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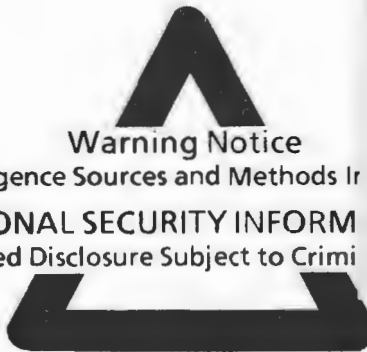
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OTHER GROUPS INVOLVED TO BELIEVE THAT GOF IS WIDE OPEN TO PRESSURE. I AM APPALLED TO READ IN REF A OF YET ANOTHER SUBSTANTIAL STEP TAKEN BY GOF DOWN THIS MISERABLE ROAD WITH DISPATCH OF ROSS AND BONNEFOUS TO CURRY FAVOR WITH THE IRANIANS. (PERHAPS I HAVE BEEN IN BEIRUT TOO LONG, BUT I CANNOT HELP BUT NOTICE THE COINCIDENCE BETWEEN KIDNAPPING OF FRENCH TEACHER AND ARRIVAL OF ROSS AND BONNEFOUS IN TEHRAN.) SO MUCH FOR "CHIRAC THE BULLDOZER."

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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
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SUBJECT: FRENCH HOSTAGES AND MISSION TO TEHRAN

REF: (A) PARIS 14969, (B) BEIRUT L848

1. ✓ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. IN BRIEF EXCHANGE DURING DINNER AT THE RESIDENCE LAST NIGHT (APRIL 9), FRENCH AMBASSADOR CHRISTIAN GRAEFF (PROTECT) TOLD ME THAT KIDNAPPING OF FRENCH TEACHER EARLIER IN THE DAY NOW PUT ISSUE OF WITHDRAWAL OF FRENCH TEACHERS FRONT AND CENTER. HE SAID THAT THOUGH THERE WAS INTENSE CONCERN IN PARIS, THE GOF HAD TAKEN NO IMMEDIATE DECISION TO WITHDRAW THE TEACHERS. INSTEAD, IT HAD SADDLED HIM WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MAKING THE RECOMMENDATION, IF NOT THE DECISION, HIMSELF, AND HE WOULD BE DOING THIS APRIL 10.

3. GRAEFF SAID IT WAS NOT EASY BECAUSE WITHDRAWAL OF THE TEACHERS WOULD HAVE HEAVY IMPACT ON HUNDREDS AND THOUSANDS OF LEBANESE STUDENTS. MOREOVER, THE TEACHERS FELL INTO DIFFERENT CATEGORIES, AND THE GOF HAD MORE AUTHORITY OVER SOME THAN OTHERS. AT THIS POINT, HE WAS NOT SURE WHAT THE BEST COURSE WAS.

4. GRAEFF THEN TOLD ME THAT ROSS AND BONNEFOUS WERE IN TEHRAN (REF A), AND INTIMATED THAT HE HOPED THAT SOMETHING WOULD COME OUT OF THEIR DISCUSSIONS BEARING ON THE KIDNAPPING AND HOSTAGES AND ON THE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER TO WITHDRAW THE TEACHERS.

5. COMMENT: GOF HANDLING OF THE HOSTAGE BUSINESS IN THE PAST MONTHS HAS, IN MY VIEW, LED IRANIAN AND

6. THAT SAID, I THINK WE HAVE REASON AND RIGHT TO APPROACH THE NEW GOF--AND CHIRAC PERSONALLY--TO REGISTER IN FIRM TERMS THAT WE THINK THEY DO NEITHER THEMSELVES NOR US REPEAT US ANY GOOD BY TEACHING THE PEOPLE OPERATING AGAINST US BOTH THAT SUBSTANTIAL POLICY CHANGES AND CONCESSIONS CAN BE EXTORTED FROM WESTERN NATIONS BY DIRECT ASSAULTS ON THEIR CITIZENS. WHAT HAPPENS TO WHATEVER MAY REMAIN OF FRENCH "GRANDEUR ET ARMOUR-PROPRE" AS WELL AS TO FRENCH CITIZENS IN THIS BUSINESS IS THEIR AFFAIR. BUT IT HAS DIRECT CONSEQUENCES FOR US AS WELL, AND WE OUGHT TO TELL CHIRAC AND THE NEW GOF THIS IF WE HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO. END COMMENT.
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3. (C) WE WILL REPORT FULLY ON ANY OTHER INFORMATION
WE ARE ABLE TO DEVELOP ABOUT THIS.
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SUBJECT: ESCAPEE FROM SHAYK ABDULLA BARRACKS
CLAIMS TO HAVE SEEN U.S. HOSTAGES

