THEY WERE INTERVIEWED TOGETHER.

4. THEY INDICATE THEY SAW ONLY FOUR HIJACKERS OF WHOM ONLY THREE WERE VISIBLE DURING ACTUAL TAKEOVER OF AIRCRAFT, DURING THE FLIGHT TO TEHRAN AND FOR AT LEAST SEVERAL HOURS ON THE GROUND AT TEHRAN AIRPORT. THE THREE WERE DESCRIBED AS WEARING DARK PANIS, DARK LEATHER JACKETS, THOUGH AT LEAST ONE, AND POSSIBLY OTHERS, CHAIGED CLOTHES AT SOME STAGE OF THE HIJACKIIG.

5. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

LEADER IDENTIFIED AS HASSAN. AN ARABIC-APPEARING MALE, APPROXIMATELY 25 YEARS ULD, 5'8" TU 5'10" TALL, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, MUSCULAR BUILD, HEAVIER SET THAN THE UTHER THREE HIJACKERS. SPOKE GOOD ENGLISH AND CARRIED ON BOARD A BLACK NYLON SPORTS TYPE BAG. AT KUNAIT TRANSIT HALL MAS WEARING A NECKTIE IN ADDITION TO PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED GARB. NO FACIAL HAIR. TO NOTICEABLE SCARS, TATTOOS OR MARKS. HAIR OF MEDIUM LENGTH.

SECOND MOST PROMIMENTLY OBSERVED HIJACKER WAS IDENTIFIED AS KHALID, ALSO AN ARABIC-APPEARING MALE, EARLY 20'S. BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, APPROXIMATELY 5'H" TO 5'10" TALL, MUSCULAR BUILD, DARK CLUTHING, BLACK LEATHER LOAFERS.

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DESCRIBED BY SOURCES AS "THE CRAZY MAN - THE FANATIC". SPOKE SUME ENGLISH. WAS SUBSERVIENT TO HASSAN. MEDIUM LENGTH HAIR. NO FACIAL HAIR. NO IDENTIFYING SCARS, MARKS OR TATTOOS.

HIJACKER NO. 3 MAS ARAHIC-APPEARING MALE, EARLY 20'S.
5'8" TO 5'10" TALL, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, NO
FACIAL MAIR, MEDIUM LENGTH BLACK MAIR. NO IDENTIFYING
SCARS, MARKS OR TATTOUS. DRESSED IN DENIM JEAN JACKET
WITH LARGE POCKETS AND BLUE JEANS. MASSAN CALLED HIM
SAMI OR SAMEER.

HIJACKER NO. 4. ARABIC APPEARING MALE IN EARLY 2015.
NAME UNKNOWN. OBSERVED UNLY BRIEFLY BY SOURCES. SAME
GENERAL APPEARANCES AS OTHER HIJACKERS. SOURCES DID
NOT HEAR HIM SPEAK.

ARRIVED KUMAIT FROM FRANKFURT AND TRANSITED AT KUMAIT AIRPURT. WHILE OBTAINING BOARDING CARDS FOR KU 221 IN THE THANSIT HALL, DIE SOURCE OBSERVED HIJACKER HASSAN, ALONE, IN LINE TO PICK JP BUARDING CARD. NO OTHER HIJACKERS WERE OBSERVED IN THE KUMAIT TRANSIT HALL BY THESE SOURCES.

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7. SUURCES ADVISED SECURITY INSIDE TRANSIT HALL WAS LAX, AT BEST. THO FEMALE AND NO MALE SECURITY GUARDS WERE POSTED AT OR WEAR THE TRANSIT HALL DEPARTURE DOOR. SOURCES OBSERVED THAT BUDY SEARCHES WERE NOT CONDUCTED, NOR WERE MANY CARRY-ON BAGS OPENED FOR

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1 ISPECTION. SOURCES DID NOT OBSERVE WHETHER CARRY-UV HAG IN PUSSESSIUN OF HASSAN WAS DPENED.

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AIRSPACE. ALTHOUGH DID NOT OBSERVE ANYTHING UNUSUAL AT DUBAT, ALL THREE FELT THAT WHILE ON THE GROUND, TRANSITING DUBAT, IT WAS UNUSUAL FOR CLEANING CREWS TO COME AHOARD AFTER SUCH A SHURT FLIGHT FROM KUNAIT. AN ASIAN MALE CLEANER WAS OBSERVED CARRYING ABOARD A BUCKET AITH MET RAGS DRAPED OVER THE TOP, WHICH HE CARRIED IMMEDIATELY TO A LAVATORY AND WAS OBSERVED TO EXIT A SHORT TIME LATER. SOURCES OID NOT SPECULATE MHETHER CLEANER SPENT ENOUGH TIME TO ACTUALLY CLEAN LAVATORY.

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9. ONE SOURCE AND UCCUPIED SEAT

DBSERVED A HIJACKER BOARD AT DUBAL AND SIT IN SEAT.

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SOURCE DID NOT RECALL WHETHER

HIJACKER IN 15-C HAD CARRY-ON HAGGAGE OR NOT.

LO. DNE INDICATED THAT SHORTLY AFTER TAKEOFF HIJACKER IN 15-C MALKED TO THE REAR COMPARTMENT OF THE AIRCHAFT THICE WITHIN FIFTEEN MINUTES. ALL THREE SOUNCES AGREED THAT DURING THE SERVING OF FOOD, LOUD SHUUTING WAS HEARD IN THE FIRST CLASS SEATING AREA; THEY THEN HEARD TAO GUNSHOTS. SHORTLY AFTER THE SHUTS, HIJACK LEADER HASSAN RUSHED INTO COACH COMPARTMENT AND JUMPED ON FIRST ROW (MIDDLE SECTION) SEATS WITH A GREWADE IN HIS RIGHT HAND. HE BEGAN YELLING ISLAMIC SLOGAMS AND FORCED ARABIC SPEAKERS IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY TO JUIN IN SHUJTING THE SLUGANS. IN AISLES TO HASSAN'S LEFT AND RIGHT, THO OTHER HIJACKERS APPEARED BRANDISHING MEAPONS. HASSAN YELLED (IN ENGLISH) "THIS IS A REAL HIJACKING" AT WHICH TIME ONE OF THE HIJACKERS FIRED TWO DK POSSIBLY THREE SHOTS THE LENGTH OF THE AIRCRAFT TUNARUS THE REAR. THE MEAPON USED MAS DESCRIBED AS AN AUTJMATIC.

11. HASSAR CLEARED THE FIRST TWO MIDDLE SECTION ROAS IN ECONOMY. SHORTLY THEREAFTER A CREW NEMBER PULLED IN FROM FIRST CLASS AN INJURED KUWAITI SECURITY OFFICER AND LEFT HIM ON THE FLOOR NEAR THE SECOND ROA. HE WAS

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DRAGGED AROUND THE ECONOMY CLASS AT LEAST ONCE DURING THE FLIGHT TO TEHRAN. SHORTLY AFTER THIS ACTION, A CREW MEMBER DRAGGED A WESTERN-APPEARING MALE, FACE JP, WITH A GUNSHOT WOUND IN RIGHT SIDE CHEST AREA BLEEDING AND UNCONSCIOUS, DOWN THE AISLE TOWARD THE REAR OF THE PLANE. THE APPARENT VICTIM WAS WEARING A LIGHT BLUE SHIRT.

12. AFTER THIS, HASSAN ORDERED KHALID AND SAMEER TO GO DUWN THE AISLES AND IDENTIFY PEOPLE WHO WERE AMERICANS. HIJACKER KHALID OBSERVED BILL STANFORD SITTING IN HIS SEAT 17-K (KENNETH), YELLED AT STANFORD IN ARABIC, GRABBED HIM, LIFTED HIM UP, AND PUSHED HIM, AT GUNPOINT, TUWARDS THE FIRST CLASS SECTION.

AND MADE HIM WALK UP TO THE FOUR-ROW SECTION BEHIND FIRST CLASS. LATER, THIS MAN WAS ALLOWED TO RETURN TO ECONDMY AREA AFTER SOURCE SHOWED HIJACKERS HIS FOLLOWING THIS ACTIVITY, HIJACKERS ORDERED PASSENGERS TO PLACE THEIR PASSPORTS IN PLASTIC BAGS CARRIED AROUND BY KHALID AND SAMEER. THE FIRST FOUR-ROW SECTION BEHIND FIRST CLASS WAS USED AS THE HOLDING AREA FUR THE AMERICANS AND KUMAITIS.

