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SUBJECT: TERRORIST ATTACK AT ROME INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
REF: ROME 31874 (NOTAL)

1. ACCORDING TO THE LATEST NEWS REPORTS, 13 PERSONS WERE KILLED DURING THE TERRORIST ATTACK AT FIUMICINO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, INCLUDING ONE AMERICAN CITIZEN GIRL. SOME 40-50 PERSONS REPORTEDLY WERE WOUNDED. WE HAVE HEARD OF SEVEN AMERICANS INJURED.

2. AMONG THE KILLED WERE THREE OF THE "MIDDLE EASTERN" TERRORISTS. A FOURTH WAS WOUNDED AND CAPTURED. THE FIRST RESULTS OF THE EXAMINATION OF THIS MAN SHOWED THAT THE THREE BULLETS THAT HIT HIM HAD NOT AFFECTED ANY VITAL ORGAN; HE REPORTEDLY HAD NOT LOSS CONSCIOUSNESS. HE WAS DESCRIBED AS A LITTLE OVER 20 YEARS OLD.

3. THE FOUR (SOME REPORTS SAID FIVE) TERRORISTS ATTACKED IN THE CHECK-IN AREA OF TWA AND EL AL, WHICH IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BEFORE PERSONS AND BAGGAGE ARE CHECKED. THE PASSENGERS WERE HEADING FOR EL AL FLIGHT 386 DUE TO DEPART AT 1125 LOCAL FOR TEL AVIV, AND TWA FLIGHT 840 DUE TO DEPART AT 1045 LOCAL FOR ATHENS.

4. AN INTERIOR MINISTRY SPOKESMAN IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THE TERRORISTS THREW HAND GRENADES AND THEN OPENED FIRE WITH SUBMACHINE-GUNS. AIRPORT POLICE AND ISRAELI SECURITY PERSONNEL RETURNED FIRE. THE AIRPORT WAS CLOSED FOR AN HOUR OR SO, AND IS NOW (1230 LOCAL) OPEN, WITH BOARDING FOR FLIGHTS SCHEDULED TO RECOMMENCE ABOUT 1630 LOCAL.

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5. INTERIOR MINISTER SCALFARO AND TRANSPORT MINISTER SIGNORILE ARRIVED AT THE AIRPORT ABOUT AN HOUR AFTER THE ATTACK. SIGNORILE STATED THAT THE METHOD OF THE ATTACK WAS PARTICULARLY TERRIBLE:

--IT WAS AN AREA WHERE PASSENGERS WERE CONCENTRATED AND IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO APPLY THE
- CONTROLS CARRIED OUT BEFORE EMBARCATION.

--HE THEN CONFIRMED HIS EARLIER JUDGMENT THAT THE
- AIRPORT WAS SECURE, AND COMPLIMENTED THE POLICE
- AND AIRPORT PERSONNEL, WHO HAD MADE IT POSSIBLE
- TO REOPEN THE AIRPORT TO INCOMING FLIGHTS ONLY AN
- HOUR AFTER THE ATTACK.

6. BEIRUT MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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DOMESTIC, FOREIGN POLICY RADICALIZED

London AFRICA CONFIDENTIAL in English No 5, 29 Feb 84 pp 3-6

[Text] There has again been a see-saw in domestic Libyan politics. The radicals are back. As we revealed earlier (see AC Vol 25 No 1), plans for the construction of a 2,000km pipeline to carry water from aquifers under the Sahara in southern Libya to its Mediterranean coast led to a moderation of Col Moammar Gadaffi's rhetoric, at home and abroad. Pragmatism was in the air and technocrats valued more highly than theoreticians.

However it seems that phase is over. Gadaffi had more difficulty than he imagined obtaining financial and diplomatic support from Saudi Arabia and the Gulf for his "man-made river" project. As a result only \$160m in advance payment had been made to the main contractors, Dong Ah of South Korea by early January, as we expected. Now the Libyans are talking somewhat unconvincingly of syndicating the remaining \$87.5m advance payment and performance bonds amongst "a consortium of Arab and South Korean banks."

