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E. O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
TAGS: PTER, LE, US  
SUBJ: REPORTED EXECUTION OF WILLIAM BUCKLEY

1. ~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. ARABIC LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER AN-NAHAR PUBLISHED  
OCTOBER 12 A REPORT THAT WILLIAM BUCKLEY HAS BEEN  
EXECUTED. THE STORY INCLUDED A PICTURE THAT PURPORTED  
TO SHOW THE CORPSE OF BUCKLEY, PARTIALLY WRAPPED IN  
A BLANKET. THE PICTURE AS REPRODUCED IN THE PAPER IS  
OF TOO POOR A QUALITY TO PERMIT POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION

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BY EMBASSY STAFF. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THE ORIGINAL IS IN COLOR AND OVEREXPOSED. A COPY OF THE PHOTO WAS ALSO DELIVERED TO AFP. EMBASSY IS ATTEMPTING TO GET THE ORIGINAL PHOTOGRAPH FROM AN-NAHAR.

3. THE TEXT OF THE ACCOMPANYING STATEMENT SAID THAT BUCKLEY'S CORPSE WOULD BE RELEASED TO THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL ON CONDITION THAT 100 PALESTINIAN PRISONERS HELD BY ISRAEL ARE RELEASED. THE STATEMENT ALSO CONTAINED THREATS THAT THE US GOVERNMENT AND PRESIDENT REAGAN WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FATE OF THE REMAINING HOSTAGES.

4. FULL TEXT OF STATEMENT BEING SENT SEPTTEL.  
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TAGS: PTER, LE, US  
SUBJECT: BUCKLEY PHOTOGRAPH

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1. ~~ENTIRE~~ ENTIRE TEXT.

2. AP REPORTER JUST INFORMED US THAT PICTURE AGENCY  
FRANCE PRESSE HAS IS MUCH CLEARER THAN REPRODUCTION  
CARRIED IN TODAYS AN NAHAR. JOURNALIST SAID THAT SHE HAS  
NOT SEEN ORIGINAL ITSELF, BUT WAS SHOWN PICTURE TAKEN BY  
CBS OF ORIGINAL. FACIAL FEATURES AND SHAPE OF BEARD  
SHOWN IN PHOTO BARE CLOSE RESEMBLANCE TO PREVIOUS BUCKLEY  
PHOTOS, ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMANT.

3. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN ORIGINAL OR CLEARER  
COPIES OF PHOTO. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT MAY ALSO OBTAIN COPY OF  
FACSIMILE FROM CBS IN NEW YORK.

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E. O. 12356: DECL: OADR

TAGS: PTER, LE, US, UN

SUBJ: ISLAMIC JIHAD COMMUNIQUE ON EXECUTION OF BUCKLEY

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1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. TEXT FOLLOWS OF INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF  
ISLAMIC JIHAD COMMUNIQUE THAT APPEARED IN AN-NAHAR

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OCTOBER 12.

" IT IS EVIDENT TO THE ENTIRE WORLD THAT AMERICA WAS THE PRIMARY PERPETRATOR OF THE CRIME OF TUNIS. IT HAD NO REPLY TO THE PEOPLE FOR HAVING COMMITTED THIS RELIGIOUS MASSACRE AGAINST THE RIGHTS OF MUSLIMS. IT WENT ON TO LIE, SAYING THAT THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF THE EXECUTION OF THE AMERICAN SPY WILLIAM BUCKLEY, AND IT TRIED BUT FAILED TO CONVINCE PEOPLE THAT IT DID NOT RECEIVE ANY PENALTY IN EXCHANGE FOR THE CRIME THAT IT PARTICIPATED IN AGAINST THE MUSLIM PEOPLE OF TUNIS. "

" THEN IT SUGGESTED THAT THIS SPY WAS KILLED TWO MONTHS AGO ACCORDING TO INFORMATION FROM ITS FRIENDLY LEBANESE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES WITH ITS INTERNAL AGENTS, WHO REVEAL THEMSELVES IN A NEW DISGUISE EVERY DAY. WE AFFIRM TO THE WORLD THAT WE EXECUTED THE AMERICAN SPY IN RESPONSE TO THE STRIKE THAT THE MUSLIM PEOPLE IN TUNIS RECEIVED. WE ARE READY NOW TO STRIKE WITH AN IRON FIST FOR ANY BLOW THAT REACHES THE MUSLIM PEOPLE IN THE WORLD. WE WILL CUT OFF EVERY HAND THAT TRIES TO STRIKE AT MUSLIMS"

"EVERYONE KNOWS THAT IF ISLAMIC JIHAD SAYS SOMETHING IT DOES IT. THIS IS A SIGNAL TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND THE FAMILIES OF THE AMERICAN HOSTAGES. THE REASON FOR IT IS THE LACK OF RESPECT BY THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND ITS PRESIDENT, WHOSE HANDS ARE SOILED WITH THE BLOOD OF PEOPLE OPPRESSED BY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND ITS EMPLOYEES. "

"WE WILL GIVE CONCLUSIVE PROOF TO AMERICA OF THE EXECUTION OF BUCKLEY. WE WARN IT AND PLACE ON IT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FATE OF THE REMAINING HOSTAGES. ON THIS BASIS WE GIVE OUR WORD TO THE UN, BECAUSE FOR THE FIRST TIME IT CONDEMNED THE BRUTAL