14. DURING THIS TIME THE HIJACKERS ALSO REMOVED ALL FORKS AND KNIVES FROM THE DINNER TRAYS. THE SOURCES SAID THE OPERATION WAS SHUDDY AS HIJACKERS MISSED PASSPORTS, KNIVES AND FORKS, ETC. HIJACKERS APPEARED TO CALM DOWN AT THIS TIME AND, PRIOR TO LANDING AT TEHRAN, PLACED INJURED KUWAIT GUARD ONTO SEATS IN SECOND ROW (LAID HIM DOWN ON BLOCK OF SEATS).

15. AFTER LANDING AT TEHRAN, SAID THAT HIJACKERS BECAME EVEN CALMER AND SOMEWHAT RELAXED.

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HUMEVER, FOR THE FIRST SEVERAL HOURS MASSAN KEPT THE GRENADE IN HIS RIGHT HAND WHEREAS KHALID AND SAMEER EACH CARRIED IN HAND ONE MEAPON. THE SOURCES ADVISED THE PASSENGERS WERE ALLOWED ACCESS, WITH PERMISSION, TO TUILETS IN BOTH FIRST CLASS AND ECONOMY AREAS.

(ACCESS TO FIRST CLASS WAS ALLOWED BECAUSE TOILETS IN ECONOMY AREA WERE ALMUST UNUSEABLE - FILTHY AND PLUGGED UP).

16. WHEN ASKED ABOUT WHETHER HIJACKERS SLEPT, ONE SOURCE INDICATED HE WAS ALLOWED, BY KHALID, TO GO TO THE LAVATORY AND WHEN SOURCE RETURNED TO SEAT FROM WASHROOM HE OBSERVED KHALID APPARENTLY ASLEEP IN A SEAT WITH MEAPON IN HAND. LATER, A SECOND SOURCE USED LAV FACILITY IN FIRST CLASS AND OBSERVED ALL FOUR HIJACKERS ASLEEP (APPARENTLY) IN FIRST CLASS. AT THAT TIME, SOURCE OBSERVED ONLY ONE HIJACKER HAD MEAPON IN HAND.

17. WHILE ON THE GROUND IN TEHRAN, AND PRIOR TO 3:00 PM MEDNESDAY, HIJACKERS ALLOWED CLEANING PERSONNEL FROM TEHRAN AIRPORT TO BOARD AIRCRAFT. SOURCES ALSO ADVISED THAT AT LEAST FOUR TIMES HASSAN DEPLANED WITH TRASH AND FOR PURPOSE OF GENERAL WALKAROUND OF AIRCRAFT (APPARENTLY) UNE OF THE TIMES HE DEPLANED WAS WHEN THE WOMEN MERE RELEASED. PRIUM TO THE RELEASE OF ANY HOSTAGES, ONL OF THE HIJACKERS ANNOUNCED (ON THE PLANE'S INTERCOM SYSTEM) IN ARABIC, TRANSLATED BY STEWARDS AND STEWARDSS ON THE AIRCRAFT, "ME ARE NOT AGAINST PAKISTANIS AND OTHERS. WE ARE AGAINST THE KUMAIT GOVERNMENT AND AMERICANS".

18. HASSAR ALLOWED FOOD AND WATER TO BE BROUGHT INTO THE AIRCRAFT. ADDITIONALLY MASSAN, AFTER ENGINES MAD BEEN SHUT OFF FOR THU HOURS, ORDERED FUEL DIL SO AIRCRAFT HEATING SYSTEM COULD BE EMPLOYED. DURING THAT THU-HOUR PERIOD, HIJACKERS PASSED OUT BLANKETS TO PASSENGERS AND TOLD THEM TO PUT ON SWEATERS.

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19. SOMETIME LATER ON WEDNESDAY, HIJACKERS APPEARED WITH LISTS OF NAMES AND ASKED FOR ALL THOSE PAKISTANION WHO WERE EMPLOYED BY THE KUNAIT GOVERNMENT TO IDENTIFY. THEMSELVES. APPROXIMATELY 26 PAK MILEYARY PERSONNEL! DID SO., THE HIJACKERS THEN GAID THEY WERE RELEASING THE! TANZAMIANS, CANADIANS, GERMANS, EREITSM AND PAKISTANIS MKO MAD NO AFFELSATION HITH THE MURAET' GOVERNMENT. SHORTLY THEREAFSER, AT AROUND 3000 P.M. THE 23 MALE PRESENSERS MERE MELEADED.

20. THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF ANY EXPLOSIVES ON GOARD, THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF IRANIAN AUSISTANCE, OTHER THAN THAT ROTED, AND NO EVIDENCE OF A HIDDEN HIJACKER.

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BEEN A PASSENGER ON THE HIJACKED KU 221 AND VOLUNTEERED TO COME TO THE EMBASS! TO TALK WITH US ABOUT THE EVENTS. HE CAME TO THE EMBASS! ON THE AFTERNOON OF 17 DECEMBER AND WAS INTERVIEWED BY THE RSD. ARSO AND POLITICAL DFFICER.

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IS IDENTIFIED AS

3. SOURCE JOINED KU 221-AT KUWAIT AFTER FLYING FROM GERMANY ON ANOTHER KU FLIGHT. HE INDICATED THAT THE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AT THE KUWAIT TRANSIT LOUNGE WERE POOR. HE INDICATED THAT THE BODY SEARCH WAS NOT CONDUCTED AND THAT THE BAGGAGE SEARCH WAS NOT THOROUGH. HE DID NOT SEE ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS AT THE KUWAIT TERMINAL AND DID NOT SEE ANY OF THE HIJACKERS IN THE AREA. THE FLIGHT FROM KUWAIT TO DUBAI TOOK APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR TWENTY FIVE MINUTES AND HE NOTICED NOTHING UNUSUAL DURING THIS TIME.

4. SOURCE WAS SEATED AND ONE OF THE HIJACKERS WAS SEATED 3-4 ROWS BEHIND HIM NEAR THE KITCHEN AREA. THIS HIJACKER WALKED UP AND DOWN THE ISLE ON SEVERAL DOCASIONS EVEN WHEN THE SEAT BELT SIGNS WERE ON. THE HIJACKER WALKED 6: THE SOURCE ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF

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THE PLANE AND WENT TO THE FIRST CLASS SECTION ON EACH TRIP. THE SOURCE SAID THAT THIS HIJACKER AND ONE OTHER ENTERED THE PLANE AT PUBAI. HE DID NOT SEE THE OTHER HIJACKERS ENTER THE PLANE. HE SAID THAT THERE WERE ONLY FOUR PERSONS INVOLVED.

- 5. THE HIJACKERS WERE DESCRIBED AS:
- A. ABU MASSAN, LEADER. 19 YEARS OLD. NO MUSTACHE, FAIR COMPLEXION, 5FT 10IN, 180 LBS. ROUND FACE. WORE JEAN JACKET AND PANTS DURING ENTIRE HIJACKING. ARMED WITH A GRENADE DESCRIBED AS A "PINEAPPLE".
- 8. ABU SAMIR. STRAIGHT BLACK HAIR. ARABIC SPEAKING, LITTLE ENGLISH, 5FT 5 IN, 160-165, LONG FACE, 24 YEARS OLD. WORE BLACK JACKET AND PANTS DURING HIJACKING. ARMED WITH A SILVER COLOR - AUTOMATIC PISTOL AT ALL TIMES. SOURCE BELIEVED PISTOL TO BE 22/25 CALIBER AND WAS HAND SIZE.
- C. KHALID, 20/21, SFT 8IN, 160-170, CLEAN SHAYEN, BLACK MOLE ON RIGHT SIDE OF FACE NEAR THE EYE. WORE BLACK JACKET AND PANTS BUT CHANGED LATER INTO JOGGING SUIT. CARRIED SILVER COLORED AUTOMATIC PISTOL AT ALL TIMES. SOURCE BELIEVED PISTOL TO BE 22/25 CALIBER AND WAS HAND SIZE.
- D. SAMI, 23/24, 5FT SIN/6IN, 160/170, BIG BLACK MOLE NEAR LIPS ON LEFT SIDE OF FACE. WORE BLACK JACKET AND PANTS. CARRIED BLACK REVOLVER WHICH SOURCE BELIEVED TO BE 38 CALIBER.

