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POINDEXTER MEETING WITH FRENCH MINISTER PANDRAUD

Friday, October 17, 1986

9:15-9:45 a.m.

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BY CIS NARA DATE 4/9/10

- Welcome to the White House for a very intensive two days of talks with our government officials dealing with the problem of international terrorism.
- I know that you, as we, are very "tough" on terrorism -- that we both operate on the conviction that to appease or capitulate to terrorist demands has the effect of encouraging more terrorism.
- I also know that such a firm policy can be very "tough" on the government holding the line -- as both our governments have been under pressure from families and the press regarding our hostages in Lebanon, and as you have been during the recent bombing campaign in Paris regarding the demand to release LARF leader Georges Abdallah.
- We appreciate the efforts your government is making to remain firm on all these issues. For our part, the U.S. Government is gathering all the information it can that is usable in a court of law to help in Abdallah's trial next February.
- We look forward to continued cooperation with you in the future, as we respond to terrorist acts and evidence of state-sponsorship.
- As you know, the British trial of Hindawi for the attempted El Al bombing is coming to a close and evidence of Syrian complicity is overwhelming.
- We intend to support expected British calls for allied unity in response and trust that your government will as well. The Tokyo Summit framework is an ideal mechanism to follow-up on such instances of state-sponsorship of terrorism.
- If, for example, you decide to go after LARF or other terrorist bases in Syrian-controlled Lebanon, we hope that you will consult with us so that we can afford you intelligence and other support as necessary and unified or joint action, as appropriate.
- As the evidence builds of Libyan complicity in the Abu Nidal attacks in Karachi and Istanbul, we intend to share this information with you and seek continued allied cooperation in responding to Qadhafi.
- Close Western cooperation is essential to combat state-sponsored terrorism, whether by Libya, Syria, or Iran.

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TAGS: PTER, ASEC, PGOV, FR, US, OVIP
(PANDRAUD, ROBERT)
SUBJECT: FINAL SCHEDULE FOR PANDRAUD DELEGATION

1. ~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. THIS IS AN ACTION CABLE FOR STATE AND SECRET SERVICE. PLEASE SEE PARAGRAPHS 5, 6, AND 7.

3. PANDRAUD'S CHEF DE CABINET TODAY PASSED THE FINAL SCHEDULE AND LIST OF PARTICIPANTS FOR THE VISIT TO WASHINGTON OCTOBER 15-17. THE DELEGATION WILL BE:

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-- ROBERT PANDRAUD, MINISTER FOR PUBLIC SECURITY
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-- BERNARD GERARD, DIRECTOR OF THE DST
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-- RAYMOND SASIA, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE MINISTER
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-- GILBERT GUILLAUME, LEGAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR AT
- FOREIGN MINISTRY
-- FRANCOIS LE MOUEL, HEAD OF GOF COUNTERTERRORIST
- COORDINATING COMMITTEE (UCLAT)
-- MATHIEU LECA, SECURITY OFFICER
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FRENCH EMBASSY PARTICIPANTS IN VARIOUS SESSIONS WILL BE:

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-- FRENCH AMBASSADOR
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-- MR. SIEFER-GAILLARDIN, DCM
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-- MR. PHILIPPE FAURE, POLITICAL OFFICER
-
-- MR. RIVES, POLITICAL OFFICER
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4. THE DELEGATION'S SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

-- 1540: ARRIVE AT DULLES AIRPORT ON TWA 891.
EXPECTING TO BE MET BY SIEFER-GAILLARDIN AND S/CT
CHIEF BREMER.
-- DINNER AT FRENCH EMBASSY (ALL DELEGATION MEMBERS).
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

-- 0830: BREAKFAST AT FRENCH AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE
(ALL DELEGATION MEMBERS).
-- 1000-1030: MEETING AT FBI HQS WITH JUDGE WEBSTER
(PANDRAUD ONLY).
-- 1030-1130: WORKING SESSION AT FBI WITH REVELL AND
CLARKE (PANDRAUD, SASIA, GUILLAUME, GERARD, LE MOUEL).
-- 1145: MEETING AT CIA HQS WITH CASEY AND COGAN
(PANDRAUD ONLY).
-- 1215-1250: LUNCH AT CIA HOSTED BY CASEY
(PANDRAUD, GERARD, LE MOUEL, SIEFER-GAILLARDIN).
-- 1320-1340: MEETING AT WHITE HOUSE WITH
VICE-PRESIDENT BUSH (FIRST PANDRAUD ONLY, THEN JOINED
BY GUILLAUME AND SIEFER-GAILLARDIN).
-- 1400-1500: MEETING AT CIA WITH ALLEN AND
CLARRIDGE (FIRST GERARD AND LE MOUEL ONLY, THEN JOINED
BY PANDRAUD AFTER HIS WHITE HOUSE APPOINTMENT).
-- 1600-1700: MEETING WITH WASHINGTON POST
JOURNALISTS AT FRENCH AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE

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(PANDRAUD, GUILLAUME, FAURE).