More importantly, there has been a revival of the influence of the apparently extra-legal 'revolutionary committees' involved in the killings of prominent Libyan exiles four years ago.

One sign of this has been a deterioration of Libyan relations with its neighbours, particularly in the Arab world. Last week Jordan broke diplomatic relations with Libya after its embassy in Tripoli was sacked by a mob which had apparently been officially summoned to protest against King Hussein's diplomacy with Washington and attitude to the Palestinians. Jordan has never been particularly close to Libya, and relations were not helped by the defection last year of the Libyan ambassador to Jordan, Dr Aziz Omar Shennif, to the main Libyan opposition movement, the National Front for the Salvation of Libya (NFSL). However this official rupture only highlights Gadaffi's difficulty in finding common ground with Arab countries.

Gadaffi appears to be in trouble in Lebanon. He has long supported radical Palestinian groups there against the PLO and various Muslim militias against the Phalange-dominated political status quo. However the main emerging Muslim group, the Shias and their Amal militia, have a long-standing dispute with Gadaffi over the disappearance of their spiritual leader, the Imam Musa Sadr during a visit to Libya in 1979. For months Gadaffi has refused to comment on this issue.

However in an impassioned outburst during the ninth ordinary session of the General People's Congress (GPC) on 15 February Gadaffi broke his accustomed silence, denying any role in the Imam's death but at the same time accusing him of being an agent of the Shah of Iran. "This statement might explode the situation and create uproar in Lebanon," the Libyan news agency JANA quoted Gadaffi as saying. "But I am insistent on saying it so that Libya is no longer accused of Sadr's disappearance. Thousands of 'Sadra' have died in Lebanon and the Arab world. Why should we cry only for Musa Sadr, the agent of the Shah?" This rendering of events will hardly have improved Gadaffi's hand in the Middle East.

Closer to home, the recently improved relations with his Mabhreb neighbours have been undermined by Gadaffi's support for January's anti-government riots in Tunisia and his reluctance to back Algerian initiatives in Western Sahara and Chad. It was at the latest meeting of the GPC that the full extent of Gadaffi's frustration and the changes in political direction became apparent.

On the domestic front Gadaffi lashed out at some of the decisions of the Basic Congresses (gatherings of Libyans in their places of work) which happened to differ from his own. He particularly disliked their rejection of his proposals for the military training of women, for a (budget-saving) increase in the proportion of primary education conducted in the home and for changes in family law.

Gadaffi, as leader of the revolution, was able to demonstrate his displeasure by reshuffling the GPC, his cabinet. The moderate prime minister Jeddalah Talhi and foreign minister Abdel Ati al Obeidi have been sacked. In their stead Mohammed Zarouq Rajab, formerly secretary-general of the GPC (a body which stems from the Basic Congresses) has been appointed secretary of the GPC (prime minister), while Ali Traiki has been recalled from his post as Libya's permanent representative to the UN to take over the foreign liaison bureau (ie foreign minister).

Amongst a number of changes in his 'cabinet,' Gadaffi has introduced a new minister for security, Col Yousif Bilal bin Ali. Quite what this post requires has not been spelled out, but Libyan exiles fear it signals a stepping-up of actions against themselves, particularly as Yousif's assistants have been identified as Ahmad Gadafadam, Gadaffi's cousin and international fixer, Abdallah Samsunsi, who headed internal security in 1980-81, Said Rashid who was arrested last year in France for terrorist activities and later released, and Musa Kusa former head of the Libyan People's Bureau in London. (He was asked to leave by the British government in 1979).

These changes have already led to the expected shake-up in People's Bureau staff abroad. In London, bureau chief Adnan Khatiri and his cultural attache, Abdul Hamid bin Mousa, have been recalled to Tripoli, while the direction of the bureau has been placed in the hands of a four-man committee with well-known revolutionary committee pasts, Abdul Qadir Baghdadli (Ali Bugaziah), Martouq Martouq and Salih al Mabreuk. This type of appointment serves two purposes: to step up the ideology and to intimidate potential opponents.

