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SUBJECT: TERRORISM; VISIT BY TASK FORCE WORKING STAFF

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2. NATIONAL SECURITY DECISION DIRECTIVE 179, SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT ON JULY 20, ESTABLISHED THE TASK FORCE ON COMBATING TERRORISM, CHAIRED BY VICE PRESIDENT BUSH AND CHARGED WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR PREPARING RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE FULL RANGE OF NATIONAL POLICIES AND PROGRAMS CONCERNED WITH THREATS FROM DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL

TERRORISM. THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE ARE THE SECRETARIES OF STATE, DEFENCE, TREASURY AND TRANSPORTATION; THE ATTORNEY GENERAL; THE DIRECTOR, FBI; THE DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE; THE DIRECTOR, OMB; THE CHAIRMAN, JCS; THE CHIEFS OF STAFF TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE VICE PRESIDENT; THE ASSISTANT TO THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS; THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE TASK FORCE (RETIRED ADMIRAL JAMES HOLLOWAY FORMER CNO.

3. AS PART OF THIS EFFORT, THE TASK FORCE HAS CREATED AN

INTERAGENCY WORKING STAFF TO GATHER INFORMATION TO PROVIDE A BASIS FOR THE REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT WHICH IS DUE BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. AT THE REQUEST OF THE VICE PRESIDENT, AND WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE CHIEF OF MISSION, MEMBERS OF THE WORKING STAFF WOULD LIKE TO MAKE CREEP ORIENTATION VISITS TO A REPRESENTATIVE GROUP OF KEY POSTS. REPRESENTATIVES FROM CERTAIN OTHER POSTS IN THE REGION WOULD BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS AT POSTS TO BE VISITED. IF POSSIBLE, REPRESENTATIVES FROM APPROPRIATE MILITARY COMMANDS SHOULD ALSO PARTICIPATE. THE OBJECTIVES ARE TO DEVELOP SOME FIRST HAND FAMILIARITY WITH AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE OVERALL THREAT; HOST GOVERNMENT'S CURRENT ORGANIZATIONS AND FUTURE PLANS FOR COUNTERING THE FULL RANGE OF TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; COOPERATION BETWEEN HOST GOVERNMENT AND THE USG, INCLUDING PARTICIPATION IN SPECIFIC COUNTERTERRORIST PROGRAMS OF THE USG AGENCIES WHERE THERE ARE SUCH PROGRAMS; AND A BRIEF REVIEW OF SECURITY PROGRAMS FOR US CIVILIANS AND MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND PERSONNEL.

4. THE PROPOSED VISIT FORMAT WOULD CONSIST OF MEETINGS/DISCUSSIONS WITH ALL CONCEIVED MISSION ELEMENTS, AND SITE VISITS AS NECESSARY, TO GO OVER THE POST'S ENTIRE PROGRAM, INCLUDING THOSE CONDUCTED WITH THE GOVERNMENT; SIMILAR SESSIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER POSTS AND MILITARY COMMANDS IN THE REGION; AND BRIEFING BY HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AT THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL, WHO CAN EXPLAIN AND DISCUSS THEIR OVERALL COUNTER TERRORISM EFFORT. BRIEFINGS IN THE DEPARTMENT WOULD PRECEDE THE TRIPS.

5. THE TIMEFRAME IS MID-SEPTEMBER TO MID-OCTOBER. TWO-OR THREE-MAN TEAMS WOULD MAKE ABOUT TWO-DAY VISITS TO ONE OR TWO POSTS IN EUROPE, THE MIDDLE EAST AND LATIN AMERICA. TRANSLATION SERVICES WILL BE REQUIRED FOR NON-ENGLISH PRESENTATIONS, AND POSTS WOULD BE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE A FULL RECORD OF ALL DISCUSSIONS.

6. THE EMBASSIES; PROMPT COMMENTS ON THE FOREGOING WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. PLEASE PROVIDE INFORMATION ON ANY POTENTIAL TIMING PROBLEMS AND SLUG REPLIES FOR M/CTP. WHITEHEAD

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 12, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: US-UK SUPPLEMENTARY (EXTRADITION) TREATY

BACKGROUND

Recent decisions of US courts have blocked the extradition of accused or convicted terrorists on the grounds that their violent and sometimes murderous acts were "political offenses."