SOURCE STATED THAT THERE WAS ONLY ONE HAND GRENADE AND THAT THE ENGLISH CAPABILITY OF THE HIJACKERS WAS LIMITED TO PHRASES SUCH AS "DON'T MOVE", "BE OUIET", ETC. THE SOURCE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THE HIJACKERS COULD READ ENGLISH AS HIS PASSPORT CARRIED THE ANOTATION THAT THE SOURCE WORKED FOR THE US AIR FORCE IN GERMANY BUT NOTHING EVER CAME OF IT.

6. AFTER THE PLANE TOOK OFF FROM DUBAI, A SNACK WAS SERVED AND PAPERS WERE PROVIDED; THEN A LITTLE LATER, A MEAL WAS SERVED. DURING THE MEAL, THE HIJACKER SITTING BEHIND THE SOURCE WENT TO THE 1ST CLASS SECTION 3-4 TIMES AND ACTED SUSPICIOUS BUT THE SOURCE

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INSTRUCTED TO ASK PERMISSION TO GO TO THE BATHROOM.

7. THREE OF THE HIJACKERS STAYED IN THE ECONOMY SECTION AND ONE WENT BACK TO THE COCKPIT. THE HIJACKERS ASKED FOR ALL THOSE PASSENGERS WHO WORKED FOR THE U.S. DR KUWAITI GOVERNMENT. 26 PAKISTANIS SAID THAT THEY WORKED FOR THE KUWAITI GOVERNMENT BUT VEREN'T KUWAITI. THE HIJACKERS WENT THRU THE AIRCRAFT WITH A TRASH BAG AND DRDERED ALL THE PASSENGERS TO PUT THEIR PASSPORTS IN THE BAG AND THE BAG WAS TAKEN TO FIRST CLASS. THE HIJACKERS CAME BACK AND SAID THAT THEY WANTED ALL THE ID CARDS THAT PEOPLE WERE CARRYING AND SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES IF ANYONE FAILED TO GIVE THE CARDS OR PASSPORTS. THE SOURCE TOOK HIS RADIO AND PUT HIS U.S.A.F. ID CARD IN THE BATTERY COMPARTMENT AND SHUT THE CASE (AFTER LANDING AT TEHRAN, THE HIJACKERS PHYSICALLY SEARCHED EACH PASSENGER AND WENT THROUGHT THEIR SEAT AREA TO INCLUDE THE SEAT AND THE POCKET IN FRONT OF EACH SEAT). THE HIJACKERS SAID THAT THEY WOULD NOT RELEASE U.S. OR KUWAIT GOVERNMENT PEOPLE. THE SOURCE SAID THAT THE HIJACKERS SPECIALLY MISTREATED THE AMERICAN AND KUWAITI PASSENGERS BY PULLING THEM FROM THEIR SEATS, REFUSING PERMISSION FOR THEM TO GO TO THE BATHROOM, ETC. NO DNE WAS RESTRAINED DURING THIS TIME. THE HIJACKERS WERE DESCRIBED AS CALM AND COOL AND WELL TRAINED.

B. AFTER THE AIRCRAFT LANDED IN TEHRAN (APPROXIMATELY 7 AM ACCORDING TO SOURCE) THE HIJACKERS ORDERED THE PASSENGERS TO CHANGE SEATS AND THIS WAS DONE SEVERAL TIMES OVER THE COURSE OF THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS. AT THIS TIME. WAS TAKEN TO THE 1ST CLASS SECTION OF THE AIRCRAFT AND WAS LATER RETURNED TO THE ECONOMY SECTION. (NOTE: THE SOURCE RÉPORTED THAT DURING THIS MOVE, HE SAT NEXT TO A PAKISTANI LADY THAT HE COULD NOT IDENTIFY WHO TOLD HIM THAT A SECURITY MAN IN DUBAI HAD BROUGHT A BLACK BRIEFCASE DNTO THE PLANE AND SAT IT NEXT TO HER LEG PRIOR TO THE PLANE TAKING DEF. AFTER THE DOOR OF THE PLANE WAS CLOSED, ONE OF THE HIJACKERS CAME TO HER SEAT AND RETRIEVED THE BRIEFCASE AND TOOK IT WITH HIM TO FIRST CLASS).

9. SITTING BEHIND THE SOURCE WAS AN AMERICAN DESCRIBED AS 55-57 YEARS OF AGE, 5FT 11IN, 200-225, WEARING GLASSES. GREY JACKET AND GREY PANTS. THIS PERSON WAS TAKEN TO THE 1ST CLASS SECTION AND RETURNED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. THE HIJACKERS ASKED THE AMERICAN SEVERAL TIMES IF HE WERE A RELATIVE OF PRESIDENT REAGAN OR IF HE WORKED FOR THE CIA. THE MAN RESPONDED THAT HE WASN'T RELATED TO PRESIDENT REAGAN AND WAS A CLERK IN USAID. THE AMERICAN WAS LATER TAKEN TO FIRST CLASS AND THE SOURCE DID NOT SEE HIM AGAIN. AT APPROXIMATELY 0830 AM, THE SOURCE HEARD A GUN SHOT. THE HIJACKERS CAME BACK AND ANNOUNCED THAT THEY HAD SHOT A PASSENGER (THEY DID NOT SAY HE WAS AMERICAN) AND SAID THAT THEY WOULD NOT RELEASE THE PASSENGERS UNTIL THEIR DEMANDS WERE MET, THE PASSENGERS WOULD NOT BE RELEASED.

10. SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL ON THE GROUND, PASSENGER STAIRS WERE PROVIDED TO THE PLANE AND THE HIJACKERS

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ASKED FOR FOOD. IT, WAS PROVIDED BUT IT WAS COLD. AFTER
4-5 HOURS, A SINGLE MAN FROM IRAN AIR CAME ON THE PLANE

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AND COLLECTED THE TRASH BAGS. THE SOURCE SAID THAT THE MAN HAD A WHITE UNIFORM WITH IRAN AIR INSIGNIA, HIJACKERS A LITTLE LATER ASKED IF THERE WERE A DOCTOR ON SOARD AND CAME FORWARD AND HE LOOKED AFTER THE WOUNDED GUARD. HE SAID THAT THE GUARD NEEDED FIRST AID AND THE HIJACKERS ASKED FOR AN IRANIAN DOCTOR FOR FIRST AID. THE DOCTOR CAME AND TREATED THE GUARD PRIOR TO THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN BEING RELEASED. THE SOURCE SAID THAT THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN WERE RELEASED SOME TIME LATER THAT AFTERNOON/EVENING. AFTER THE KUWAITI DEFICIALS ARRIVED, THE AIRPORT AND THE IRANIANS HAD TOLD THEM (THE HIJACKERS) THAT THEY HAD TO RELEASE MORE PASSENGERS AS A HUMANITARIAN GESTURE. THE PASSENGERS' NAMES WERE DN A LIST IN FIRST CLASS BUT THE SOURCE COULD DISCERN NO PATTERN OR REASON FOR PEOPLE BEING RELEASED.

11. THE SOURCE SAID THAT THE HIJACKERS TREATED ALL THE PASSENGERS BADLY BUT SAID THAT (SAMIR) WAS THE ROUGHEST TO ALL AND THAT (WHALID) WAS THE NICEST. THE SOURCE DID NOT SEE THE HIJACKERS SLEEP EXCEPT IN SHIFTS AND DENIED THAT ALL HAD SLEPT AT ONE TIME. THE SOURCE SAID THAT HE SAW NO IRANIAN GUARDS AROUND THE PLANE BUT DID SEE A VAN BLOCKING THE PLANE. THE SOURCE ALSO REPORTED THAT DURING THE ENTIRE TIME ON THE GROUND THAT PEOPLE SUCH AS CLEANING CREWS. DOCTORS, ETC ENTERED THE PLANE 3-4 TIMES DAILY.

12. SOURCE INDICATED THAT THE KUWAITI DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL ON THE PLANE HAD HEART PROBLEMS AND WANTED TO GO FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT BUT THE HIJACKERS - REFUSED. THE IRANIANS DID PROVIDE OXYGEN FOR THE KUWAITI'S USE.