-- 1700: PRESS CONFERENCE FOR FRENCH AND AMERICAN JOURNALISTS AT FRENCH AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE (PANDRAUD, GUILLAUME, SASIA, FAURE).

-- 2000: DINNER AT FRENCH AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE (ENTIRE DELEGATION PLUS VARIOUS PROMINENT AMERICAN GUESTS INVITED).

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

-- 0830: BREAKFAST WITH "THINK-TANK SPECIALISTS" (PANDRAUD, FRENCH AMBASSADOR, GUILLAUME, FAURE).

-- 1030-1100: MEETING AT NSC WITH POINDEXTER (PANDRAUD, FRENCH AMBASSADOR, GUILLAUME).

-- 1130-1200: MEETING AT DEPT OF JUSTICE WITH
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ATTORNEY GENERAL MEESE (PANDRAUD ONLY).

-- 1200-1230: EXPANDED MEETING WITH MEESE (PANDRAUD, FRENCH AMBASSADOR, SASIA, GUILLAUME, GERARD, LE MOUEL).

-- 1230-1400: LUNCH AT JUSTICE HOSTED BY MEESE (PANDRAUD, FRENCH AMBASSADOR, SASIA, GUILLAUME, GERARD, LE MOUEL).

-- 1415-1545: WORKING SESSION AT STATE DEPARTMENT WITH AMBASSADOR BREMER (PANDRAUD, SASIA, GUILLAUME, GERARD, LE MOUEL, SIEFER-GAILLARDIN).

-- 1545-1615: MEETING AT STATE WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY WHITEHEAD (PANDRAUD, FRENCH AMBASSADOR, GUILLAUME, RIVES).

-- 1750: DEPART FROM DULLES ON TWA 890.

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5. FOR SECRET SERVICE: MR. SASIA IS SOON TO BE NAMED THE DIRECTOR OF A NEWLY-CREATED GOF SECURITY APPARATUS SIMILAR TO THE U.S. SECRET SERVICE. IT WILL BE CHARGED WITH PROTECTING TOP OFFICIALS AND STATE VISITORS. PANDRAUD HAS ASKED IF WE COULD ARRANGE MEETINGS FOR SASIA WITH SECRET SERVICE OFFICIALS,

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PREFERABLY ON AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 16.

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6. FOR STATE S/CT: PANDRAUD HAS RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM MR. FREDERICK RYAN, ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT REAGAN, TO MEET WITH HIM (RYAN) BRIEFLY TO DISCUSS THE USG-SPONSORED PUBLIC SECTOR INITIATIVES CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN PARIS IN NOVEMBER. PLEASE CONTACT WHITE HOUSE TO DETERMINE IF RYAN CAN SEE PANDRAUD FOR A FEW MINUTES WHILE THE MINISTER IS AT THE WHITE HOUSE DURING AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 16.

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7. FOR STATE DS/PT/PL: MR. MATHIEU LECA, THE DELEGATION'S SECURITY OFFICER, WILL BE CARRYING A

SMITH AND WESSON MODEL 19.3, CAL. 375 MAGNUM, SERIAL NUMBER D639724. RODGERS
** END OF CABLE **

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PANDRAUD VISIT: BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

Background: Robert Pandraud, French Minister for Public Security, favors a tough policy on terrorism and close cooperation with the U.S. His political survival in a sharp rivalry with the Minister of the Interior, who is less favorable to us and our policies, is in some doubt; Pandraud needs to handle well the red hot terrorist issue to ensure his job. His visit to Washington can provide much needed support for him and the policies he advocates.