While this has occurred so far in only 4 cases (all of which were UK requests for IRA terrorists), there is a serious risk that it can become a trend in US jurisprudence, causing the United States to become a haven for terrorists who commit crimes abroad. This would have a deleterious effect on US foreign policy interests generally, and would seriously undermine US efforts to enhance concerted anti-terrorism action with our allies.

As a result, the United States has begun negotiating with selected countries that have open societies and fundamentally fair judicial processes revisions to our extradition treaties that would preclude use of the political offense exception in cases involving violent crime. In such societies there can be no justification for using violent means to express political opinions.

The first country with which we have concluded such a revision is the United Kingdom. The other countries with which we have already raised such changes are the FRG, Israel and Switzerland. We have not disclosed these names publicly, however, because none of those talks is yet concluded, and in some cases sensitive, though unrelated, issues remain open.

The US-UK Supplementary Treaty, revising our 1972 bilateral extradition treaty with the UK, was signed on June 25. It was transmitted to the Senate on July 17. Deputy Attorney General Lowell Jensen and the Department's Legal Adviser Abraham D. Sofaer testified in support of the treaty before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on August 1. (A copy of Sofaer's testimony is enclosed.) The Committee has scheduled a further hearing for September 18, at which members of the public will be invited to testify. The majority of those who will testify will challenge the treaty on grounds that it diminishes civil liberties and is anti-Irish.

US-UK SUPPLEMENTAL EXTRADITION TREATY

NEED FOR THE TREATY

The number of violent acts of terror around the world has reached alarming proportions. Many terrorists manage to elude capture, sometimes by crossing international borders. When such individuals can be apprehended, it is essential to have an effective means of extraditing them to the State with jurisdiction to bring them to justice, particularly where that State is a democratic regime and offers a fair judicial system. The United States may extradite fugitives to foreign countries only pursuant to a treaty. Our treaties, including the one with the U.K., preclude extradition if the fugitive is wanted for a "political offense."

Recently, a number of U.S. courts have blocked the extradition to the U.K. of accused or convicted terrorists on the grounds that their violent and sometimes murderous acts fell within the "political offense" exception to extradition contained in the 1972 Extradition Treaty. The proposed US-UK Supplemental Extradition Treaty narrows the scope of that political offense exception while preserving its application to truly political offenses.

PROVISIONS OF THE TREATY

The Supplemental Treaty will exclude specified crimes of violence from the scope of the political offense exception to extradition. It will also improve the current treaty by amending two technical provisions relating to the statute of limitations and to the amount of time within which a State must submit documents in support of an extradition request. These provisions will have retroactive effect as to acts that were offenses in both countries at the time of their commission.

DISCUSSION

The Supplemental Treaty makes the political offense exception to extradition inapplicable to such serious offenses as aircraft hijacking and sabotage, crimes against diplomats, hostage taking, and other heinous acts, such as murder, manslaughter, malicious assault, and certain serious offenses involving firearms, explosives and damage to property. Truly "political" offenses, such as sedition, treason, and espionage, would still be excepted. By ratifying this agreement, the United States will take a practical step in harmony with the 1977 European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism, which contains similar provisions. The U.S. plans to adopt similar treaties with other democratic regimes which offer fair judicial systems.



THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

September 17, 1985

The Right Honorable
Margaret Thatcher, M.P.
Prime Minister
London

Dear Madame Prime Minister:

I am writing to you personally because of our mutual interest in combatting international terrorism. As we discussed during your visit to this country for the Conference of the International Democratic Union on July 26, 1985, the problem is one of deep personal concern to me as well as to President Reagan.

You may recall that the President has asked me to chair a cabinet-level task force to review and evaluate the effectiveness of current U. S. policy and programs in this area. Based upon the Task Force's findings, I expect to make recommendations to President Reagan by the end of 1985.

I would like to point out that the creation of this Task Force should not be taken as an indication that our ability to cope with terrorism is unsatisfactory. It is a matter of record that the United States does have an effective capability that deals with the broad range of the varied aspects of this international problem. However, we want to be sure that our national priorities are properly ordered with respect to this threat, that our current program makes the best use of the national assets available, and that the various elements of the program are properly coordinated to achieve the most effective results.