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A generally unsettled atmosphere in Libya has led to the American-based Occidental Petroleum, for long the most privileged foreign oil company working in Libya (and the one most likely to make allowances for Gaddafi), indicating its intention to reduce its interests in the country. Occidental had preliminary discussions to sell half its 49 percent equity holdings in Libya to Austria's OMF, Sweden's Svenska and Finland's Neste oil companies. Libya is reportedly unhappy about this move. Gaddafi has valued the American connection because it has given him access to the latest oil technology and other high technology.

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Responsibility for the EL Al Attacks

The armed attacks against the El Al counters at the Vienna and Rome airports closely resemble previous Abu Nidal attacks, but we cannot discount the possibility that a PLO group may have been responsible. [REDACTED]

3.3(b)(1)

The Attacks

The Vienna attack was conducted by three Arab-looking gunmen who hurled grenades and sprayed automatic weapons fire in the area in front of the El Al counter. One of the gunmen was subsequently killed by local authorities; the remaining two were wounded and are in custody. The Rome attack was conducted by five gunmen--three were killed and two were wounded and are in custody. As of 1600 hours, casualty counts are as follows: In Rome, 117 wounded, among them 25 US citizens, and 17 dead, among them 3 US citizens. In Vienna, there were no American casualties among the three dead and 40 wounded. [REDACTED]

3.3(b)(1)

Abu Nidal Responsibility

The modus operandi of the coordinated attacks matches that of previous attacks by Abu Nidal operatives in Western Europe in recent years. So far this year, Abu Nidal has conducted six grenade attacks in Western Europe:

- 16 September - Cafe de Paris, Rome
- 3 September - Glyfada Hotel, Athens
- 1 July - Offices of British Air and Alia, Madrid

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--21 March - Almost simultaneous attacks against Alia

offices in Athens, Nicosia, and Rome. [redacted]

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Abu Nidal is known to retaliate against those governments who imprison its members and, in this regard, both Italy and Austria are likely targets. Italy is currently holding three of the group's members arrested for three separate attacks this year. Austria jailed three Abu Nidal members responsible for an attack on a Vienna synagogue during the summer of 1981. [redacted]

3.3(b)(1)

[redacted]

It must be noted, however, that among its approximately 15 attacks in Western Europe this year, the Abu Nidal group has not attacked any Israeli targets.

--There have been 5 bombings of Israeli or Jewish facilities in Western Europe this year, three of them against El Al offices. We have no evidence indicating Abu Nidal was