1. (U) ON APRIL 7 THE AL-AMAL NEWSPAPER RAN AN
ITEM CONCERNING HIZBALLAH HELD HOSTAGES IN THE
SHAYK ABDULLAH BARRACKS. TEXT OF ARTICLE IN
INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:
"HIZBALLAH DETAINEES IN THE SHAYK ABDULLAH BARRACKS"

"THE VOICE OF LEBANON BROADCAST YESTERDAY
THAT ESCAPEES FROM THE SHAYK ABDULLAH BARRACKS
IN BA'LABAKK DISCLOSED THE PRESENCE OF DETAINEES
FROM FRANCE, AMERICA, LEBANON, AND PALESTINE,
HELD IN SEPARATE ROOMS. SOME OF THEM SUFFER FROM
SERIOUS HEALTH PROBLEMS, WHICH CAUSED HIZBALLAH
TO USE A NUMBER OF IRANIAN DOCTORS TO TREAT THE
AMERICAN AND FRENCH DETAINEES."

"IT WAS ALSO DISCLOSED THAT AMONG THOSE KIDNAPPED
WAS A LEBANESE LEADER KIDNAPPED SOME TIME AGO
IN WEST BEIRUT."

"THE INFORMATION ALSO REVEALED THAT HIZBALLAH
HAD TAKEN STRICT SECURITY MEASURES AROUND THE
BARRACKS TO PREVENT ANY NEW ATTEMPT BY DETAINEES
TO ESCAPE."

2. (C) WE HAVE SPOKEN WITH A SOURCE AT VOL
WHO FURTHER EXPLAINED THAT THE ESCAPEES HAD
DUG THEIR WAY OUT. THE WEST BEIRUT LEADER MENTIONED
IN THE ARTICLE IS FARUQ SHIHAB AD-DIN, A SUNNI
LEADER WHO HAD VISITED BASHIR GEMAYEL SHORTLY
AFTER HIS ELECTION AS LEBANESE PRESIDENT. OUR
SOURCE AGREED TO SEEK THE NAME OF THE ESCAPEE
WHO GAVE THE ORIGINAL INTERVIEW, BUT SHE TOLD
US THAT "THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE TO BE PAID
FOR INFORMATION."

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E. O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: PTER, ASEC, PREL, FR, LE
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE FRENCH KIDNAPPING

1. VOL RADIO REPORTED AT 14:15 LOCAL TIME APRIL 9 THAT A FRENCH TEACHER, LAST SEEN ON HAMRA STREET ON THE EVENING OF APRIL 8, HAS BEEN REPORTED MISSING AND IS PRESUMED TO HAVE BEEN KIDNAPPED. THE WEST BEIRUT RADIO STATION SAWT IL WATAN REPORTED AT 15:00 THAT FRENCH EMBASSY SOURCES HAD CONFIRMED THAT MICHEL BARIAN (PHONETIC) WAS LAST SEEN NEAR THE MOKKA COFFEE SHOP AT 18:30 APRIL 8 AND THAT

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HE COULD NOT NOW BE LOCATED.

2. (C) COMMENT: AT THIS POINT THERE IS NO CONFIRMATION
THAT THIS TEACHER HAS BEEN KIDNAPPED, BUT, GIVEN
THE CIRCUMSTANCES, A KIDNAPPING IS THE MOST LIKELY
EXPLANATION FOR HIS DISAPPEARANCE. END COMMENT.

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SUBJECT: FRENCH HOSTAGE MICHEL BRIAN

REF: DAMASCUS 2306

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2. SUMMARY: FRENCH COUNSELLOR OF EMBASSY JEAN PI
GOURDON PROVIDED EMBOFF WITH MORE DETAILS TODAY,
APRIL 14, ABOUT BRIAN'S ESCAPE, MAKING IT CLEAR
THAT, ALTHOUGH FRENCH HAVE FORMALLY THANKED SYRIA

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PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY, BRIAN GOT AWAY FROM HIS KIDNAPPERS IN A WAY THAT OWES NOTHING TO SYRIAN EFFORTS. END SUMMARY.