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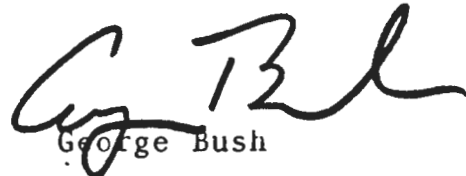
with a variety of officials in your government. Other members of the Task Force will be traveling to the Middle East and Central America. I believe that his modest schedule of international consultations will be extremely valuable as we analyze the issues and develop our own program of international cooperation in combatting the threat.

I have gone on at some length on this subject because the issue of international terrorism occupies such a high priority in the concerns of President Reagan and myself. It is my own high personal interest that prompts me to assure you that I would be most receptive and very appreciative of any personal views on this subject that you might wish to share with me.

The President and I have made a commitment to undertake positive steps to improve our capacity to deal with the threat of international terrorism. I not only wanted to personally convey this to you, but also to invite your participation in any fashion you might consider appropriate.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,



George Bush

*With warmest personal
best wishes - joined happily
by Barbara*



THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

September 17, 1985

His Excellency
Wilfried A. E. Martens
Prime Minister of Belgium
Brussels

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I am writing to you personally because of our mutual interest in combatting international terrorism. As we discussed during my visit to your country on June 26, 1985, the problem is one of deep personal concern to me as well as to President Reagan.

You may recall that the President has asked me to chair a cabinet-level task force to review and evaluate the effectiveness of current U. S. policy and programs in this area. Based upon the Task Force's findings, I expect to make recommendations to President Reagan by the end of 1985.

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BY RW NARA DATE 2/2/12

Because this is a task force rather than a commission, it has been organized with people from the Executive Branch of the Administration. Admiral James L. Holloway, III, a former Chief of Naval Operations, whom you met here, is the Executive Director. He will be in charge of the activities of the support staff.

Although the deliberative and substantive work of the Task Force will be accomplished by individuals detailed from within government service, we recognize that it is essential to have the views of experts and authorities outside the Administration. Our Congress, for example, has demonstrated a considerable interest in the threat of terrorism, and although members of Congress will not directly participate in the evaluation conducted by the Task Force, I will be meeting with the responsible members of Congress to keep them informed of our progress and to invite their views.

Further, there are many experts and authorities in private life who can offer us important insights for coping with terrorist activity. We are in the process of consulting with recognized authorities in the field to obtain their views and advice.

However, it has been apparent from the beginning that it is the international aspect of modern terrorism that complicates our ability to deal with it effectively, and it is upon this multi-national dimension of terrorist activity that I plan to focus a great deal of my personal attention. Although it is essential that we get our own national program for combatting terrorism in order and operating at top efficiency, the key to our overall success, in my view, lies in how well we can learn from your experience, and whether any true measure of multi-national cooperation can be achieved.

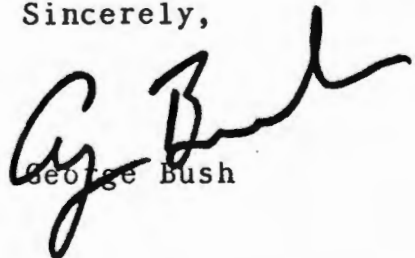
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The President and I have made a commitment to undertake positive steps to improve our capacity to deal with the threat of international terrorism. I not only wanted to personally convey this to you, but also to invite your participation in any fashion you might consider appropriate.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,

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George Bush



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THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

September 17, 1985

The Right Honorable
Lord Carrington, K.C.M.G., M.C., P.C.
Secretary General of the
North Atlantic Treaty Organization
Brussels

Dear Mr. Secretary General:

I am writing to you personally because of our mutual interest in combatting international terrorism. As we discussed during my visit to your country on June 28, 1985, the problem is one of deep personal concern to me as well as to President Reagan.

You may recall that the President has asked me to chair a cabinet-level task force to review and evaluate the effectiveness of current U. S. policy and programs in this area. Based upon the Task Force's findings, I expect to make recommendations to President Reagan by the end of 1985.