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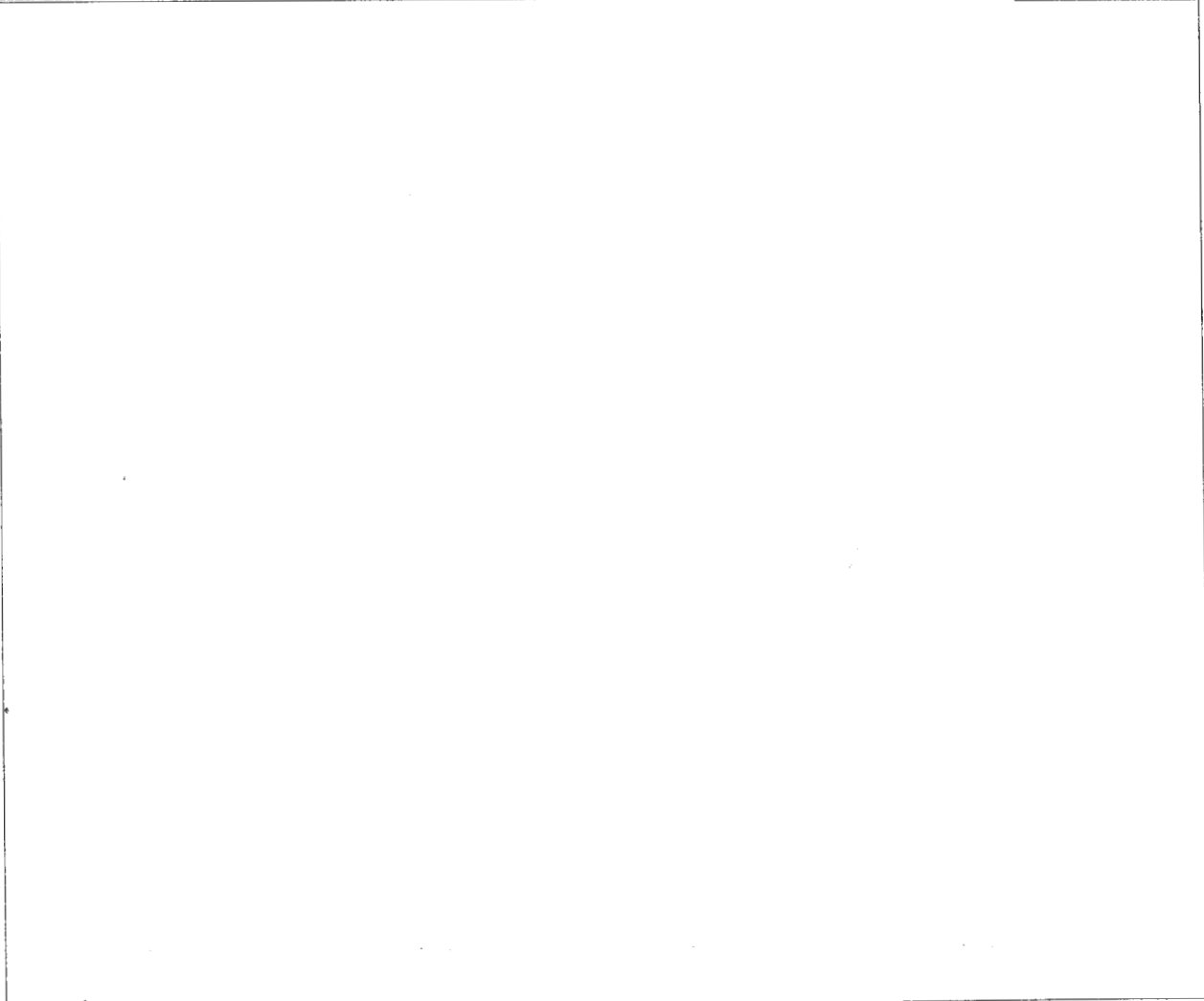
responsible for any of them. While we do not discount Palestinian responsibility for some of these attacks, it is more likely that local anti-Semitic groups were responsible for most of them. [redacted]

3.3(b)(1)

A man claiming to represent the Abu Nidal group called a Madrid radio station today to claim responsibility for the attacks, but we do not believe the claim was genuine.

--In recent years the group has used various cover names when claiming for incidents and has generally included a justification for the attack. This caller did neither. [redacted]