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3. FRENCH COUNSELLOR JEAN PIERRE GOURDON (STRICTLY PROTECT) TOLD EMBASSY 14 APRIL THAT KIDNAPPEE FRENCH TEACHER FROM BEIRUT MICHEL BRIAN (NOTE CORRECT SPELLING) HAD BEEN DRIVEN ON DAY OF HIS ABDUCTION FROM BEIRUT TO THE BIQA', WHERE HE WAS KEPT IN A VERY SMALL AND ISOLATED HOUSE. FOR UNKNOWN REASONS HE WAS ALLOWED TO WALK OUTSIDE IN THE YARD AND GOT A GOOD VIEW OF HIS SURROUNDINGS AND THE HOUSE. GOURDON SUGGESTED IT MIGHT EVEN BE POSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY THE LOCATION, BASED ON THE MANY DETAILS BRIAN PROVIDED. THAT NIGHT HE WAS DRIVEN ON A LONG, LEVEL STRAIGHT ROAD (SO, SAYS GOURDON, PROBABLY STRAIGHT UP THE BIQA', NORTHWARDS) TO ANOTHER, LARGER HOUSE IN A SMALL SETTLEMENT. HERE HE WAS NOT ALLOWED OUTSIDE AND COULD NOT GIVE SO MANY DETAILS.

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4. HE WAS INTERROGATED IN FRENCH BY SOMEONE WHO WAS IMPORTANT ENOUGH FOR THE KIDNAPPERS TO BLINDFOLD BRIAN WHEN THE INTERROGATOR WAS IN THE ROOM. THE QUESTIONS, HOWEVER, WERE ALL ABOUT OTHER TEACHERS IN BRIAN'S SCHOOL AND GOURDON SPECULATES THAT THE KIDNAPPERS MIGHT POSSIBLY HAVE GOTTEN THE WRONG MAN. (THE OTHER TEACHERS HAVE BEEN WARNED.) THEY TREATED HIM, IN ANY CASE, WITH SUCH SOLICITUDE THAT BRIAN CAME AWAY PROTECTIVE OF THEM. (AMAZING, SAYS GOURDON, WHAT CAN HAPPEN TO THE PSYCHE OF A KIDNAP VICTIM.)

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5. NOTHING IN THE INTERROGATION ALLOWED BRIAN TO

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DRAW ANY CONCLUSIONS ABOUT THE KIDNAPERS' DEMANDS. THEY OFFERED NO JUSTIFICATIONS FOR THE ACT, AND

DOES NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY ABOUT THEIR ATTITUDES. HE BELIEVES THAT THEY WERE MUSLIM AND ARAB, BUT NOT FUNDAMENTALIST. ONE ANOMALY: BRIAN HEARD UNIDENTIFIED "OTHER LANGUAGES" SPOKEN AT THE SECOND LOCATION. (COMMENT: GOURDON TOLD US ON APRIL 12 THAT BRIAN SPEAKS NO ARABIC.)

6. DURING THE THIRD MOVE, WHICH WAS AGAIN AT NIGHT BRIAN WAS ONCE AGAIN SEATED IN THE CAR, NOT STUFFED IN THE TRUNK AS IN THE FIRST MOVE, ACROSS THE MOUNTAINS TO THE BIQA'. BRIAN WAS BLINDFOLDED AND HIS HANDS WERE TIED; FIRING STARTED, APPARENTLY AHEAD OF THE CAR. THE OCCUPANTS AROUND HIM REACTED WITHOUT MUCH ALARM BUT WITH SOME CONFUSION. THEY DID NOT FIRE THEMSELVES BUT STOPPED THE CAR. IT WAS NOT IN GOOD REPAIR, AND THE MOTOR DIED. AT SOME POINT THEY TOLD HIM TO GET OUT OF THE CAR AND LAY DOWN ON THE ROAD. HE DID SO AND EVENTUALLY--WITH DIFFICULTY--THE KIDNAPPERS RE-STARTED THE ENGINE AND DROVE OFF IN THE DIRECTION FROM WHICH THEY

HAD COME. BRIAN SAYS THE "LEBANESE FAMILY" WHICH THEN FOUND HIM WAS GENUINELY SURPRISED. THEY TOOK OFF HIS BLINDFOLD AND CUT HIS BONDS, ASKED WHO HE WAS, BUT SINCE NO ONE IN THE GROUP COULD SPEAK FRENCH, THERE WAS GREAT PUZZLEMENT.

7. FROM ALL THIS, GOURDON IS UNABLE TO CONCLUDE THAT THIS WAS A PLANNED DUMP OF BRIAN BUT HE ALSO FEELS THAT THE KIDNAPPERS WERE UNDER NO STRONG COMPUNCTION TO KEEP BRIAN.