Call on Vice President: Prime Minister Chirac wants our support, public and private, for his tough policies on terrorism. The Vice President's strong support for Chirac's policies and team, of which Pandraud is a key member, can help steady the GOF on its new course. (We should also press Pandraud to ensure prosecution of Lebanese terrorist Abdallah for murder of Col. Ray. See section on Attorney General's meeting.) The new policies need time to work; a renewed bombing campaign in Paris, attacks on the French peacekeeping troops in Lebanon, and the hostage issue will increase pressure for a return to the former policies of concessions to terrorists. A photo opportunity for the French press at the end of the Vice President's meeting with Pandraud would be particularly useful to Pandraud (and thus to our interests).

Call on Attorney General: The meeting and lunch with Attorney General Meese provide another opportunity to support French policy, with a focus on the George Ibrahim Abdallah case. The perception that the GOF reneged on a deal (in part under USG pressure) to release Abdallah, after his supporters had released a French hostage in Lebanon, sparked the Paris bombing campaign. Ensuring that Abdallah serves his full sentence on lesser charges, and prosecuting him for the murder of Lt. Col. Ray, former Assistant Army Attache in Paris, are priority USG objectives and a litmus test of GOF resolve on terrorism. We are working through Mrs. Ray's lawyer to provide leads to the Court on Abdallah's complicity in the murder. NOTE: All USG principals can discuss the Abdallah case frankly and privately with Pandraud, but any public reference to the case by the USG will raise the question, politically sensitive in France, of further USG pressure on the GOF.

Call on Deputy Secretary Whitehead: We need to underscore cooperation on the hostage issue, press for prosecution of Col. Ray's murderer, and continue our discussions on state terrorism.

Call on Admiral Poindexter: This call will provide another opportunity to reiterate USG support for a firm GOF position on terrorism and the Ray murder and the need to consult on hostages.

Talking points for Admiral Poindexter's meeting are attached.

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Talking Points - Pandraud Visit

16 October 1986

General Questions

- What is the French Government doing with regard to Syria? (We see strong accusatory statements in the press but [REDACTED] we see incredible wheat deals. This smacks of carrot and stick tactics.)
- What does Paris hope exactly to get out of Damascus? (finger Abdallah brothers, crackdown on LARF, help with securing release of hostages?)
- Is Chirac committed to not negotiating with terrorists? (need to phrase diplomatically: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED])
- Does he make a distinction between talking with states that may support terrorism and with terrorist? (He has publicly stated he would not deal with terrorists.)

[REDACTED]
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- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- What other channels is Paris pursuing for the release of its hostages?

 - Does Pandraud really believe that his job is on the line if terrorist attacks resume? (While government policies may seem ineffective if the bombings resume, does he think public opinion would be strong enough to harm him politically?)

Questions Regarding Hostages

- Who are the French dealing with?

- How are they communicating with the Hizballah?

- Do they think that all of the hostages are held in the same location?
 - If so, where are they?

 - If not, which groups do they think are holding which hostages?
Where might they be held?

- Recent good quality photographs and physical description data on all French hostages.

Questions Concerning LARF and the Attacks in Paris

- When do they think the CSPPA/LARF will strike again?
 - What do they think the target will be?
 - Will the group wait until after the first of the year before they carry out another hit?
 - Given the role the United States has played in the recent trial of Abdallah, do they think that the LARF will switch to American targets in France during the next round of attacks?
- Do they have any new information on possible LARF phone numbers, information obtained since the discovery of George's phone book?
- Do they think that there is any direct connection between the individuals carrying out the bombing campaign in Paris and those holding the French/American hostages in Lebanon?
- How long do they intend to hold Waroujan Garbidjian, given the recent threats made by ASALA?

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SUBJECT: HOSTAGES: MEETING WITH HECTOR VILLALON

REF: STATE 284968 (NOTAL)