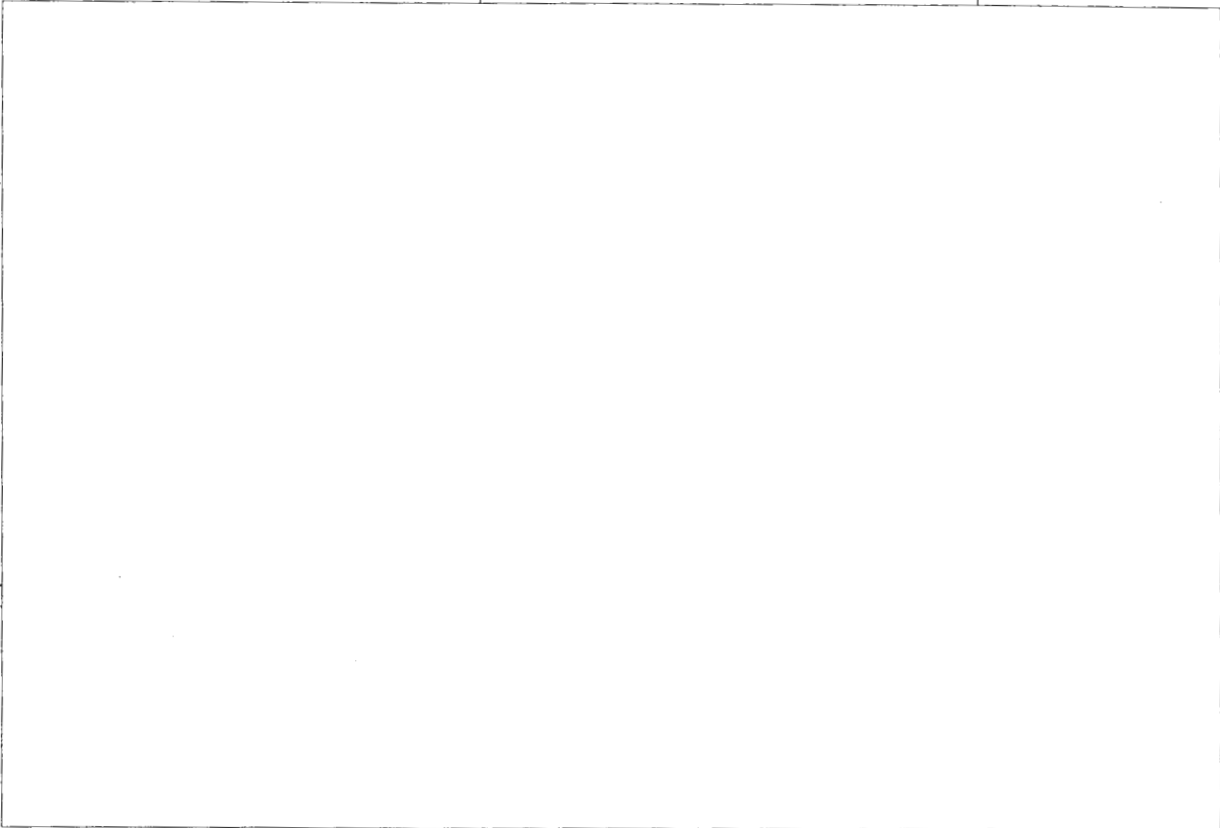
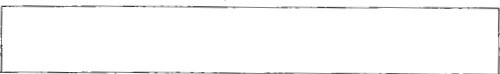
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Occurring within minutes of each other, terrorists attacked the Rome and Vienna International Airports about 9:10 AM local time December 27. Both attacks seemed to target Israeli national airline, EL Al ticket counters. In both cases the terrorists used hand grenades and automatic weapons.

In Vienna one (possibly two) Austrian citizen was killed. A total of 16 persons were seriously injured. Austrian authorities report that there were no known American casualties. There were reportedly three terrorists: one was killed and two were seriously wounded. Both are being held by authorities.

Embassy Rome reports a total 11 persons of several nationalities were killed, including the eleven year old American citizen daughter of AP correspondent Vic Simpson. Also among the dead are a Mexican diplomat and an Israeli security officer. There may possibly be two additional U.S. citizen casualties. A total of 77 persons were injured in Rome, of whom 16 were Americans. Three of the five known terrorists were killed: two wounded terrorists were apprehended. A sixth terrorist may have escaped, but this has not yet been confirmed.

Italian police reportedly believe the terrorists were members of the Abu Nidal organization, but so far have no supporting evidence.