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8. GOURDON SAYS THAT THEY HAVE TELEPHONE AND CABLE INSTRUCTIONS FROM PARIS NOT REPEAT NOT TO DISCUSS THE DETAILS OF BRIAN'S RELEASE. HE NOTED THAT THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER THANKED THE SYRIANS PUBLICLY WHEN BRIAN ARRIVED AT THE AIRPORT IN PARIS, AND SHARA' HAD ALSO RECEIVED

BT a written private message of thanks. The French hope to use these goodwill gestures to get someone or other hostages. They hope Brian will not embarrass them.

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BEIRUT (UPI) -- A PRO-LIBYAN UNDERGROUND GROUP SAID IT HANGED
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NEWSPAPER SAYS IT RECEIVED FILM SHOWING HANGING OF COLLETT
BEIRUT, APRIL 23, REUTER - THE INDEPENDENT BEIRUT NEWSPAPER
NAHAR SAID TODAY IT RECEIVED A VIDEO CASSETTE PURPORTING TO
SHOW THE HANGING OF BRITISH JOURNALIST ALEC COLLETT.

COLLETT WAS KIDNAPPED IN LEBANON MARCH 25, 1985. AN EDITOR OF
THE DAILY NEWSPAPER TELEPHONED AN INTERNATIONAL NEWS AGENCY IN
BEIRUT TO TELL IT ABOUT THE VIDEO.

THE REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATION OF SOCIALIST MOSLEMS ANNOUNCED
LAST WEEK THAT IT HAD EXECUTED COLLETT BY HANGING.

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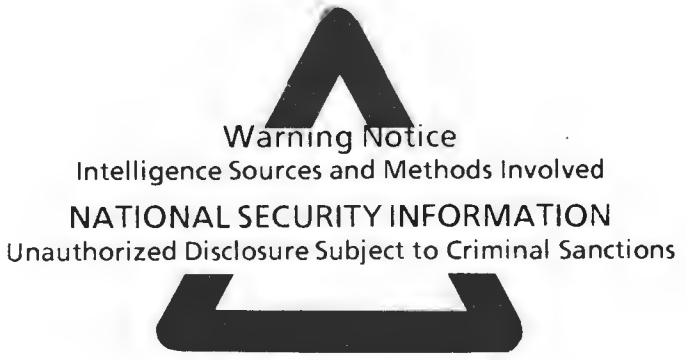
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KIDNAPPERS FREE SIX CHRISTIANS, NO WORD ON FRENCH HOSTAGES
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BEIRUT, JUNE 20. REUTER - AN ANONYMOUS CALLER SAYING HE SPOKE FOR THE "REVOLUTIONARY JUSTICE ORGANIZATION" SAID TODAY THAT TWO OF FOUR FRENCH HOSTAGES IT HELD WOULD BE RELEASED "WITHIN THE COMING FEW HOURS."

THE CALLER TOLD AN INTERNATIONAL NEWS AGENCY THAT AN ENVOY OF SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ AL-ASSAD, THE ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR, THE HEAD OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS IN LEBANON AND THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR SHOULD GO TO A HOTEL IN MOSLEM WEST BEIRUT.

"THEY HAVE TO BE AT THE SOURIVAGE HOTEL AT 7 PM (11 A.M. EDT)," THE CALLER SAID. HE SAID THE GROUP WOULD MAKE ANOTHER CALL LATER.

EARLIER, KIDNAPPERS DEMANDING THE RELEASE OF MOSLEMS SEIZED IN LEBANON'S CIVIL WAR FREED SIX CHRISTIAN LEBANESE, A LOCAL NEWSPAPER REPORTED TODAY.

THE INDEPENDENT AN-NAHAR NEWSPAPER SAID A STATEMENT BY THE ABDUCTORS OF THE CHRISTIANS, THE "INDEPENDENT MOVEMENT FOR THE LIBERATION OF THE KIDNAPPED," WAS HANDED TO IT BY THE FREED CHRISTIANS LAST NIGHT.

"WE HAVE RELEASED THE KIDNAPPED AND CONSIDER WE HAVE TAKEN A PEACEFUL AND POSITIVE STEP ... HOPING THAT EVERYBODY WOULD WORK TO END THIS PROBLEM," THE STATEMENT SAID.

IN AN EARLIER CALL, THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE "REVOLUTIONARY JUSTICE ORGANIZATION," TOLD AN-NAHAR THAT TWO MEMBERS OF THE FOUR-MAN FRENCH TELEVISION TEAM WOULD BE RELEASED THIS MORNING IN FRONT OF THE PAPER'S OFFICE IN MOSLEM WEST BEIRUT.