1. ~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: ARGENTINE BUSINESSMAN HECTOR VILLALON CLAIMS TO HAVE IRREFUTABLE EVIDENCE THAT IMAM MUSA SADR IS ALIVE IN ONE OF QADHAFI'S PRISONS. VILLALON CLAIMS THAT THROUGH A SENEGALESE RELIGIOUS FIGURE OF LEBANESE ORIGIN (SHAYKH ABDUL MONEM ZEIN), CONTACT HAS BEEN MADE WITH THE CAPTORS OF THE U.S. HOSTAGES. AMAL HAS PLAYED A CENTRAL ROLE IN ESTABLISHING CONTACT. SHIA PERSONALITIES IN BEIRUT HAVE TOLD VILLALON THAT U.S. HELP IN LOCATING AND RELEASING IMAM MUSA SADR IS THEIR MAIN GOAL IN HELPING WITH THE HOSTAGE AFFAIR. WITHOUT KNOWING ITS CONTENTS, VILLALON GAVE EMBOFF AN ARABIC-LANGUAGE LIST OF WHAT APPEARS TO BE THE NAMES OF KUWAIT DAWA PRISONERS, CATEGORIZED BY LENGTH OF PRISON SENTENCES, WHICH VILLALON ASSUMES TO BE "CONDITIONS." VILLALON PROPOSES A MEETING BETWEEN U.S. OFFICIAL, SHAYKH ZEIN, AND AN AMAL REPRESENTATIVE, WHICH MUST, AT ZEIN'S REQUEST, TAKE PLACE IN DAKAR. IN RESPONSE, WE REITERATED LONGSTANDING U.S. AVERSION TO NEGOTIATING FOR HOSTAGES AND CAST DOUBT ON MUSA SADR'S STILL BEING ALIVE, BUT NOTED OUR CONTINUING INTEREST IN TALKING WITH ANYONE WHO MIGHT BE OF HELP IN THE HOSTAGE AFFAIR. END SUMMARY.

3. AS INSTRUCTED, EMBOFF MET WITH ARGENTINE BUSINESSMAN HECTOR VILLALON ON SEPTEMBER 12. DURING LENGTHY DISCUSSION, VILLALON PROVIDED COMPLEX BACKGROUND TO WHAT AMOUNTS TO A REQUEST FOR A FURTHER MEETING IN DAKAR, AS FOLLOWS.

4. VILLALON SAID THAT HE HAD FIRST GOTTEN INVOLVED IN

HOSTAGE ISSUE AS A RESULT OF SEVERAL DISCUSSIONS HE HAD HAD IN DAMASCUS WITH RIF'AT AL-ASAD, AND FROM VISITS TO BEIRUT. ALTHOUGH RIF'AT HAD ASSURED VILLALON THAT HE, RIF'AT, PREFERRED TO STAY OUT OF THE HOSTAGE AFFAIR, THE SARG WAS NEVERTHELESS HEAVILY INVOLVED, (AS WAS DEMONSTRATED, SAID VILLALON, BY THE SYRIAN ROLE IN THE RELEASE OF FATHER JENKO). IN ANY CASE, AS A RESULT OF VILLALON'S CONTACTS IN SYRIA AND LEBANON, HE MET ONE CAPT. JOSE FELIX MARTINEZ LAMELA, AN ARGENTINE NAVAL OFFICER, WHO WAS ALSO ACTIVE WITH THE HOSTAGES. LAMELA IN TURN PUT VILLALON IN TOUCH WITH SHAYKH ABDUL MONEM ZEIN, PRESIDENT OF THE "ISLAMIC SOCIAL INSTITUTION" IN DAKAR. VILLALON GAVE EMBOFF A PHOTOCOPY OF ZEIN'S CALLING CARD, WHICH LISTS HIS ADDRESS AS 97, RUE A.A. NDOYE, B.P. 1213, DAKAR; HOME TELEPHONE: 22-69-87 OFFICE PHONE: 21-03-61 AND 21-78-25; COLLEGE PHONE: 21-89-58. (COMMENT: ZEIN IS A PROMINENT DAKAR LEBANESE WHOSE INSTITUTION SERVES AS A SOCIAL/RELIGIOUS CENTER FOR LOCAL SHIA. IT FREQUENTLY FEATURES LECTURES BY VISITING LEBANESE. ZEIN HAS VISITED THE U.S. END COMMENT.)

5. VILLALON DESCRIBED ZEIN AS A KEY FIGURE AMONG SHIA MUSLIMS IN LEBANON, WHICH HE OFTEN VISITS, INsofar AS ACCORDING TO "THE QOM HIERARCHY," ZEIN IS THE SUCCESSOR TO THE MISSING IMAM MUSA SADR. ZEIN, MOREOVER, HAS IN HIS POSSESSION A TAPE CASSETTE OF MUSA SADR'S VOICE, MADE BY THE IMAM IN A LIBYAN PRISON--WHERE, IN FACT, HE IS ALIVE TO THIS DAY.