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However, it has been apparent from the beginning that it is the international aspect of modern terrorism that complicates our ability to deal with it effectively, and it is upon this multi-national dimension of terrorist activity that I plan to focus a great deal of my personal attention. Although it is essential that we get our own national program for combatting terrorism in order and operating at top efficiency, the key to our overall success, in my view, lies in how well we can learn from your experience, and whether any true measure of multi-national cooperation can be achieved.

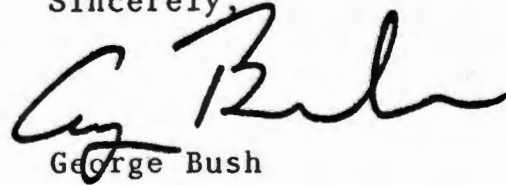
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With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,

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George Bush



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THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

September 17, 1985

His Excellency
Bettino Craxi
President of the Council of Ministers
of the Italian Republic
Rome

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I am writing to you personally because of our mutual interest in combatting international terrorism. As we discussed during my visit to your country on June 24, 1985, the problem is one of deep personal concern to me as well as to President Reagan.

You may recall that the President has asked me to chair a cabinet-level task force to review and evaluate the effectiveness of current U. S. policy and programs in this area. Based upon the Task Force's findings, I expect to make recommendations to President Reagan by the end of 1985.

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Although the time available for the Task Force's review is short, I have nevertheless asked Admiral Holloway and his staff to initiate a program of overseas visits to seek the views of our likeminded allies in coping with the terrorist threat, and at the same time apprise them of our own thinking in this area. In fact, two members of the Task Force's staff will be visiting Rome on September 23 and 24 to consult with a variety of officials in your government. I believe that his modest

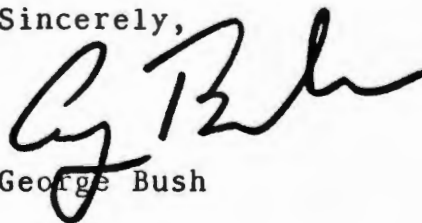
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THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

September 17, 1985

His Excellency
Francois Mitterrand
President of the French Republic
Paris

Dear Mr. President:

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I would like to point out that the creation of this Task Force should not be taken as an indication that our ability to cope with terrorism is unsatisfactory. It is a matter of record that the United States does have an effective capability that deals with the broad range of the varied aspects of this international problem. However, we want to be sure that our national priorities are properly ordered with respect to this threat, that our current program makes the best use of the national assets available, and that the various elements of the program are properly coordinated to achieve the most effective results.

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Further, there are many experts and authorities in private life who can offer us important insights for coping with terrorist activity. We are in the process of consulting with recognized authorities in the field to obtain their views and advice.

However, it has been apparent from the beginning that it is the international aspect of modern terrorism that complicates our ability to deal with it effectively, and it is upon this multi-national dimension of terrorist activity that I plan to focus a great deal of my personal attention. Although it is essential that we get our own national program for combatting terrorism in order and operating at top efficiency, the key to our overall success, in my view, lies in how well we can learn from your experience, and whether any true measure of multi-national cooperation can be achieved.

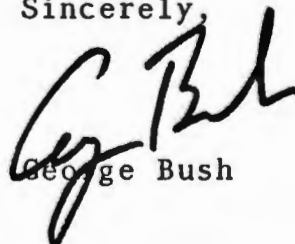
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The President and I have made a commitment to undertake positive steps to improve our capacity to deal with the threat of international terrorism. I not only wanted to personally convey this to you, but also to invite your participation in any fashion you might consider appropriate.

With warmest personal regards *

Sincerely,



George Bush

* and with warm
memories of our recent
meeting in Paris
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THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

September 17, 1985

His Excellency
Dr. Helmut Kohl
Chancellor of the Federal Republic
of Germany
Bonn

Dear Mr. Chancellor:

I am writing to you personally because of our mutual interest in combatting international terrorism. As we discussed during my visit to your country on June 25, 1985, the problem is one of deep personal concern to me as well as to President Reagan.