BUT THERE WAS NO SIGN OF THEM SEVERAL HOURS AFTER THE PROMISED HOUR. THERE WAS NO INDICATION THE RELEASE OF THE CHRISTIANS WAS IN ANY WAY LINKED TO THE FRENCH HOSTAGES.

THOUSANDS OF CHRISTIANS AND MOSLEMS HAVE DISAPPEARED DURING 11 YEARS OF SECTARIAN CONFLICT. THE MAIN CHRISTIAN "LEBANESE FORCES" MILITIA FREED 33 MOSLEMS IN APRIL AND SAYS IT HAS NO MORE PRISONERS.

THE REVOLUTIONARY JUSTICE ORGANIZATION HAS CLAIMED TO HAVE KIDNAPPED THE MEMBERS OF THE FRENCH ANTENNE-2 NETWORK TELEVISION TEAM, GEORGES HANSEN, JEAN-Louis NORMANDIN, PHILIPPE ROCHOT AND AUREL CORNEA.

THE FOUR WERE KIDNAPPED IN MARCH AS THEY RETURNED FROM A MOSLEM FUNDAMENTALIST HIZBOLLAH (PARTY OF GOD) RALLY AT BEIRUT'S SHI'ITE SOUTHERN SUBURBS.

THE CALLER TOLD AN-NAHAR: "DEPENDING ON NEW GUARANTEES FROM THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT TO CHANGE ITS POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST ... AND THE HUMANITARIAN MEDIATION OF THOSE WE TRUST INCLUDING SOME FRIENDS AND COMRADES IN HIZBOLLAH, AND THE MEDIATION BY SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ AL ASSAD AND THE ALGERIANS ... WE ANNOUNCE THE RELEASE OF TWO OF THE FRENCH HOSTAGES."

THE TV CREW MEMBERS ARE AMONG 10 FRENCH CITIZENS HELD HOSTAGE IN LEBANON. ABOUT 12 OTHER FOREIGNERS -- INCLUDING FIVE AMERICANS -- ARE MISSING AND BELIEVED KIDNAPPED HERE.

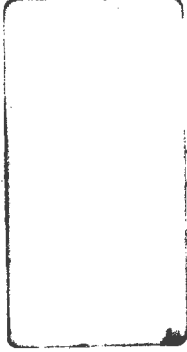
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THE CLANDESTINE "ISLAMIC JIHAD" (HOLY WAR) GROUP CLAIMS TO HOLD FOUR FRENCH HOSTAGES -- DIPLOMATS MARCEL CARTON AND MARCEL FONTAINE, JOURNALIST JEAN-PAUL KAUFFMANN AND RESEARCHER MICHEL SEURAT. IT CLAIMS TO HAVE KILLED SEURAT, BUT HIS BODY HAS NOT BEEN FOUND.

FRENCH CITIZEN CAMILLE SONTAG, 84, WAS KIDNAPPED LAST MAY BUT NO GROUP HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR HOLDING HIM. A LEBANESE-BORN FRENCH WOMAN IS ALSO MISSING AND BELIEVED KIDNAPPED.

COMMENTING ON THE ANONYMOUS CALL, A FRENCH DIPLOMAT AT THE BEIRUT EMBASSY TOLD REUTERS: "I AM NOT SURE ABOUT THIS."

THE CALLER SAID THE GROUP HOPED THAT FRANCE "TAKES THIS



THE BEIRUT POSTER NEWSPAPER SAID IT ALSO RECEIVED AN ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL TODAY ON BEHALF OF THE "REVOLUTIONARY JUSTICE ORGANIZATION".

THE CALLER SAID THE RELEASE OF TWO FRENCH HOSTAGES WAS A "GOOD WILL GESTURE" WHICH HE SAID FOLLOWED GUARANTEES FROM THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES. HE DID NOT ELABORATE.

THERE HAVE BEEN REPTHEIR CAPTIVES IF

WESTERN OR ARAB STATES PRESSURE DAMASCUS FOR THEIR RELEASE.

SYRIA, INFLUENTIAL WITH MANY ARMED GROUPS HERE, SAYS IT HAS INTENSIFIED CONTACTS FOR THE KIDNAP VICTIMS' FREEDOM.

BEIRUT MEDIA HAVE SAID IRAN'S ROLE MAY ALSO BE CRUCIAL.