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CRIME WHICH AMERICA AND ISRAEL COMMITTED, THE RECENT RAID AGAINST THE MUSLIM PEOPLE OF TUNIS. THE UN MUST ALWAYS ACT FOR THE GOOD OF THE PEOPLE, AND THEN IT WILL HAVE THE WIDEST SUPPORT. IF THE RIGHT OF VETO HAD BEEN USED IN VIOLATION OF THE PEOPLE'S BEST INTEREST, THEN IT WOULD BE AN ORGANIZATION AGAINST THE PEOPLE. IT IS NECESSARY TO EXPEL TERRORIST ISRAEL AND ITS SUPPORTERS FROM THE UNITED NATIONS."

" AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THAT CONDEMNATION AND AFTER GETTING PERMISSION FROM THE FAMILIES OF THE MARTYRS CONCERNING THE DISPOSITION OF THE CORPSE OF THE AMERICAN SPY, WE PLACE IT AT THE DISPOSITION OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS HEAD, MR. HAFEZ PERES DE CUELLAR, ON CONDITION THAT 100 PALESTINIAN PRISONERS BE RELEASED FROM ISRAELI PRISONS. AS PROOF OF OUR GOOD INTENTIONS WE WILL PRESENT THE CORPSE 24 HOURS BEFORE THE TIME OF THE RELEASE OF THE PRISONERS IN ISRAEL. BUT IF THE ISRAELIS PLAY A TRICK, MR. HAFEZ DE CUELLAR WILL PAY DEARLY."

"FINALLY, WE GIVE OUR WORD TO THE FAMILIES OF THE AMERICAN HOSTAGES AND SAY WITH REGRET THAT ANY HARM OR INJURY TO THE LIVES OF THE HOSTAGES IN OUR POSSESSION WILL BE ON THE SHOULDERS OF THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES AND PRESIDENT REAGAN."

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TO NEA/NGA DIRECTOR PETER BURLEIGH FROM KATTOUF

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL: AMERICAN HOSTAGES

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2. SEVERAL DAYS AGO AT A DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION I HAD A CONVER-  
SATION WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO HAD RECENTLY RETURNED FROM BEIRUT. HE TOLD ME THAT HE HAD SPENT A GOOD PORTION OF HIS TIME IN LEBANON SEEKING IN CONCERT WITH OTHERS THE RELEASE OF AP BUREAU CHIEF TERRY ANDERSON. HE SAID THAT AT ONE POINT A RENDEZVOUS HAD BEEN ARRANGED IN THE BEKAA WHERE HE WAS PERMITTED TO GET WITHIN A COUPLE OF HUNDRED METERS OF ANDERSON WHO GOT OUT OF A CAR AND WALKED AROUND. HE FURTHER SAID THAT AS PART OF THE EFFORT TO FREE ANDERSON SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS HAD APPROACHED THE KUWAITIS ABOUT THE RELEASE OF TWO LEBANESE SHIA RELATED TO THE MUSAWI CLAN. KUWAITI OFFICIALS HAD SAID THEY WERE PREPARED TO PAY LARGE SUMS OF MONEY TO OBTAIN RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES BUT WERE NOT WILLING TO RELEASE ANY OF THE 17 PRISONERS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS UNWILLING TO PAY RANSOM BECAUSE OF THE BAD PRECEDENT THIS WOULD SET, THEREBY ENDANGERING OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE NEWS ORGANIZATION.

3. WITHOUT GIVING HIS SOURCES [REDACTED] CLAIMED THAT AT ONE POINT THE SYRIANS HAD CUSTODY OF THE AMERICAN HOSTAGES. THIS PRESUMABLY HAD OCCURRED ABOUT THE TIME THAT BENJAMIN WEIR WAS RELEASED. HOWEVER, HE SAID THE HOSTAGES WERE AGAIN UNDER THE CONTROL OF THEIR ORIGINAL CAPTORS, I. E., THE MUSAWI FAMILY. HE SPECULATED THAT THE SYRIANS WERE IN NO HURRY TO RESOLVE THE SITUATION BUT WERE RATHER SEEKING AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXTRACT MAXIMUM VALUE. AT THIS POINT WE WERE INTERRUPTED AND I WAS UNABLE TO PURSUE THE CONVERSATION FURTHER.

4. FROM OUR VANTAGE POINT IN BAGHDAD IT IS DIFFICULT TO TRACK WHAT IS OCCURRING VIS-A-VIS OUR EFFORTS TO OBTAIN RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES. I PRESUME THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN PARA 1 IS KNOWN TO THE USG, WHILE SOME INFORMATION CONTAINED IN PARA 2 SEEMS FAR-FETCHED. I WOULD, HOWEVER, APPRECIATE YOUR CHECKING WITH THOSE WHO DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM. IF THEY BELIEVE [REDACTED] CAN PROVIDE ANY NEW INSIGHTS OR INFORMATION NOT OTHERWISE AVAILABLE, I WOULD BE HAPPY TO FOLLOW UP WITH HIM. NEWTON

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