COUSIN OF SOURCE. 13. ON FRIDAY. WAS CALLED BY THE HIJACKERS. LATER TOLD SOURCE THAT HE HAD BEEN TAKEN TO THE 1ST CLASS SECTION WHERE HE WAS THREATENED BUT THE HIJACKERS WALKED AWAY AND GOT AWAY). AFTER HIS ESCAPE, THE HIJACKERS STARTED TIEING UP THE PASSENGERS. (COSTA) WAS THE FIRST TO BE TIED BUT THERE APPEARED TO BE NO REASON FOR WHO GOT TIED UP AS THEY JUST PICKED RANDOM PEOPLE AND EVEN SOME VERY OLD PEOPLE. THE HIJACKERS SAID THEY WANTED TO PRAY BUT THEN RETURNED AND RELEASED SOME PEOPLE. THE HIJACKERS USED GRANGE COLORED PLASTIC ROPE SIMILAR TO THAT USED BY PAKISTANIS WHEN THEY TRAVEL. SOURCE FLATLY DENIED THAT THE HIJACKERS HAD USED HAND CUFFS. (NOTE: SOURCE SHOWED THE INTERVIEWING OFFICERS SOME NOTES HE HAD JOTTED DOWN AFTER THE HIJACKING WHERE HE HAD WRITTEN "HAND CUFFED". SOURCE AGAIN DENIED THAT HAND CUFFS -- WERE USED AND REPEATED HIS ASSERTION THAT DNLY ROPE HAD BEEN USED). SOURCE FE,T THAT THE ROPE COULD HAVE COME FROM EITHER THE AIRCRAFT OR POSSIBLE FROM LUGGAGE OF THE PASSENGERS.

14. THE SOURCE ALSO REPORTED THAT HE HAD TALKED WITH A BRITISH ENGINEER AFTER THEY WERE RELEASED AND THE SOURCE WAS TOLD THAT THE ENGINEER HAD BEEN FORCED TO ASSIST THE HIJACKERS IN PLANTING DYNAMITE AROUND THE PLANE. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED ON SATURDAY AFTER THE SOURCE WAS RELEASED.

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THAT SHE JOINET THE PLIGHT AT DUNAL AFTER TRAVELING

ON REN TO DURAL VIA ANSTERDAM FROM CHICAGO. THE DURAL

ATROCHT AUTHORITIES COMDUCTED HAND-PAGGAGE CHECKS BUT

WERE NOT VERY THOROUGH AS THOSE MEN REMIND HER IN THE LINE

WENT AROUND AND CID BUT HAVE THEIR BAGS CHECKED ITHEY

WERE NOT THE MIJACKERS. THE SOURCE DID SEE TWO OF THE

MIJACKERS IN THE DIBAL LOUNGE CARRYING SMALL BAGS.

4. ADDROXINATELY 15 WINUTER AFTER TAKE DEF. THERE WAR A LOUD NOISE LIKE BUME PECIPLE FIGHTING. IN THE FIRST CLASS SECTION: A STEWARD HAD BERVED THA AND WAS THEM SLAPPED BY ONE OF THE PIJACKERS. BITTING NEXT TO THE MIJACKER WAS A RECURITY GUARD WHO BRAHMED THE MAN. THE HIJACKERS TOOK THE GUARD'S GUN: THE SOURCE MEARD JOH SHOTS AND THE MIJACKERS CAME BACK THROUGH THE PLANE WITH THE GUARD WHO WAS INJURED BUT ALIVE. A CREWAN WAS ALSO HIT OVER THE MEAD. THE HIJACKERS ASKED ALL THE APERICANS AND KUMAITISHY PUSHING THEM AROUND. THEY GRAMBED DHE BY THE NECK AND PUSHED HIS FACE INTO A TRAY. THEY THEN DROUBED AN AMERICAN IDENTIFIED AS BILLIAM STANFORD TO SIT NEXT TO THE SOURCE. HE WAR DRSCPIBED AS VERY NEPVOUS.

5. THE MIJACKERS WERE VERY MUSTILE TO EVERYONE BUT AFTER THEY APRIVED IN TEMPAN, THEY PELAKED. THE MIJACKERS HAD ALL THE CRED COME FORWARD AND THEY DEAF SEARCHED AND ASKED SEVEPAL TIMES FOR ALL PASSPORTS AND SEARCHED ALL THE LUGGAGE.

E. THE SOURCE SAID THAT THERE WERE FIVE HIJACKERS.
FOUR MOVED AROUND THE CARIF AND DNE STAYED IN THE
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20% WITH THE LEADER HILDS FAT WITH A ROUND FACE. THEM WERE FOUR FISTOLS AND ONE HAND SPENADE WHICH WAS PARSTLE FROM HEJACKER TO HIJACKER. THE MIJACKERS CONSTANTLY MOVED AROUND AND DED NOT STAY IN ONE PLACE.

TO THE SOURCE ALSO REPORTED THAT THEY DRIVED AN ARE FROM THE EMEPORACY SUPPLIES BUT SAN NE EXPLISIVES OTHER THAN THE SAND GREENDE.

B. AFTER ARRIVAL IN THE AM. THE MIJACKERS TOOK AN AMERICAN TO THE FRONT OF THE PLANE. HE WAS DESCRIBED AS BEING TALL AND FAT. HEARTED A RED SHIFT. SHE HEARD A SHOT AND DID NOT SEE THE PASSENGER AGAIN. SHE WAS UNABLE TO TOENTIFY THE PERSON AS HEING ONE OF THE USAID EMPLOYEES.

9. ALL DISCUSSIONS BY THE HIJACPEPS WAS DONE IN ARAPIC WITH TRANSLATIONS HEING PHOLYTCH BY OTHER PEOPLE ON THE PLANE. THE HIJACKERS ALSO USED SIGN LANGUAGE WHICH THE STURCE DESCRIPED AS UNDERSTANDARLE.

10. LATE IN THE FIRST DAYS THE LADIER AND CHILDREN WENT CALLED TO THE FIRST CLASS CABIN AND WERE TOLD THAT THEY WOULD HE PILEASED IN EXCHANGE FOR FUELS. IF THE PUFL SAS NOT PHOVIDED THEN THE PELFASE WOULD NOT TAKE PLACES. THE PERPETHEN THE SOURCE WERE THEN THE ATTITUDE OF THE HIJACKELS HANDENED AFTER THIS RELEASES. THREE HOURS LATER THE OTHER LADIES WERE

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11. THE SOURCE LIFE FOR SIE ANY UNLSUAL EQUIPMENT WHITE USED BY THE HIJACKENS AND SAN NO INDICATIONS OF OUTSINE ASSISTANCE. THE SOURCE ALSO DENTED ANY INVOLVED OTHER THAN THE FIVE OFRSINS.

12. THE ENGLISH STEAKING CAPABILITIES OF THIS STUPCE WELL NOT AN GUED AS THE OTHER USCIT AND IT WAS DIFFICULT TO GET HER TO UNDERSTAND THE OUESTIONS EVER WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF HER HUSBAND.

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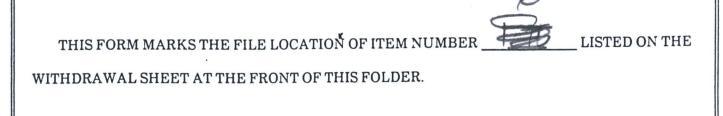
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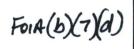
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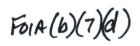


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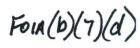
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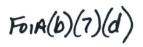
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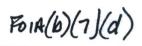
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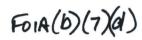
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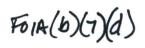
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1. ON DECEMBER 16, 1984,

OF KUWAIT AIRLINES FLIGHT 221 THAT WAS HIJACKED WHILE ON A ROUTINE FLIGHT FROM DUBAI TO KARACHI, PAKISTAN WAS INTERVIEWED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RSO FROM 1500 HOURS TO 1630 HOURS. WHO WAS BORN ON

HAS BEEN EMPLOYED AS A PILOT FOR KUWAIT AIRWAYS SINCE DECEMBER 1982. HE WAS RELUCTANT TO BE INTERVIEWED BUT WAS COOPERATIVE AND STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN OVER THE GROUND SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE, AND REQUESTED THAT A COPY OF HTHE TESTIMONY HE WAS ABLE TO GIVE BE

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OBTAINED FROM THE BRITISH CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES IN
LONDON. THE BRITISH EMBASSY CONSULAR OFFICER, MR. BASIL
RAINBOW, ALSO REQUESTED THAT THE INFORMATION SOLICITED
FROM BE OPTAINED IN LONDON BY THE AMERICAN
EMBASSY THERE.