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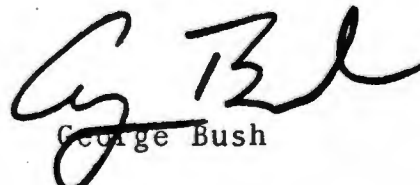
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With warmest personal regards,*

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George Bush

* and with warm wishes
on our recent visit to
Bonn (Barbara sends
her best to Hannelore)
George



THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

September 17, 1985

His Excellency
Ruud Lubbers
Prime Minister of the Netherlands
The Hague

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

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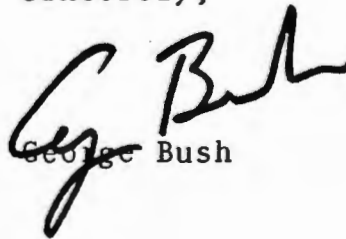
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With warmest personal regards,*

Sincerely,


George Bush

* and with happy
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recent visit

George

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E. O. 12356: DECL: OADR
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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH TASK FORCE WORKING GROUP ON
TERRORISM

REF: STATE 282949

1. ~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. POLOFF DANIEL WICKS IS PREPARED TO MAKE A ONE-DAY
TRIP TO BONN ON SEPTEMBER 25 TO MEET WITH TASK FORCE
TEAM. FIRST FLIGHT FROM PARIS ARRIVES COLOGNE AIRPORT
1125, AND HE WILL HAVE TO DEPART THAT EVENING.
CONSULTATIONS WOULD THEREFORE HAVE TO OCCUR AFTERNOON
OF 25TH. UNLESS ADVISED OTHERWISE, WILL ASSUME CONSUL-
TATIONS CAN BE ARRANGED THEN.
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WHITEHOUSE FOR SITUATION ROOM/OVP TASK FORCE

E. O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: PTER, OTRA
SUBJECT: VISIT OF TERRORISM TASK FORCE
-- WORKING GROUP TO ITALY

REF: STATE 282949

1. (g - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. EMBASSY WELCOMES VISIT OF TERRORISM TASK FORCE MEMBERS COLE AND DALY. EMBASSY TERRORISM COORDINATOR STEPHEN ENGELKEN WILL BE CONTROL OFFICER FOR THEIR VISIT AND WILL MEET THEM UPON ARRIVAL. SINGLE ROOMS HAVE BEEN RESERVED FOR THEM AT THE HOTEL PARCO DEI PRINCIPI, VIA MERCADANTE, 15 (ROOM RATE IS LIRA 152,160 PER NIGHT - U.S. DOLS 1.00 EQUALS LIRA 1928 AT CURRENT RATE).

3. EMBASSY IS STILL FIRING UP SCHEDULE FOR VISIT. HOWEVER, TEAM MEMBERS WILL HAVE MEETINGS WITH EMBASSY REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER, EMBASSY EMERGENCY ACTION COMMITTEE, AND SIRO. THEY WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE IN AMBASSADOR OAKLEY'S MEETINGS WITH OFFICIALS OF THE ITALIAN SECURITY SERVICES AND POLICE ANTI-TERRORISM UNIT. TEAM MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND RECEPTION GIVEN BY AMBASSAOR ON THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 23 FOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE ROME COMMAND CONFERENCE. DRESS FOR THIS OCCASION WILL BE FULL CLASS A UNIFORM.
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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR

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TAGS: PTER

SUBJECT: TERRORISM: VISIT OF TASK FORCE WORKING GROUP

REF: STATE 282949

1. ~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. THE WORKING GROUP TEAM FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE ON COMBATTING TERRORISM VISITING LONDON WILL CONSIST OF TWO MEMBERS: ADMIRAL JAMES L. HOLLOWAY III (USN, RETIRED), THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WHO WILL ARRIVE ON PA 106, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 AT 0625. HE HAS RESERVATIONS AT BOODLES ON ST. JAMES SQ.; LTCDR CRAIG COY, USCG, WHO WILL ARRIVE ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 ON THE SAME FLIGHT WILL BE STAYING AT THE EAST INDIA CLUB ON ST. JAMES SQ.