BUT TEHRAN HAS DENIED ANY LINK WITH THE KIDNAPPINGS, AND ON JUNE 8 A SENIOR IRANIAN OFFICIAL SAID HIS COUNTRY COULD NOT FORCE PRO-IRANIAN GROUPS IN LEBANON TO RELEASE FRENCH NATIONALS.

*Maybe the Iranians "stupid" ...
like to deal in*

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(ADDING QUOTES, DETAILS)

BEIRUT, LEBANON (UPI) -- TWO FRENCH HOSTAGES WERE FREED LATE FRIDAY BY THEIR MOSLEM ABDUCTORS ON A DARKENED WATERFRONT STREET AFTER THREE MONTHS IN CAPTIVITY.

THE REVOLUTIONARY JUSTICE ORGANIZATION SAID IT FREED THE TWO TELEVISION JOURNALISTS BECAUSE OF CHANGES IN FRANCES MIDDLE EAST POLICY AND BECAUSE OF MEDIATION BY SYRIA, ALGERIA AND THE PRO-IRAN

HEZBOLLAH, OR PARTY OF GOD.

THE TWO HOSTAGES, PHILIP ROCHOT AND GEORGE HANSEN, WALKED TOWARD THE HOTEL BEAURIVAGE ON THE BEACH FRONT PROMENADE IN WEST BEIRUT AFTER THE GUNMEN DROPPED THE TWO NEWSMEN OFF.

THE RELEASE CAME AT THE END OF A DAY OF FALSE STARTS AND RUMORS THAT LED AT ONE TIME TO A WILD CHASE THROUGH THE STREETS OF MOSLEM WEST BEIRUT BETWEEN FRENCH EMBASSY CARS, A CAR OF GUNMEN AND JOURNALISTS TAILING BEHIND.

THE REVOLUTIONARY JUSTICE ORGANIZATION, A HEREFOR UNKNOWN UNDERGROUND GROUP, ANNOUNCED EARLY FRIDAY THE RELEASE WOULD TAKE PLACE IN 24 HOURS BECAUSE IT SAID FRANCE HAD CHANGED ITS MIDDLE EAST POLICIES.

"WE ANNOUNCE THE RELEASE OF TWO OF THE FRENCH HOSTAGES IN THE HOPE THAT FRANCE WILL TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO FURTHER CORRECT ITS POLICIES SO THAT THE REST OF ITS HOSTAGES WILL ALSO BE RELEASED," THE STATEMENT SAID.

FOUR MEMBERS OF THE FRENCH TELEVISION CREW WERE ABDUCTED MARCH 8 WHEN RETURNING FROM A RALLY OF THE MOSLEM SHIITE FUNDAMENTALIST HEZBOLLAH MOVEMENT IN BEIRUTS SOUTHERN SUBURBS.

THE REMAINING HOSTAGES ARE AUREL CORNEA, 54, AND JEAN-LOUIS NORMANDIN, 34.

"WE WERE TAKEN NOT BECAUSE WE COVERED THE HEZBOLLAH RALLY, BUT BECAUSE WE WERE PASSING ON THE AIRPORT ROAD" AT THE TIME, ROCHOT TOLD REPORTERS.

"THE GUNMEN BLINDFOLDED US AND TOLD US NOT TO WORRY AND THAT THEY WILL RELEASE US BECAUSE THEY DO NOT HAVE HATRED AGAINST THE FRENCH PEOPLE," ROCHOT SAID.

"WE WERE BLINDFOLDED. WE DID NOT KNOW WHERE WE WERE AND WITH WHOM IN THE BEGINNING, BUT THEY TREATED US VERY WELL," ROCHOT SAID AFTER HIS RELEASE.

ROCHOT, SHAVED AND WEARING A WHITE SHIRT, SAID, "MY ONLY CONCERN WAS TO GET FREE. I WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TELEVISION TEAM AND I WAS WORRIED ABOUT THEIR SAFETY."

"WE SLEPT IN A GOOD BED, THEY OFFERED US THREE MEALS EVERY DAY AND BOOKS. I READ ONE OF THE BOOKS THREE TIMES," SAID ROCHOT.

THE GROUP SAID A DECISION TO RELEASE THE MEN WAS MADE AFTER THE INTERVENTION AND MEDIATION OF SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD, AS WELL AS THE GOVERNMENT OF ALGERIA AND OFFICIALS FROM THE PRO-IRANIAN HEZBOLLAH, OR PARTY OF GOD.