WAS VERY COOPERATIVE ONCE THE INTERVIEW BEGAN BUT SEEMED PRESSED FOR TIME. HE AGREED TO ANSWER SPECIFIC QUESTIONS AND RESPONDED FULLY AND AS COMPLETELY AS HE WAS ABLE TO RECALL. HE INDICATED THROUGHOUT THE INTERVIEW THAT SOME OF THE ANSWERS HE WAS GIVING WERE ANSWERS THAT HE HAD LEARNED WERE CORRECT AFTER THE RELEASE OF HIMSELF AND THE OTHER HOSTAGES AND NOT NECESSARILY THE ANSWERS HE THOUGHT WERE TRUE DURING THE HIJACKING ITSELF.

INDICATED THAT SECURITY AT THE AIRPORT

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IN KUWAIT WAS ADEQUATE AND ABOUT AVERAGE FOR AIRPORTS OF THERE ARE ALWAYS MEANS AVAILABLE TO CIRCUMVEN ITS SIZE. SECURITY PROCEDURES, BUT THE AIRPORT IN KUWAIT WAS AS GOOD AS ANY IN KEEPING THE LOOPHOLES DOWN. THE STANDARD PROCEDURE IS FOR ALL PASSENGERS AND CABIN CREW ON AIR-CRAFT TO ENTER THROUGH THE DEPARTURE AREA AND SUBMIT TO SCREENING. THEY MUST PASS A POLICEMAN THAT ENSURES THAT ONLY CREW AND PASSENGERS GET INTO THE DEPARTURE LOUNGE. THEN THEY MUST PASS THE IMMIGRATION CHECKPOINT AND PROCEED TO THE WALKTHROUGH METAL DETECTORS. ALL HAND AGGAGE IS PUT THROUGH THE X-RAY MACHINES. ALL PERSONS WHO BOARD AN AIRCRAFT WALK THROUGH THE METAL DETECTORS. THE CREW MUST HAVE AN IDENTIFICATION CARD, WHILE PASSEN-GERS MUST HAVE A BOARDING PASS TO ENTER. ONCE INSIDE HE DEPARTURE LOUNGE, ONLY HIGH-RISK RUNS HAVE FURTHER ECURITY CHECKS. THESE RUNS (TRIPOLI, DAMASCUS, AMMAN) ARE THEN SUBJECT TO INDIVIDUAL BAGGAGE IDENTIFICATION ON THE TARMAC BEFORE THE BAGGAGE IS PUT ABOARD AND SECURITY SECRET

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PAGE 03 KUWAIT Ø6925 Ø1 OF Ø3 OFFICERS ON THE FLIGHT HAND FRISK ALL PASSENGERS AND HAND SEARCH ALL CARRYON LUGGAGE. THIS SEARCH IS USUALLY DONE AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE PLANE EITHER ON THE HARD STANDS WHEN STEPS ARE PLACED UP TO THE PLANE OR AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE GANGWAY WHEN THE EXTENDABLE ARMS ARE INDICATED THAT NO SEARCH WAS DONE I KUWAIT, BUT THE SECURITY GUARD ON BOARD FLIGHT 221 MADE THE CURSORY HAND SEARCH PRIOR TO TAKEOFF IN DUBAI. HE STATED THAT THE SECURITY IN DUBAI IS BETTER THAN IN KUWAIT IN HIS OPINION. HE SAID THAT IN DUBAI THE AIRPORT POSITIONS A GUARD AT THE FOOT OF THE STAIRS TO THE PLANE WHILE IT IS ON THE HARD STAND, AND THIS SOLDIER FRISKS EVERY PERSON WHO ENTERS EXCEPT THE PILOTS ALL CLEANERS OR SERVICE PEOPLE ARE CREW AND PASSENGERS. SEARCHED AND ALL THEIR CARRYONS ARE SEARCHED. KUWAITI SECURITY OFFICER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SEARCH O ALL PASSENGERS AND THE PILOTS AND CREW. SECURITY IS DESCRIBED AS GOOD AND HE ADDED THAT ALL PASSENGERS WHO DISEMBARK IN DUBAI AND ENTER TRANSIT FACILITIES MUST GO THROUGH A METAL DETECTOR. BOARDING PROCEDURE IS THE SAME AS IN KUWAIT.

SAID THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHERE THE HIJACKERS
BOARDED THE FLIGHT AND DID NOT KNOW HOW OR WHERE THE
EAPONS THEY HAD WERE BROUGHT ABOARD. HE THINKS THAT
THE WEAPONS WERE BROUGHT ABOARD BY THE HIJACKERS THEMSELVES, AND NOT PLACED ABOARD BY SOMEONE ELSE.

5. INDICATED THAT IT WAS USUAL TO HAVE TWO
SECURITY OFFICERS ON THE FLIGHT BUT HE HAD HEARD FROM
OTHER CREW MEMBERS THAT THE SECOND SECURITY OFFICER
REPORTED SICK AND WAS NOT ON THE FLIGHT. HE BELIEVES

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THE SECURITY MEN THAT THE MAN IS NOW IN JAIL IN KUWAIT. ARE EMPLOYED BY THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR AND ARE POLICEMEN, NOT EMPLOYEES OF THE KUWAIT AIRLINES. THEY SECRET

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PASSENGERS KNOW WHO THEY ARE.

6. HE STATED THAT THE HIJACKERS WERE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE AIRCRAFT. THEY HAD BEEN BRIEFED ON IT AND KNEW THAT IT NEEDED WATER, FUEL AND ELECTRICITY, BUT THEIR KNOW-LEDGE ENDED THERE. HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THEY KNEW WHO WAS ON THE AIRCRAFT, AND ASKED FOR ALL THE PASSPORTS SO THEY COULD DISCOVER IF THEY HAD ANYONE IMPORTANT. THEY STATED AT ONE POINT THAT THEY HAD BEEN "TRAILING"

FOR THREE MONTHS BECAUSE THEY WERE CONVINCED THAT HE WAS A CIA AGENT.

POINT THAT THE HIJACKERS SAID A LOT OF THINGS THAT HE KNEW COULD NOT BE TRUE. AND THIS MAY HAVE BEEN ONE OF TH

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THINGS THAT THEY SAID TO JUSTIFY THEIR ACTIONS. HE ALSO
INDICATED THE THE HIJACKERS SPOKE ONLY VERY LIMITED
ENGLISH. COMMUNICATION WAS DIFFICULT, AND THEY WERE VER
SURPRISED TO FIND A PILOT ON THE AIRCRAFT THAT DID NOT
SPEAK ARABIC. THE HIJACKERS ONLY SPOKE ARABIC.

ALSO SAID THAT THE HIJACKERS WERE VERY SKILLED IN
TERRORIZING PEOPLE. THEY "WERE OBVIOUSLY WELL TRAINED."
THEY KNEW WHEN TO APPLY PRESSURE AND WHEN TO EASE UP TO
OBTAIN THE MAXIMUM BENEFIT. HE ADDED THAT THEY WERE "ALL
A LITTLE NUTS AND SOMEONE HAD SIMPLY CHANNELED THEIR
NUTTINESS TO MAKE THEM EXPERT TERRORISTS."
7. THEY DEMANDED THAT THEIR "BROTHERS" IN KUWAIT JAILS
BE RELEASED. THEY CLAIMED THAT THEY WERE INNOCENT AND
FAD BEEN PICKED UP IN A GENERAL SECURITY SWEEP AFTER THE

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BOMBINGS AND HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT. THEY DID NOT CLAIM ALLEGIANCE TO ANY CAUSE OR APPEAR TO SUPPORT ANY COUNTRY OR GOVERNMENT. HE BELIEVES THAT THEY ARE FROM ONE OF THE HIJACKERS, CALLED DAOUD (PHONETIC LEBANON. NOT PRECISE BUT CLOSE TO PRONUNCIATION), SPOKE A LITTLE EETTER ENGLISH THAN THE REST AND DURING A CALM PERIOD. WHILE CHATTING, INDICATED THAT HE WAS FROM THE SABRA PALESTINIAN CAMP IN BEIRUT AND HE HAD LOST A BROTHER, 13 YEARS OLD, AND TWO SISTERS, AGES 9 AND 7 YEARS, IN THE MASSACRE AT THE SABRA AND CHATILLA CAMPS IN 1982. BELIEVES THAT THIS MAN IS THE BROTHER OF KHALID AND HE. WORE A BLACK LEATHER JACKET. KHALID WORE A GREY TRACK SUIT DURING THE ENTIRE ACTION AND WAS THE MAN THAT PUNCHED AND KICKED THE HOSTAGES THAT WERE ABUSED. HASSAN WAS THE LEADER AND THE NASTIEST OF THE LOT. ORE BLUE JEANS WITH THE WORD LOIS EMBROIDERED ON THE REAR POCKET. HE ALSO WORE A BLUE DENIM JACKET. FOURTH MAN WAS CALLED SAMIR AND WORE A BLACK CANVAS TYPE JACKET. HE WAS THE GENTLEST OF THE GROUP AND SELDOM