6. HERE VILLALON DIGRESSED, AND DESCRIBED HIS OWN INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE FATE OF MUSA SADR (WHICH HAD

INCLUDED DISCUSSIONS WITH THE ITALIAN MAGISTRATE IN ROME WHO HAD COMPILED THE DOSSIER WHICH DEMONSTRATED THAT THE IMAM HAD NEVER, AS THE LIBYANS CLAIMED, ARRIVED IN ITALY BY AIR). AS A RESULT, VILLALON HAS IRREFUTABLE EVIDENCE (MAINLY PROVIDED BY THE MAGISTRATE) THAT ALTHOUGH ONE OF MUSA SADR'S MISSING ASSOCIATES WAS MURDERED BY THE LIBYANS, THE IMAM AND AN AIDE ARE STILL ALIVE, AND ARE BEING HELD BY QADHAFI AS "BLACKMAIL" AGAINST KHOHEINI OR HIS SUCCESSOR, SHOULD QADHAFI EVER NEED TO PRESSURE THE IRANIAN REGIME BY PRODUCING A VALID CLAIMANT TO THE MULLAHS' SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP. HERE, THEN, SAID VILLALON, IS THE POINT: LEBANON'S SHIA, AND PARTICULARLY AMAL, SEEK THE RELEASE OF MUSA SADR, BUT ONLY THE AMERICANS BT

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HAVE THE INTELLIGENCE RESOURCES AND MILITARY ABILITY TO FIND HIM AND LIBERATE HIM. IF THE U.S. CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE IN THIS ENDEAVOR, ZEIN IS IN TOUCH WITH PERSONS CLOSE TO THE HOSTAGE CAPTORS WHO ARE WILLING TO DISCUSS A DEAL.

7. VILLALON THEN REVIEWED ZEIN'S BONA FIDES AND BACKGROUND TO THE ABOVE OFFER. VILLALON FIRST MET WITH ZEIN SEVERAL TIMES IN DAKAR, WITH LAMELA PRESENT. ULTIMATELY, ZEIN AND LAMELA WENT TO BEIRUT, WHERE THEY MET WITH "AN AMAL MILITARY OFFICER, HASSAN HASHEM" (COMMENT: FORMER AMAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHIEF AND BARRI RIVAL OF THE SAME NAME? END COMMENT.) AND BARRI HIMSELF. LAMELA LATER TOLD VILLALON THAT ZEIN OBVIOUSLY HAD GREAT INFLUENCE IN THE SHIA COMMUNITY, WHICH ALLOWED HIM CONSIDERABLE ACCESS. AT THESE MEETINGS, HASHEM TOLD LAMELA THAT AMAL CONTROLS ABOUT FIFTY PERCENT OF THE DECISIONS ON THE U.S. HOSTAGES, BUT THAT ZEIN COULD BE USEFUL IN CLARIFYING THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS, AMAL AND "THE EXTREMISTS." ZEIN, IN FACT, OFFERED TO TAKE LAMELA TO MEET WITH SOME OF THE U.S. HOSTAGES, BUT VILLALON FORBADE HIM TO DO SO, LEST LAMELA HIMSELF BE DETAINED AS A HOSTAGE. "WE KNEW THAT WE WERE DEALING WITH RELIGIOUS FANATICS ANSWERABLE TO IRAN, WHO COULD BE DANGEROUS."

8. BEFORE LEAVING BEIRUT, IN A HOUSE ZEIN KEEPS THERE, ZEIN GAVE LAMELA A HANDWRITTEN NOTE IN ARABIC CONTAINING WHAT LAMELA (AND VILLALON) UNDERSTOOD TO BE A SET OF CONDITIONS FOR THE RELEASE OF THE U.S. HOSTAGES. ZEIN REFUSED TO TRANSLATE IT, AND NEITHER LAMELA NOR VILLALON KNOWS ARABIC. VILLALON GAVE EMBOFF THIS PAPER, SAYING THAT HE DOES NOT WISH TO KNOW WHAT IT CONTAINS, BUT IS MERELY PASSING IT ON. (COMMENT: THE PAPER IN FACT CONTAINS 17 ARAB NAMES, EACH IDENTIFIED BY NATIONALITY, EITHER LEBANESE OR

IRAQI. THE LIST IS DIVIDED INTO FOUR CATEGORIES, IDENTIFIED AS (1) "EXECUTION," (2) "LIFE SENTENCE," (3) "15 YEARS", AND (4) "10 YEARS" (ONE NAME) AND "5 YEARS" (TWO NAMES). CATEGORIES 1, 2, AND 3 CONTAIN THREE, SEVEN, AND FOUR NAMES RESPECTIVELY. WE ASSUME THAT THESE REFER TO THE DAWA PRISONERS BEING HELD IN KUWAIT. PAPER IS BEING HAND-CARRIED TO NEA/ARN BY DEPARTMENT OFFICER ON SEPTEMBER 17. END COMMENT.)