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Task Force Director

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SUBJECT: TERRORIST ATTACKS AT ROME AND VIENNA
- AIRPORTS DECEMBER 27

1. SECRETARY GENERAL TSIMAS OF MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND PUBLIC ORDER JUST CALLED DCM TO PASS ON LATEST INFORMATION HE HAS RECEIVED TELEPHONICALLY FROM ROME ON THE TERRORIST ATTACK THERE. ACCORDING TO TSIMAS, FIVE TERRORISTS RUSHED THE EL AL COUNTER AT THE CHECK-IN POINT. IN THE FIRE FIGHT THAT FOLLOWED, WITH BOTH ITALIAN POLICE AND ISRAELI SECURITY GUARDS RETURNING TERRORIST FIRE, 16 WERE KILLED AND 40 WOUNDED. THREE OF THE TERRORISTS WERE KILLED, ONE WAS WOUNDED AND ONE APPARENTLY ESCAPED. (TSIMAS COULD NOT TELL FROM THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO HIM WHETHER THE FIGURES FOR THE TERRORISTS WERE INCLUDED IN, OR ADDITIONAL TO, THE FIGURES OF 16 DEAD AND 40 WOUNDED.)

2. DCM TOLD TSIMAS THAT EMBASSY HAS HEARD THAT AUSTRIAN POLICE KILLED ONE AND WOUNDED TWO OF THE TERRORISTS SEEKING TO ESCAPE FOLLOWING THEIR ATTACK ON THE EL AL COUNTER AT VIENNA'S AIRPORT.

3. TSIMAS SAID THAT SECURITY FORCES AT ATHENS AIRPORT HAVE BEEN BOLSTERED WITH ADDITIONAL MANPOWER AND WEAPONS, AND THAT SPECIAL ATTENTION WOULD BE GIVEN TO EL AL AND U.S. AIRLINE COUNTERS. KEELEY BT

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-- (B) ROME 31876 (NOTAL)
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1. (C) FEW NEW DETAILS HAVE EMERGED ON THIS MORNING'S TERRORIST ATTACK AT ROME INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, SINCE PREVIOUS REPORTS ON THE SITUATION (RETELS) WERE SENT. THREE TERRORISTS ARE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN KILLED IN THE INCIDENT. TWO OTHERS WERE WOUNDED (ONE SERIOUSLY) AND CAPTURED. SOME ACCOUNTS INDICATE A SIXTH TERRORIST MIGHT HAVE ESCAPED, BUT THEY CANNOT BE CONFIRMED. POLICE FOUND ON THE SCENE FOUR KALASHNIKOV AUTOMATIC RIFLES (TWO APPARENTLY NEW) AND 19 UNEXPLODED SOVIET F-1 HAND GRENADES, WHICH HAD BEEN CARRIED BY THE TERRORISTS. THREE OTHER HAND GRENADES ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN SET OFF DURING THE ATTACK.

2. (C) RSO REPORTS THAT THE POLICE BELIEVE THE TERRORISTS WERE MEMBERS OF THE ABU NIDAL ORGANIZATION BUT HAVE NO EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THIS. THE ONLY LEADS THEY HAVE SO FAR ARE HOTEL ADDRESSES FOUND ON THE BODIES OF TWO OF THE DEAD TERRORISTS. RSO BELIEVES THAT HE WILL NOT GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THE POLICE UNTIL AT LEAST 1900 HOURS LOCAL TIME.

3. (U) REPORTS SPEAK OF APPROXIMATELY 77 PERSONS INJURED IN THE INCIDENT, OF WHOM 20 ARE IN SERIOUS CONDITION. IN ADDITION TO THE THREE TERRORISTS, THE DEAD INCLUDE A MEXICAN DIPLOMAT AND AN ISRAELI SECURITY GUARD. POLICE REPORT AT LEAST TWO AMERICANS DIED IN ADDITION TO THE AMERICAN CITIZEN CHILD REPORTED KILLED IN PARA 5, REF B. AMBASSADOR RABB VISITED TWO HOSPITALS IN WHICH WOUNDED AMERICANS ARE BEING TREATED.