3. PLEASE MEET AND ASSIST AS APPROPRIATE. BOTH OFFICERS HAVE SI/TK CLEARANCES. DEPARTURE IS PLANNED FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, ON A FLIGHT TO BE DETERMINED. PLEASE PROVIDE THE NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE EMBASSY CONTROL OFFICER, AS WELL AS A PROPOSED SCHEDULE. SLUG. REPLIES FOR WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM AND M/CTP. POINT OF CONTACT FOR THE TASK FORCE IS LTCDR COY (202) 395-4950.

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4. ADMIRAL HOLLOWAY WISHES TO MAKE MAXIMUM USE OF THIS BRIEF VISIT TO GAIN AS BROAD AN APPRECIATION AS POSSIBLE OF THE OVERALL ISSUES. SIGNIFICANT DETAILS WILL BE OF INTEREST, BUT THE BASIC FOCUS SHOULD BE FROM AN OVERVIEW DOWNWARD. THE PERSPECTIVES, PROGRAMS AND VIEWS OF THE HOST GOVERNMENT WILL BE OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE, BOTH AS PROVIDED DIRECTLY AND AS SEEN BY THE EMBASSY. {IN THIS CONNECTION, THE EMBASSY MAY BE AWARE THAT VICE PRESIDENT BUSH INTRODUCED ADMIRAL HOLLOWAY TO MRS. THATCHER DURING THE WASHINGTON MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRATIC UNION, FOR A DISCUSSION OF THE USG'S APPROACH TO DEALING WITH THE TERRORISM ISSUE AND HOW IT MIGHT INTERACT WITH THAT OF THE UK.} GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN REFTEL AND PREVIOUS MESSAGES ON SUBJECT TO BE COVERED BY THE EMBASSY IS ALSO STILL APPLICABLE.

5. FOR MADRID. PLEASE ARRANGE FOR AN OFFICER WITH A BROAD UNDERSTANDING OF AND FAMILIARITY WITH THE SUBJECT TO BRIEF ADMIRAL HOLLOWAY, AND COORDINATE THE VISIT WITH LONDON.YY

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E. O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: PTER
SUBJECT: TERRORISM: VISIT OF TASK FORCE WORKING GROUP

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- LONDON

REF: (A) STATE 287762; (B) LONDON 19772 (NOTAL);
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2. WE WELCOME LONDON VISIT BY ADMIRAL HOLLOWAY AND [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AND LOOK FORWARD TO PROVIDING AS COMPREHENSIVE A
PROGRAM AS POSSIBLE.

3. WE ARE WORKING ON THE FOLLOWING TENTATIVE SCHEDULE,
ON WHICH WE HOPE TO HAVE SPECIFIC EVENTS CONFIRMED BY
THE BEGINNING OF NEXT WEEK:
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30:

-- BRIEFING BY EMBASSY'S INTER-AGENCY ANTI-TERRORISM
COORDINATION GROUP.

-- MEETINGS WITH BRITISH OFFICIALS AND MINISTERS AT THE

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FCO, THE HOME OFFICE, THE NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE, AND
PERHAPS THE CABINET OFFICE AND SCOTLAND YARD.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1:

-- BRIEFING BY BRITISH SPECIAL AIR SERVICES.

-- SECURITY BRIEFING BY US MILITARY COMMANDS (CINCNAVEUR
AND 3RD AIR FORCE).

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2:

-- MORNING WRAP-UP SESSIONS, IF NECESSARY.

4. EMBASSY CAR AND CONTROL OFFICER WILL MEET AND ASSIST
ADMIRAL HOLLOWAY ON ARRIVAL SEPTEMBER 29. REGRET THAT
IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO MEET LTCDR COY, BUT GROUND
TRANSPORTATION IS READILY AVAILABLE AT HEATHROW (CAB
FARE TO ST. JAMES'S SQUARE IS AROUND 17 POUNDS). WE
HAVE CONFIRMED ROOM RESERVATIONS AT BOODLE'S AND THE
EAST INDIA CLUB.

5. FOR MADRID: WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO SCHEDULE YOUR
BRIEFING (REF A) AT ANY CONVENIENT POINT IN THE
SCHEDULE. PLEASE ADVISE OF YOUR PREFERENCES.

6. VISIT CONTROL OFFICER IS POLITICAL OFFICER PETER
REAMS WORK PHONE: 499-9000, EXT. 2115; HOME PHONE:
589-2704).

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