THE MORNING BEGAN WITH A WILD CAR CHASE BEGAN BETWEEN GUNMEN, FRENCH EMBASSY VEHICLES AND JOURNALISTS WHEN A LEBANESE NEWSMAN SAID HE SAW "TWO WESTERNERS" GET OUT OF A CAR FILLED WITH GUNMEN AND ENTER THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN MOSLEM WEST BEIRUT. THE CAR THEN DROVE TOWARD CHRISTIAN EAST BEIRUT.

THE REPORTER SAID A FRENCH EMBASSY CAR WAS PART OF A CONVOY OF FOUR VEHICLES IN THE CHASE.

"WE FIRST CHASED THE GUNMEN AND THEIR CARS FOR A WHILE, THEN I SAW TWO MEN WITH WESTERN APPEARANCE GET OFF FROM ONE CAR AND ENTER A FRENCH EMBASSY VEHICLE," THE LEBANESE REPORTER SAID.

"WE LATER CHASED THE FRENCH EMBASSY CONVOY WHICH CROSSED THE GREEN LINE INTO CHRSTAN EAST BEIRUT."

THE RELEASE TOOK PLACE A BLOCK AWAY FROM THE MOSLEM WEST BEIRUT WATERFONT BEAURIVAGE HOTEL, THE HEAQUARTERS OF SYRIAN ARMY OBSERVERS IN LEBANON.

SEVEN FRENCHMEN REMAIN HELD BY VARIOUS GROUPS IN MOSLEM WEST BEIRUT. IN ALL, 21 FOREIGNERS ARE MISSING IN LEBANON, INCLUDING FIVE AMERICANS.

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<SUBJ> SUBJECT: RELEASE OF TWO FRENCH HOSTAGES

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2. SUMMARY: SYRIA WAS VERY EAGER TO ENSURE THAT THE DELIVERY OF THE TWO FRENCHMEN TOOK PLACE IN DAMASCUS AS PART OF ITS EFFORT TO COUNTER WESTERN ACCUSATIONS OF TERRORISM. THE FRENCH EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER SYRIA PLAYED ANY REAL ROLE IN THE RELEASE. END SUMMARY.
3. ACCORDING TO A FRENCH EMBASSY SOURCE, THE TWO ANTENNE 2 CREW MEMBERS, ROCHOT AND HANSEN, WERE TRANSPORTED BY SYRIAN VEHICLES FROM THE HOTEL BEAU RIVAGE IN WEST BEIRUT TO DAMASCUS ON THE MORNING OF JUNE 21. SHORTLY AFTER THE ARRIVAL OF A FRENCH MILITARY AIRCRAFT CARRYING A MILITARY DOCTOR, TWO CHIRAC OFFICIALS (HIS POLITICAL ADVISOR AND HIS OFFICE DIRECTOR), AND THE DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MINISTER RAYMOND'S OFFICE, A SHORT TELEVISED DELIVERY CEREMONY TOOK PLACE IN THE OFFICE OF FOREIGN MINISTER SHARA'. AFTER NO MORE THAN A FIFTEEN MINUTE STOP AT THE FRENCH EMBASSY, THEY WERE WHISKED OFF ON THE PLANE TO PARIS.
4. THE SYRIAN MEDIA HAVE PLAYED UP THE SYRIAN ROLE IN DRAMATIC FASHION. THE TWO RELEASED HOSTAGES ARE QUOTED THANKING SYRIA AND ASAD, AND CHIRAC'S SUBSEQUENT TELEPHONE CALL TO ASAD, AND RAYMOND'S MESSAGE OF THANKS TO SHARA', MAKE BIG HEADLINES.
5. WE ASKED OUR FRENCH EMBASSY SOURCE HOW MUCH OF A ROLE SYRIA ACTUALLY PLAYED. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE WHOLE MATTER OF RELEASE CAME AS A GREAT SURPRISE THE FRENCH EMBASSY ONLY LEARNED OF IT WHEN PARIS CALLED ON THE PREVIOUS EVENING, JUNE 20. BEFOREHAND, THEY HAD BEEN SCEPTICAL OF THE NEWS REPORTS THAT A RELEASE WOULD OCCUR. HE HAD NO SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE ABOUT A SYRIAN ROLE, BUT WHAT IS CLEAR TO HIM IS HOW URGENT THE SYRIANS WERE TO BE PERCEIVED TO HAVE A ROLE. THE HOLDERS INSISTED THAT A REPRESENTATIVE OF ASAD BE PRESENT AT THE HOTEL BEAU RIVAGE, AND IN ANY CASE THAT HOTEL IS KNOWN AS HEADQUARTERS FOR THE SYRIANS IN WEST BEIRUT.
6. OUR SOURCE WAS UNKNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE IDENTITY OF THE CAPTORS. HE HAD A REPORT THAT ALL THE FRENCH HOSTAGES ARE BEING HELD BY "ISLAMIC JIHAD" BUT IT WANTS TO MAKE IT APPEAR THAT DIFFERENT HOSTAGES ARE BEING HELD BY DIFFERENT GROUPS. SIMILARLY, HE HAD NO INFORMATION WHETHER THE RELEASE OF THE FRENCH HOSTAGES IS RELATED TO THE NEARLY SIMULTANEOUS RELEASE OF THE TWO CYPRIOT HOSTAGES.
- &. HE SAID THAT THE MILITARY DOCTOR RECOMMENDED THAT THE TWO RELEASED HOSTAGES BE TAKEN DIRECTLY TO A HOSPITAL IN PARIS. THOUGH ABLE TO CONVERSE, THEY

