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LEBANON: POLICE IDENTIFY CORPSES AS THREE BRITONS

GF171108 DOHA QNA IN ARABIC 1058 GMT 17 APR 86

(TEXT) BEIRUT, 17 APR (QNA) -- LEBANESE SECURITY FORCES THIS MORNING FOUND THE CORPSES OF THREE BRITONS WHO WERE KIDNAPPED IN BEIRUT EARLIER. SECURITY SOURCES TIPPED THE CORPSES TO BE THOSE OF ALLEC COLLETT, PHILIP PATFIELD, AND LEIGH DOUGLAS.

AN UNIDENTIFIED PERSON WHO SAID HE IS TALKING IN THE NAME OF THE ISLAMIC JIHAD ORGANIZATION INFORMED SOME LOCAL RADIOS THIS MORNING THAT THE ORGANIZATION EXECUTED THE KIDNAPPED BRITONS. IT IS EXPECTED THAT EXECUTION WILL BE CARRIED AGAINST SOME KIDNAPPED AMERICANS IN LEBANON IN REPLY TO THE U.S. ATTACK ON LIBYA.

17 APR 1137Z JR

SIT ROOM COMMENT: WE HAVE NO OTHER INFORMATION TO CONFIRM THIS PRESS PIECE.

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E. O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: PREL, MOPS, LY, US
SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT NO. 6 AS OF 1700 EST
APRIL 17, 1986

1. TERRORIST INCIDENTS

POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF THREE BODIES DISCOVERED IN
BEIRUT THIS MORNING: ALEC COLLETT, PHILLIP PADFIELD AND
LEIGH DOUGLAS. ALL THREE BRITISH NATIONALS. PADFIELD
AND DOUGLAS PROFESSORS AT THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN
BEIRUT; BOTH TAKEN HOSTAGE 3/86. COLLETT, UNWRA, TAKEN
HOSTAGE 3/85.

UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT BRITISH JOURNALIST KIDNAPPED IN
BEIRUT THIS MORNING.

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ACCORDING TO LEBANESE RADIO STATIONS, AT LEAST 27 SYRIAN CADETS KILLED AND MANY OTHERS INJURED IN SEVEN TERRORIST BOMB EXPLOSIONS ACROSS COASTAL SYRIA TODAY. NO IMMEDIATE GOS COMMENT. CONNECTION TO LIBYAN EVENTS UNLIKELY.

IN TUNIS TODAY, TWO MOLOTOV COCKTAILS HURLED AT VEHICLES PARKED NEAR USMSG RESIDENCE. NO CASUALTIES; ONE VEHICLE DAMAGED.

2. QADHAFI WHEREABOUTS/WELFARE

AMEMBASSY RABAT REPORTS THAT MOROCCAN DELEGATION MET WITH QADHAFI IN TRIPOLI, 4/16: MEETING IN AZIZZIYA COMPOUND; QADHAFI COMPLETELY UNINJURED BUT SHOCKED BY ATTACK; QADHAFI CLAIMED BABY DAUGHTER KILLED, TWO SONS MODERATELY WOUNDED; DELEGATION DID NOT ASCERTAIN WHERE QADHAFI WAS AT TIME OF ATTACK. MOROCCAN DELEGATION NOTED THAT WINDOWS IN QADHAFI'S "OFFICE" BLOWN OUT BUT NOT MUCH OTHER DAMAGE IN AZIZZIYA COMPOUND. DELEGATION ALSO OBSERVED, DURING RESTRICTED, GUIDED TOUR, THAT FRENCH EMBASSY DAMAGED; NEARBY PRIVATE RESIDENCES COMPLETELY DESTROYED. LIBYANS EXPECTING FURTHER ATTACKS, LIBYAN PUBLIC RALLYING TO QADHAFI.

UNCONFIRMED INTELLIGENCE REPORTS OF QADHAFI'S PRESENCE (AS OF 4/17) IN SEBHA, SOUTHERN LIBYA, BUT MAY BE BACK IN TRIPOLI.

NO NEW CONFIRMED REPORTS OF FIGHTING/DISRUPTION IN TRIPOLI.

3. DIPLOMATIC REACTIONS

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SOVIET BLOC/NON-ALIGNED NATIONS CONTINUE CRITICISM OF U. S. "AGGRESSION" AGAINST LIBYA IN UNSC DEBATE. LIBYAN DRAFT RESOLUTION, HOWEVER, APPEARS DEAD. ONLY AUSTRALIA HAS BEEN CRITICAL OF LIBYA. USUN WORKING TO HEAD OFF POSSIBLE PASSAGE OF A TEXT CRITICAL OF U.S., WHICH WE WOULD VETO. DEBATE MAY CONTINUE INTO NEXT WEEK.

IN APRIL 17 EC EMERGENCY MEETING IN PARIS, EC FOREIGN MINISTERS AGREED NOT TO ISSUE NEW JOINT STATEMENT. APRIL 14 STATEMENT MAINTAINED IN ITS ENTIRETY. AGREED TO ACCELERATE CONSIDERATION OF COUNTER-TERRORISM MEASURES. (NB: EUROPEAN PRESS CARRYING ACCOUNTS THAT EMPHASIS OF MEETING CRITICAL OF US ACTIONS).

4. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. SHULTZ
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E.O. 12356: DECLJ OADR
TAGS: PTER, ASEC, LE, UK, EI
SUBJECT: THIRD BODY NOT ALEX COLLETT

1. ~~1~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. UK AMBASSADOR TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR 1330 LOCAL, APRIL 18, TO SAY THAT UNRWA PEOPLE WHO KNEW COLLETT WELL HAD SAID THAT THIRD BODY WAS DEFINITELY NOT COLLETT. IRISH COUNSELOR, AS REPORTED EARLIER, IS PRETTY CONFIDENT THAT IT IS NOT REPEAT NOT KEENAN, THOUGH UK AMBASSADOR SAID HE WOULD BE SEEKING TO CNFIRM THIS DIRECTLY WITH IRISH AMBASSADOR.

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3. WE ARE NOW ATTEMPTING TO DETERMINE IF BODY IS
ONE OF THE AMERICAN HOSTAGES, WORKING THROUGH VARIOUS
CONTACTS, INCLUDING AT AUB/AUH, ICRC, AND AP AND CRS
PEOPLE IN WEST BEIRUT.

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E. O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: PTER, ASEC, UK, LE
SUBJECT: CLAIMS OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASSASSINATION
OF BRITISH HOSTAGES

REFTEL: BEIRUT 2036 (NOTAL) AND PREVIOUS

1. A GROUP CALLING ITSELF "THE ORGANIZATION OF
REVOLUTIONARY SOCIALIST MUSLIMS" HAS CLAIMED
RESPONSIBILITY FOR KILLING ALEC COLLETT, THE
BRITISH JOURNALIST WORKING FOR UNRWA WHO WAS

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KIDNAPPED OVER ONE YEAR AGO. THE STATEMENT DECLARED: "WE ANNOUNCE THE SENTENCE OF DEATH FOR THE BRITISH SPY ALEC COLLETT, TO BE EXECUTED DURING A POPULAR CEREMONY TO PUNISH THE CRIMINAL THATCHER AND HER FOREIGN MINISTER HOWE AND HER REACTIONARY AUTHORITY WHICH HAS TRANSFORMED HER COUNTRY INTO AN AMERICAN COLONY." THE SAME GROU ALSO "INVITED ALL ORGANIZATIONS THAT HOLD AMERICAN AND BRITISH HOSTAGES TO EXECUTE THEM, AS SPILLING THE BLOOD OF AMERICANS OR BRITONS WHEREVER THEY ARE FOUND HAS BECOME LEGITIMATE AFTER THE CRIMINAL ACTS PERPETRATED BY THE CRIMINALS REAGAN AND THATCHER." THE GROUP ALSO ANNOUNCED THE "NEUTRALIZATION OF EUROPE" IN THE BATTLE WAGED AGAINST U.S. AND BRITISH FORCES. ACCORDING TO THE COMMUNIQUE, COLLETT WAS HANGED BEFORE BEING SHOT.

2. ANOTHER COMMUNIQUE, SIGNED BY "THE ARAB FEDAYEEN CELLS" SAID:

"IN RESPONSE TO THE ATTACK OF THE NAZI REAGAN AGAINST THE ARAB PEOPLE OF LIBYA, LAUNCHED WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, WE HAVE EXECUTED AN OFFICIAL OF THE CIA AND TWO BRITISH INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS. THIS EXECUTION ILLUSTRATES THE REVOLUTIONARY POSITION OF THE ARAB FEDAYEEN CELLS IN THE DEFENSE OF OUR ARAB NATION AND OF OUR ARAB SOIL, WHICH WAS VIOLATED BY THE IMPERIALIST, ZIONIST, AND REACTIONARY ENEMIES. IT IS A RESPONSE TO THE NEO-NAZI AND TO THE INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST REAGAN WHO COMMITTED AGGRESSION AGAINST OUR LIBYAN ARAB PEOPLE, COMMANDED BY THE MILITANT CHIEF MUAMMAR QADHAFI. THE AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS AND BRITISH IMPERIALISTS AND THEIR

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INTERESTS ARE OUR TARGETS. WE WILL NOT CEASE BEFORE PURGING OUR NATION OF THESE ZIONIST IMPERIALISTS ANJUWE WILL TRACK THEM DOWN EVERYWHERE."

3. WALID JUMBLATT, PSP LEADER, SPOKE OUT AGAINST THE TERRORISTS. AFTER NOTING THAT HE HAD DENOUNCED THE U. S. RAID AGAINST LIBYA, HE SAID THAT HE COULD NOT REMAIN QUIET ABOUT CRIMES COMMITTED IN THE NAME OF NATIONALISM, ARABISM, OR ISLAM. "I CANNOT REMAIN QUIET WHEN CONFRONTED BY ACTS PERPETRATED BY MERCENARIES FOR A FEW DOLLARS. I PERSONALLY ANUME THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY WORDS, BECAUSE I SEE THAT MY COUNTRY IS GOING DOWN THE DRAIN AND THAT WEST BEIRUT IS NOW JUST ABOUT A JUNGLE."

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