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INDICATED THAT THEY HA CONCERNING ARMS, WO SILVER COLORED (CHROME) AUTOMATIC PISTOLS OF THE .22 OR .25 CALIBRE. THEY WERE VERY SMALL. THEY ALSO HAD THE FEVOLVER TAKEN FROM THE KUWAITI SECURITY OFFICER, A COLT THEY HAD A SECOND REVOLVER THAT WAS LESCRIBED BY ONE PASSENGER AS A MAGNUM BUT HE COULD NOT ADD ANY FURTHER DESCRIPTION OTHER THAN IT WAS BLUE STEEL. THEY HAD TWO HAND GRENADES. THE GRENADES WERE SMALL, OVA (PINEAPPLE) SHAPED AND COVERED OR COATED WITH A CHALKY GREEN PLASTIC COLORED SUBSTANCE. THEY HAD A LEVER DOWN THE SIDE, ALSO GREENISH IN COLOR, AND EACH HAD A COTTER TYPE SPLIT PIN IN IT. ONE HAD A RING ON THE PIN AND THE OTHER DID NOT. THE GRENADES WERE SCORED INTO SQUARES BUT THE SQUARES APPEARED RECESSED AND THE MARGINS RAISED. ONLY OTHER WEAPONS THE HIJACKERS HAD WERE THE FIRE AX AND THE CROWBAR FROM THE COCKPIT. OF NOTE IS THE FACT THAT THEY KEPT SWAPPING THE WEAPONS AROUND TO CONFUSE THE PASSENGERS AND MAKE THEM BELIEVE THEY HAD MORE GUNS THAN THEY DID.

DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THEY HAD EXPLOSIVES ON THE AIRCRAFT AT ANY TIME. HE ELABORATED BY STATING THAT THEY INTRODUCED "EXPLOSIVES" ON THE SECOND DAY BY PRESENTING A PACKAGE COVERED IN BLACK PLASTIC LIKE A GARBAGE BAG DONE UP WITH TAPE APPROXIMATELY EIGHTEEN INCHES BY EIGHT INCHES BY SIX INCHES. THIS IS ABOUT THE SIZE OF THE CARDBOARD CONTAINERS FOR TWO PORTABLE RADIO/

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CASSETTE PLAYERS THAT MANY OF THE PASSENGERS HAD ON THE LIGHT. TOWARDS THE END OF THE ORDEAL THEY INTRODUCED SMALL PACKAGES, APPROXIMATELY SIX INCHES BY TWO INCHES BY

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THREE INCHES, AGAIN WRAPPED IN BLACK PLASTIC AND TAPED UP

BUT WITH THE ENDS SHOWING, THAT THEY PLACED AROUND THE

CABIN. THEY PUSHED WIRES INTO THESE PACKAGES BUT THE

WIRES DID NOT GO TO ANYTHING. HE BELIEVES THAT THE

PACKAGES CONTAINED THE POLYSTYRENE FOAM USED TO PACK THE

RADIO/CASSETTE PLAYERS THAT WERE ON BOARD.

THE GROUND ENGINEER ON THE FLIGHT, TOLD HIM THAT HE

BELIEVED THAT THE MATERIAL IN THE SMALL PACKAGES WAS

PLASTIQUE" AND THAT HE HAD SEEN THEM BURN FUSE TO INSURE

THAT IT WORKED. IS CONVINCED THAT THESE

WERE ALL FAKES.

10. COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE TOWER AND THE PLANE WAS THROUGH AN INTERPRETER THAT WAS PLACED ON THE GROUND

FETWEEN THE PLANE AND THE TOWER. THE HIJACKERS WOULD

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KHALID AND ABOL HASSAN WERE OUTSIDE THE PLANE AT VARIOUS TIMES AND ALWAYS COVERED THEIR FACES WITH PLASTIC BAGS WITH HOLES CUT IN THEM FOR EYES AND MOTH. DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THE IRANIANS WERE INVOLVED IN THE EIJACKING. THE MATERIAL FOR BINDING UP THE PASSENGERS CAME EITHER FROM THE IRANIANS WHO PROVIDED IT AFTER IT

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WAS DEMANDED AND A CONCESSION WAS EXACTED FROM THE FIJACKERS TO GET IT, OR FROM THE BAGS OF THE PASSENGERS WHO HAD ALL KINDS OF THINGS THAT THEY WERE TAKING BACK TO PAKISTAN. THE BINDING WAS QUARTER INCH NYLON ROPE, CRANGE IN COLOR.

SAID THAT THE FIRST AMERICAN WAS KILLED BECAUSE THE HIJACKERS SAID HE WAS A CIA AGENT, AND THE SECOND MAN WAS KILLED AS A MEANS OF PRESSURING THE US (OVERNMENT TO FORCE THE KUWAITI GOVERNMENT TO RELEASE THE HOSTAGES. HE BELIEVED THAT THE KUWAITIS HAD BEEN KILLED FOR ABOUT 48 HOURS AFTER THEY WERE SUPPOSEDLY EXECUTED. IT WAS KEPT SECRET FROM THE PASSENGERS THAT THEY WERE NOT TEAD. HE ADDED THAT DURING THE FIRST THREE DAYS HE WAS KEPT IN THE COCKPIT AND FOR THE REST OF THE TIME HE WAS KEPT IN THE REAR OF THE PASSENGER CABIN UNLESS NEEDED FOR SOME OPERATIONAL MATTER IN THE COCKPIT.

13. HE STATED THAT HE KNEW LITTLE OF THE RESCUE. HE WAS SITTING BOUND TO THE SEAT AND BOUND TO AND

WHEN A MEDIC CAME ABOARD TO LOOK AFTER THE

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STATED THAT HE WAS CONVINCED THAT THE IRANIANS WERE NOT IN COLLUSION WITH THE HIJACKERS AND SAW NO EVIDENCE OF ARMS, EXPLOSIVES OR MEN BEING USED TO SUPPORT THEM. HE ADDED THAT AFTER THE RESCUE THE IRANIANS WERE VERY PLEASANT, HELPFUL AND ACCOMMODATING TO THE PASSENGERS. HE ALSO STATED THAT THE IRANIANS ONLY GAVE THE FIJACKERS SOMETHING AFTER A LONG NEGOTIATION AND AFTER SOME CONCESSION HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM THEM. QUAINTON SECRET

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FOLLOWING IS CONSENSUS OF THREE INTERVIEWED AS NOTED, THEY WERE INTERVIEWED TOGETHER.

4. THEY INDICATE THEY SAW ONLY FOUR HIJACKERS OF WHOM ONLY THREE MERE VISIBLE DURING ACTUAL TAKEOVER OF AIRCRAFT, DURING THE FLIGHT TO TEMRAN AND FOR AT LEAST SEVERAL HOURS ON THE GROUND AT TEMRAN AIRPORT. THE THREE MERE DESCRIBED AS MEARING DARK PANIS, DARK LEATHER JACKETS, THOUGH AT LEAST ONE, AND POSSIBLY OTHERS, CHAIGED CLOTHES AT SOME STAGE OF THE HIJACKING.

5. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

LEADER IDENTIFIED AS HASSAN. AN ARABIC-APPEARING MALE, APPROXIMATELY 25 YEARS ULD, 5'8" TU 5'10" TALL, BLACK HAIR, BRUM' EYES, MUSCULAR BUILD, HEAVIER SET THAN THE UTHER THREE HIJACKERS. SPOKE GOOD ENGLISH AND CARRIED ON BUARD A BLACK NYLON SPORTS TYPE BAG. AT KUNAIT TRANSIT HALL WAS WEARING A NECKTIE IN ADDITION TO PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED GARB. NO FACIAL HAIR. TO NOTICEABLE SCARS, TATTOOS UR MARKS. HAIR OF MEDIUM LENGTH.

SECUND MOST PROMIMENTLY DESERVED HIJACKER WAS IDENTIFIED AS KHALID, ALSO AN ARABIC-APPEARING MALE, EARLY 20°S. BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, APPROXIMATELY 5°H" TO 5°10" TALL, MUSCULAR BUILD, DAKK CLUTHING, BLACK LEATHER JACKET AND BLACK LEATHER LOAFERS.