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4. (U) PRIME MINISTER CRAXI MADE A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS MAKING THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPAL POINTS:

-- THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING ITALY,
-- WHICH ARE MOST EXPOSED TO TERRORISM MUST INTEN-
-- SIFY THEIR EFFORTS TO WORK TOGETHER TO PREVENT
-- IT.

-- THE COOPERATION OF MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES
-- IS INDISPENSIBLE TO THE STRUGGLE AGAINST TER-
-- RORISM.

-- THE STATES WHICH PROTECTED THE TERRORISTS
-- AND ALLOWED THEM TO ARM AND ORGANIZE THEMSELVES
-- BEAR RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS ATTACK.

-- THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE EXPRESS
-- THEIR MOST SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THE VICTIMS
-- OF THIS BARBAROUS CRIME AND EXPRESS THEIR
-- SOLIDARITY WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE COUNTRIES
-- FROM WHICH THE VICTIMS CAME, IN PARTICULAR THE
-- GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL, AGAINST WHICH THE ATTACK
-- WAS DIRECTED.

5. (U) INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF ENTIRE CRAXI STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

-- "UNFORTUNATELY, ONE MUST FEAR THAT WE ARE CON-
-- FRONTING THE REVIVAL ON A LARGE SCALE OF INTERNATIONAL
-- TERRORISM, A TERRORISM WHICH IS BLOODY AND SUICIDAL
-- AND WHICH THIS MORNING HAS PERPETRATED A TRUE MASSACRE
-- OF INNOCENTS. WHAT HAPPENED CALLS FORTH DISGUST AND
-- UNQUALIFIED CONDEMNATION. IT AROUSES US AND THE
-- EUROPEAN COUNTRIES MOST STRUCK BY AND EXPOSED TO THE
-- RISK OF NEW ATTACKS TO INTENSIFY OUR EFFORTS TO WORK
-- TOGETHER IN A COMMON STRUGGLE FOR DEFENSE AND PREVEN-
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-- TION.
-- "IN THIS STRUGGLE, THE COOPERATION OF STATES OF
-- THE MEDITERRANEAN WHICH, LIKE US, ARE DETERMINED TO
-- RESIST THE OFFENSIVE OF THE TERRORIST GROUPS, IS INDIS-
-- PENSIBLE.
-- "THE DYNAMIC OF THE TERRORIST ATTACK AT FIUMICINO
-- WAS CONFUSING AND THE REACTION OF THE SECURITY FORCES
-- WHO MAY HAVE ANNIHILATED THE TERRORISTS, WAS UNABLE TO
-- PREVENT THE MASSACRE.

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-- "THE TERRORISTS, WHO ACCORDING TO A FIRST IMPRES-
-- SION WERE PALESTINIAN/ARAB EXTREMISTS, DID NOT ACT
-- ALONE AND WERE NOT MERELY INSANE. ONE MUST TRACE RES-
-- PONSIBILITY (FOR THE INCIDENT) BACK TO THE STATES WHICH
-- GAVE THEM PROTECTION AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO ARM AND
-- ORGANIZE THEMSELVES. THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT EXPRESSES
-- ITS SINCERE CONDOLENCES, WHICH ARE THOSE OF THE ITALIAN
-- NATION, TO THE VICTIMS OF THIS BARBARIC ACT AND SENDS
-- A MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE AND SOLIDARITY TO THE GOVERN-
-- MENTS OF THE COUNTRIES TO WHICH THE VICTIMS BELONGED,
-- IN PARTICULAR TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL AGAINST WHICH
-- THE ATTACK WAS DIRECTED." END TEXT.