9. REFERRING TO THESE "CONDITIONS" (EMBOFF DID NOT DISABUSE HIM OF THIS IMPRESSION), VILLALON COMMENTED THAT THEY ARE PROBABLY ABSURDLY INFLATED, AND ARE TO BE MEANT ONLY TO OPEN A DISCUSSION. ZEIN IS PREPARED TO ACT AS INTERMEDIARY IN SUCH A DISCUSSION, PROVIDED IT TAKE PLACE IN DAKAR (FOR SECURITY REASONS), BUT NOT IN THE U.S. EMBASSY OR IN HIS OWN HOUSE. THE LEBANESE SIDE WOULD INCLUDE HASHEM HIMSELF, OR SOMEONE HE DELEGATES. AS FOR A LOCATION, PROMINENT MOURIDE NARABOUT DJILI MBAYE HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE HIS HOUSE, ALTHOUGH MBAYE DOES NOT KNOW THE DETAILS OF WHAT IS BEING DISCUSSED. VILLALON DOES NOT EVEN KNOW IF MBAYE KNOWS ZEIN PERSONALLY. LAMELA IS ALSO PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE, AND CAN COME TO PARIS IMMEDIATELY FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBOFF, OR TO DAKAR.

10. VILLALON CONCLUDED BY REITERATING HIS BELIEF THAT MUSA SADR IS STILL ALIVE (HE REFERRED AGAIN TO ZEIN'S TAPE), AND THE IMPORTANCE THE LEBANESE SHIA PLACE ON THIS. THE LIBERATION OF THE IMAM WOULD HAVE INCALCULABLE RESULTS. THE U.S. IS KEY. ZEIN HAD ASKED VILLALON TO APPROACH THE FRENCH, BUT VILLALON REFUSED, SAYING THAT HE DOES NOT TRUST THE FRENCH: THE APPROACH WOULD END UP IN THE NEWSPAPERS AT BEST, AND HIS "SITUATION" IN FRANCE WOULD BE AFFECTED, AT WORST.

11. EMBOFF RESPONDED AT VARIOUS POINTS BY OUTLINING WELL-KNOWN U.S. AVERSION TO NEGOTIATING FOR THE HOSTAGES. (VILLALON WAVED THIS ASIDE, ALLEGING THAT WE HAD IN FACT NEGOTIATED OUT THE TEHRAN HOSTAGES, WHILE GIVING AWAY VERY LITTLE IN RETURN.) NOR WERE WE AWARE OF ANY CREDIBLE EVIDENCE THAT MUSA SADR WAS STILL ALIVE. ANY U.S. INTELLIGENCE OR MILITARY HELP IN LIBERATING HIM COULD ONLY BE PUT IN THE AREA OF THE WILDEST SPECULATION. HOWEVER, WE ARE ALWAYS
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INTERESTED IN TALKING AND ESTABLISHING CONTACT WITH ANYONE WHO MIGHT HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON THE HOSTAGES. AND VILLALON'S PROPOSAL WOULD BE REPORTED. VILLALON SAID THAT HE WOULD AWAIT A RESPONSE.

12. COMMENT: UNLIKE MANY OF OUR HOSTAGE INTERLOCUTORS, VILLALON SEEMS SINCERE AND UNINTERESTED IN PERSONAL GAIN. HE IS CLEARLY CAUGHT UP IN THE AMAL/MODERATE GROUP, TO WHICH HE APPEARS TO ASCRIBE AN EXAGGERATED INFLUENCE IN THE HOSTAGE AFFAIR. THERE IS, AS SO OFTEN, AN ABSENCE OF SOLID EVIDENCE OF CONTACT WITH THE HOSTAGES OR THEIR CAPTORS, ALTHOUGH ZEIN'S OWN STANDING IN DAKAR LEBANESE POLITICAL CIRCLES IS WELL ESTABLISHED. (WE DEFER TO DAKAR FOR AN UPDATE.) PLEASE ADVISE AS TO WHETHER FURTHER CONTACT IS DESIRED IN PARIS OR IN DAKAR.

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