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DESCRIBED BY SOURCES AS "THE CRAZY MAN - THE FANATIC". SPOKE SUME ENGLISH. MAS SUBSERVIENT TO HASSAN. MEDIUM LENGTH HAIR. NO FACIAL HAIR. NO IDENTIFYING SCARS, MARKS OR TATTOOS.

HIJACKER NO. 3 MAS ARABIC-APPEARING MALE, EARLY 20'S.
5'8" TO 5'10" TALL, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, NO
FACIAL MAIR, MEDIUM LENGTH BLACK MAIR. NO IDENTIFYING
SCARS, MARKS OR TATTUUS. DRESSED IN DENIM JEAN JACKET
WITH LARGE POCKETS AND BLUE JEANS. MASSAN CALLED HIM
SAMI OR SAMEER.

HIJACKER NO. 4. ARABIC APPEARING MALE IN EARLY 20'S.
NAME UNKNOWN. OBSERVED UNLY BRIEFLY BY SOURCES. SAME
GENERAL APPEARANCES AS OTHER HIJACKERS. SOURCES DID
NOT HEAR HIM SPEAK.

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7. STURCES ADVISED SECURITY INSIDE TRANSIT HALL WAS LAX, AT BEST. THE FEMALE AND NO MALE SECURITY GUARDS WERE POSTED AT OR WEAR THE TRANSIT HALL DEPARTURE DOOR. SOURCES OBSERVED THAT BUDY SEARCHES WERE NOT CONDUCTED, NOR WERE MANY CARRY-ON BAGS OPENED FOR

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I ISPECTION. SOURCES DID NOT DESERVE WHETHER CARRY-UN HAG IN PUSSESSION OF HASSAN WAS DEED.

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AIRSPACE. ALTHOUGH DID NOT OBSERVE ANYTHING UNUSUAL AT DUBAI, ALL THREE FELT THAT WHILE ON THE GROUND, TRANSITING DUBAI, IT WAS UNUSUAL FOR CLEANING CREWS TO COME ABOARD AFTER SUCH A SHURT FLIGHT FROM KUWAIT. AN ASIAN MALE CLEANER WAS OBSERVED CARRYING ABOARD A BUCKET AITH WET RAGS DRAPED OVER THE TOP, WHICH HE CARRIED IMMEDIATELY TO A LAVATORY AND WAS OBSERVED TO EXIT A SHORT TIME LATER. SOURCES DID NOT SPECULATE WHETHER CLEANER SPENT ENOUGH TIME TO ACTUALLY CLEAN LAVATORY.

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9. UNE SOURCE AND UCCJPIED SEAT DUBAL AND SIT IN SEAT .
15-C (CHARLIE), JTHER SOURCES ARE IN SOURCE DID NOT RECALL MHETHER HIJACKER IN 15-C HAD CARRY-ON HAGGAGE OR NOT.

LO. ONE INDICATED THAT SHORTLY AFTER TAKEOFF HIJACKER IN 15-C MALKED TO THE REAR COMPARTMENT OF THE AIRCHAFT THICE WITHIN FIFTEEN MINUTES. . ALL THREE SOUNCES AGREED THAT DURING THE SERVING OF FOOD, LOUD SHOUTING WAS HEARD IN THE FIRST CLASS SEATING AREA; THEY THEN HEARD TAD GUNSHOTS. SHORTLY AFTER THE SHUTS, HIJACK LEADER HASSAN RUSHED INTO COACH COMPARTMENT AND JUMPED ON FIRST ROW (MIDDLE SECTION) SEATS WITH A GREWADE IN HIS RIGHT HAND. HE BEGAN YELLING ISLAMIC SLOGANS AND FORCED ARABIC SPEAKERS IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY TO JUIN IN SHUJTING THE SLUGANS. IN AISLES TO HASSAN'S LEFT AND RIGHT, THO UTHER HIJACKERS APPEARED BRANDISHING MEAPONS. HASSAN YELLED (IN ENGLISH) "THIS IS A REAL HIJACKING" AT WHICH TIME ONE OF THE HIJACKERS FIRED THE DK POSSIBLY THREE SHOTS THE LENGTH OF THE AIRCRAFT TUMARUS THE REAR. THE MEAPON USED MAS DESCRIBED AS AN AUTJMATIC.

11. HASSAR CLEARED THE FIRST TWO MIDDLE SECTION ROAS IN ECONOMY. SHORTLY THEREAFTER A CREW NEMBER PULLED IN FROM FIRST CLASS AN INJURED KUMAITI SECURITY OFFICER AND LEFT HIM ON THE FLOOR NEAR THE SECOND ROA. HE WAS

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DRAGGED AROUND THE ECONOMY CLASS AT LEAST ONCE DURING THE FLIGHT TO TEHRAN. SHORTLY AFTER THIS ACTION, A CREW MEMBER DRAGGED A WESTERN-APPEARING MALE, FACE JP, WITH A GUNSHOT WOUND IN RIGHT SIDE CHEST AREA BLEEDING AND UNCONSCIOUS, DOWN THE AISLE TOWARD THE REAR OF THE PLANE. THE APPARENT VICTIM WAS WEARING A LIGHT BLUE SHIRT.

12. AFTER THIS, HASSAH ORDERED KHALID AND SAMEER TO GO DUWN THE AISLES AND IDENTIFY PEOPLE WHO WERE AMERICANS. HIJACKER KHALID OBSERVED BILL STANFORD SITTING IN HIS SEAT 17-K (KENNETH), YELLED AT STANFORD IN ARABIC, GRABBED HIM, LIFTED HIM UP, AND PUSHED HIM, AT GUNPOINT, TUWARDS THE FIRST CLASS SECTION.

AND MADE HIM WALK UP TO THE FOUR-ROW SECTION BEHIND FIRST CLASS. LATER, THIS MAN WAS ALLOWED TO RETURN TO ECONDMY AREA AFTER SOURCE SHOWED HIJACKERS HIS FOLLOWING THIS ACTIVITY, HIJACKERS ORDERED PASSENGERS TO PLACE THEIR PASSPORTS IN PLASTIC BAGS CARRIED AROUND BY KHALID AND SAMEER. THE FIRST FOUR-ROW SECTION BEHIND FIRST CLASS WAS USED AS THE HOLDING AREA FUR THE AMERICANS AND KUMAITIS.

14. DURING THIS TIME THE HIJACKERS ALSO REMUVED ALL FORKS AND KNIVES FROM THE DINNER TRAYS. THE SOURCES SAID THE OPERATION WAS SHODDY AS HIJACKERS MISSED PASSPORTS, KNIVES AND FORKS, ETC. HIJACKERS APPEARED TO CALM DOWN AT THIS TIME AND, PRIOR TO LANDING AT TEHRAN, PLACED THJURED KUWAIT GUARD ONTO SEATS IN SECOND ROW (LAID HIM_DOWN ON BLOCK OF SEATS).

15. AFTER LANDING AT TEHRAN, SAID THAT HIJACKERS BECAME EVEN CALMER AND SOMEWHAT RELAXED.

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EVEN, FOR THE FIRST SEVERAL HOURS HASSAN KEPT THE NADE IN HIS RIGHT HAND WHEREAS KHALID AND SAMEER H CARRIED IN HAND ONE MEAPON. THE SOURCES ADVISED PASSENGERS WERE ALLOWED ACCESS, WITH PERMISSION, TUILETS IN BOTH FIRST CLASS AND ECONOMY AREAS.

CESS TO FIRST CLASS WAS ALLOWED BECAUSE TOILETS IN NOMY AREA WERE ALMOST UNUSEABLE - FILTHY AND IGGED UP).

WHEN ASKED ABOUT WHETHER HIJACKERS SLEPT, DNE
RCE INDICATED ME WAS ALLOWED, BY KHALID, TO GO TO
LAVATORY AND WHEN SOURCE RETURNED TO SEAT FROM
HROOM HE DBSERVED KHALID APPARENTLY ASLEEP IN A SEAT
H WEAPON IN HAND, LATER, A SECOND SOURCE USED
FACILITY IN FIRST CLASS AND OBSERVED ALL FOUR
ACKERS ASLEEP (APPARENTLY) IN FIRST CLASS. AT THAT
E, SOURCE DBSERVED ONLY ONE HIJACKER HAD WEAPON IN
D.