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WERE IN A VERY DELICATE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL CONDITION,
AS ONE WOULD EXPECT.

8. COMMENT: SYRIA MAY HAVE HAD NO SIGNIFICANT ROLE;
THE RELEASE MAY HAVE TAKEN PLACE ENTIRELY IN FRENCH
IRANIAN CHANNELS. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT DISCOUNT THE
POSSIBILITY THAT THERE WAS A SYRIAN IRANIAN LINK. WE
KNOW THAT ASAD WAS IRATE AT PREVIOUS IRANIAN HIZBALLAH
FALSE PROMISES SINCE HIS OWN PRESTIGE WAS INVOLVED,
AND IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT THE ISSUE WAS RAISED AGAIN IN
RECENT SYRIAN IRANIAN TALKS LEADING TO AN APPARENT
RESUMPTION OF IRANIAN OIL DELIVERIES AND TO THE CANCEL
LATION OF SYRIAN IRAQI BORDER TALKS. WHATEVER THE
SYRIAN ROLE, WHAT IS MOST CLEAR IS THAT THE SYRIANS
WANTED TO USE THE EVENT TO GOOD PROPAGANDISTIC EFFECT,
ESPECIALLY IN THIS PERIOD OF WESTERN ACCUSATIONS AGAINST
SYRIA OF PARTICIPATION IN TERRORISM. RANSOM

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<SUBJ> SUBJECT: RELEASE OF TWO FRENCH HOSTAGES

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1. ~~SECRET~~ ENTIRE TEXT.
2. BASED ON REFTEL A, POLCOUNS SAW QUAI DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL COMBAL THE MORNING OF JUNE 23. COMBAL SAID THAT AT THIS STAGE HE LITERALLY HAD NO MORE INFORMATION ON THE HOSTAGES' RELEASE THAN HAD APPEARED IN THE PRESS. HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD, HOWEVER, WHY THE US WOULD BE ANXIOUS TO HAVE AS MUCH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE AND UNDERTOOK TO CONSULT WITH QUAI CABINET DIRECTOR DESMAREST TO SEE WHAT MORE COULD BE PROVIDED AND ~~WHETHER THE GOF WOULD HAVE ANY OBJECTION TO OUR DEBRIEFING THE HOSTAGES DIRECTLY.~~ AS HE HAD STATED PREVIOUSLY (SEE REFTEL B), THE HOSTAGE AFFAIR HAS BEEN HELD EXTREMELY TIGHTLY AND HANDLED PRIMARILY BY THE MATIGNON.
3. AS TO THE BILATERAL FRENCH/US TERRORISM ~~DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON JUNE 24, 1986,~~ COMBAL SAID THAT HE HAD MET WITH THE FRENCH DELEGATION AFTER THEIR RETURN. THE FRENCH SIDE HAD ~~FOUND THE DISCUSSIONS USEFUL~~ AND COMBAL WAS PLEASED THAT QUIBBLING ABOUT AGENDA HAD BEEN AVOIDED. ASKED THE GOF ATTITUDE TOWARD FURTHER SESSIONS OF THIS TYPE, COMBAL REPEATED THAT THE GOF DID NOT VIEW THIS AS A NEW "MECHANISM" OR AS A STRUCTURED SERIES OF CONSULTATIONS. HOWEVER, HE ~~SAW NO REASON WHY THERE SHOULD NOT BE FURTHER SUCH MEETINGS ON AN AD HOC BASIS FROM TIME TO TIME.~~
4. BEIRUT MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. RODGERS

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