WHILE ON THE GROUND IN TEHRAN, AND PRIOR TO 3:00 PM MESDAY, HIJACKERS ALLOWED CLEANING PERSONNEL FROM RAW AIRPORT TO BOARD AIRCRAFT. SOURCES ALSO ADVISED I AT LEAST FOUR TIMES HASSAN DEPLANED WITH TRASH AND PURPOSE OF GENERAL MALKAROUND OF AIRCRAFT (APPARENTLY) E UF THE TIMES HE DEPLANED WAS WHEN THE WOMEN E RELEASED. PRIUM TO THE RELEASE OF ANY HOSTAGES, ONE THE MIJACKERS ANNOUNCED (ON THE PLANE'S INTERCOM TEM) IN ARABIC, TRANSLATED BY STEWARDS AND MANDESS ON THE AIRCRAFT, "ME ARE NOT AGAINST ISTANIS AND UTHERS. WE ARE AGAINST THE KURAIT ERNMENT AND AMERICANS".

HASSAN ALLDWED FOOD AND WATER TO BE BROUGHT INTO AIRCRAFT. ADDITIONALLY HASSAN, AFTER ENGINES HAD N SHUT OFF FOR THU HOURS, ORDERED FUEL DIL SO TRAFT HEATING SYSTEM COULD BE EMPLOYED. DURING THAT HOUR PERIOD, MIJACKERS PASSED DUT BLANKETS TO SENGERS AND TOLD THEM TO PUT ON SHEATERS.

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THE LATER ON MEDNESDAY, MIJACKERS APPEARED TO LISTS OF NAMES AND ASKED FOR ALL THOSE PAKISTANION DIRECTOR OF THE MUNIT SOVERMENT TO IDENTIFY. EMSELVES, APPROXIMATELY 26 PAK MILETARY PERSONNEL! TO SO, THE MIJACKERS THEN SAID THEY WERE RELEASING ITANZAMIANS, CANADIANS, SERHANS, BREITSH AND MISTANIS WHO HAD NO AFFELSATION MITH THE MUNAIT PERNANT, SHORTLY THEREAFTER, AT AROUND 3000 P.M. 133 MALE PASSENGERS WERE MULETOED.

THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF ANY EXPLOSIVES ON GOARD, THE HAS NO EVIDENCE OF IRANIAN ASSISTANCE, DITHER IN THAT ROTED, AND NO EVIDENCE OF A HIDDEN TACKER.

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WAS INTERVIEWED CONCERNING THE MAI JACKING. SHE INDICATED
THAT SHE JOINED THE PLIGHT AT DUMAL AFTER TRAVPLING
ON KLH TO DUMAL VIA ANSTERDAM FROM CHICAGO. THE DUMAL
ATROPHT AUTHORITIES CONDUCTED MANDERAGGAGE CHECKE BUT
WERE NOT VERY THOROUGH AS THOSE MEN REMIND HER IN THE LIME
WENT AROUND AND CID NOT MAVE THEIR BAGS CHECKED ITHEY

WERE NOT THE HIJACKFRSS. THE SOURCE DID SEE TWO OF THE

HIJACKERS IN THE DIBAI LOUNGE CARRYING SMALL BAGS.

4. APPROXINATELY IS WINUTER AFTER TAKE OFF. THERE WAS A LOUD NOISE LIKE BUME PEOPLE FIGHTING. IN THE FIRST CLASS SECTION: A STEWARD MAD SERVED THA AND WAS THEM SLAPPED BY ONE OF THE HIJACKERS. SITTING NEXT TO THE HIJACKERS TOOK THE GUAPD'S GUN: THE SOUDCE MEARD 3-A SHOUTS AND THE HIJACKERS CAME BACK THROUGH THE PLANE WITH THE GUARD WAS INJURED BUT ALIVE. A CREWAN WAS ALSO MIT OVER THE MEAD. THE HIJACKERS ASKED ALL THE APERICANS AND KUBAITISHY PUSHING THEM ARDUND. THEY BRANBED DIE BY THE NECK AND PUSHED HIS FACE INTO A TRAY. THEY THEN DROEDED AN AMERICAN IDENTIFIED AS BILLIAM STANFORD TO SIT NEXT TO THE SOURCE. HE WAS DESCRIBED AS VERY NEPYOUS.

5. THE HIJACKERS WERE VERY HISTILE TO EVERYONE BUT APTENTHEY APRIVED IN TEMPAN, THEY RELAXED. THE HIJACKERS HAD ALL THE CREW COME FORWARD AND THEY WERE SEARCHED AND ASKED SEVEPAL TIMES FOR ALL PASSPORTS AND SEARCHED ALL THE LUGGAGE.

E. THE STURCE BAID THAT THERE WERE FIVE HIJACKERS.

FOUR MOVED AROUND THE CARIF AND DNE STAYED IN THE

COCKRIT. THE MIJACKERS WORE VARIOUS CLOTHES TO INCLUDE

A JOGGING SUIT. JEAN PANTS AND JACKETS AND JEANS WITH A

LEATHER JACKET. THE MEN WERE DESCRIBED AS FARLY TO WID

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20% WITH THE LEADER REING FAT WITH A ROUND FACE. THERE FOUR PISTOLS AND ONE HAND GRENADE WHICH WAS PARSEL FROM HIJACKER TO HIJACKER. THE MIJACKERS CONSTANTLY MOVED AROUND AND DED NOT STAY IN ONE PLACE.

To the Source also reposited that they obtained an axe from the emergency supplies but sabone explosives other than the hand ghe ade.

B. AFTER ARRIVAL IN TEHRAND THE MIJACKERS THOK AN AMERICAN TO THE FRONT OF THE PLANE. HE WAS DESCRIPED AS BEING TALE AND FATO REARING A RED SHIFT. SHE MEAND A SHOT AND UTO NOT SEE THE PASSENGER AGAIN. SHE WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY THE PERSONN AS MEING ONE OF THE USAID EMPLOYEES.

9. ALL DISCUSSIONS BY THE HIJACPEPS WAS DONE IN ARABIC WITH TRANSLATIONS BEING PHOLYTCH BY OTHER PEOPLE ON THE PLANE. THE HIJACKERS ALSO USED SIGN LANGUAGE WHICH THE STURCE DESCRIBED AS UNDERSTANDARLE.

10. LATE IN THE FIRST DAYS THE LADIER AND CHILDREN WERE CALLED TO THE FIRST CLASS CABIN AND WERE TOLD THAT THEY WOULD HE PELEASED IN EXCHANGE FOR FUEL. IF THE PUFL SAS NOT PHOTOLOGY THEN THE PELEASE WOULD NOT TAKE PLACE. TEN PEROLE INCLUDING THE SOURCE WERE THEN RELEASED. THE REWAINING WOMEN TOLD THE SOURCE LATER THAT THE ATTITUDE OF THE HIJACKERS HANDENED AFTER THIS RELEASE. THREE HOURS LATER THE OTHER LADIES WERE

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11. THE SOUPCE LIE FOT SEE ANY UNUSUAL EQUIPMENT HEIDS USED BY THE HEJACKERS AND SAN NO INDICATIONS OF OUTSINE ASSISTANCE. THE SOUPCE ALSO DENTED ANY INVOLVED OTHER THAN THE FIVE OFRSINS.

12. THE ENGLISH SPEAKING CAPABILITIES OF THIS STURCE WELL NOT AS GUOD AS THE OTHER USCIT AND IT DAS DIFFICULT TO GET HER TO UNDERSTAND THE OUESTIONS EVER WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF MER HUSBAND.

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2. WE NOTE FROM REFTEL THAT THE SAUDIS ARE THINKING IN TERMS OF A RESOLUTION AT SANAA WHICH WOULD REQUIRE COUN-TRIES TO EXTRADITE HIJACKERS TO THE COUNTRY FROM WHICH THE HIJACKING TOOK PLACE. THIS IDEA HAS TWO NEGATIVE

FEATURES.

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ON A MORE GENERAL PLANE, IT WOULD NOT BE HELPFUL TO TRY TO MODIFY THE BASIC HAGUE CONVENTION ALTERNATIVE OF EXTRADITE OR BRING FOR PROSECUTION. THERE ARE ALL TOO MANY CASES, PARTICULARLY IN EASTERN EUROPE, WHERE WE WOULD BE MOST RELUCTANT TO EXTRADITE HIJACKERS WHOSE MOTIVES WERE ESSENTIALLY ESCAPE FROM THE REPRESSIVE SYSTEMS THERE.

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