6. (C) COMMENT: CRAXI'S EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY TO ISRAEL
IS A NICE TOUCH AFTER HIS EARLIER HARSH CRITICISM OF THE
ATTACK ON THE PLO HEADQUARTERS IN TUNIS. HIS WARNING THAT
COUNTRIES WHICH HARBOR TERRORISTS BEAR RESPONSIBILITY FOR
THEIR DEEDS IS ALSO NOTEWORTHY. WE DO NOT RECALL HIM MAKING
A SIMILAR STATEMENT AFTER OTHER MIDDLE EASTERN TERRORIST
INCIDENTS INVOLVING ITALY IN RECENT MONTHS.

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1. FOLLOWING IS THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY AS OF 1615 ROME TIME CONCERNING WELFARE/WHEREABOUTS OF AMCITS INVOLVED IN THE TERRORIST INCIDENT AT ROME'S LEONARDO DA VINCI AIRPORT TODAY, DECEMBER 27, 1985.

2. DECEASED AMCIT: NATASHA SIMPSON, DPOB 4/28/74 ROME.

3. REPORTED DECEASED: NATIONALITY UNCONFIRMED AT THIS TIME: SIMON COHEN, JOHN BUONOCARE DOB 2/16/65, AND FREDERICK MADISON GAGE.

4. AMCITS TREATED AND RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL:

- A. JONATHAN SCOTT POLLACK, DPOB 4/29/64 NEW YORK.
- B. MEULLER FAMILY OF THREE CONSISTING OF GRANDFATHER WILLIAM MEULLER AND GRANDCHILDREN MICHAEL AND MADELINE. THEY ARE EN ROUTE TO DETROIT.

5. AMCITS UNDER TREATMENT AT LOCAL HOSPITALS:

- A. VICTOR L. SIMPSON DPOB 5/11/42 NEW YORK, FATHER OF NATASHA ABOVE PARA 2. NOT SERIOUSLY INJURED; HAD SURGERY ON HIS HAND. RESIDENT OF ROME.
- B. MICHAEL L. SIMPSON DPOB 10/14/76 ROME. SLIGHTLY INJURED. SON OF VICTOR ABOVE. WITH FATHER AT SANT' EUGENIO HOSPITAL.
- C. CHARLES SHINN, DOB 7/5/16 AT SANT' EUGENIO HOSPITAL. PROGNOSIS GUARDED. MULTIPLE GUNSHOT WOUNDS. SUFFERS FROM DIABETES.
- D. JEANNE SHINN, WIFE OF CHARLES ABOVE. AT SAN AGOSTINO HOSPITAL WITH ABRASIONS AND POSSIBLE BROKEN ARM.
- E. DON MALAND DPOB 11/30/55 NEW YORK. AT SAN GIOVANNI HOSPITAL WITH BROKEN ARM AND FRACTURED SKULL. CONDITION SATISFACTORY.
- F. MARK MALAND AGE 37. BORN NEW YORK AT SANT'

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EUGENIO HOSPITAL. BROKEN LEG. GOOD CONDITION.

- G. RUTH ELIZABETH LINDEN (AKA ELIZABETH BROOT?)
76 YEARS OLD. UNDERWENT SURGERY, CONDITION UNKNOWN.
AT FORLANINI HOSPITAL.

- H. MIRIAM PEELLE KIMMELL. DPOB 4/30/06, INDIANA.
FRACTURE OF TIBIA FROM GUNSHOT WOUND. IN TRACTION BUT
CONDITION GOOD. AT SAN CAMILLO HOSPITAL. DEPARTMENT
PLEASE NOTIFY MRS. ARTHUR SMALL AT BERKSHIRE PLACE,
CARMEL, INDIANA.

- I. MICHAEL SWEIS AGE 57, BORN JORDAN. FROM OAK-
LAWN, ILLINOIS. TRAVELING WITH FAMILY GROUP OF 5 OR 6.
AT SANT' EUGENIO HOSPITAL. CONDITION FAIR - WOUNDS AND
FRACTURE (S) IN LEGS.

- J. JEANETTE SWEIS. DAUGHTER OF MICHAEL ABOVE. AT
CENTRO TRAUMATOLOGICO WITH LEG INJURIES/FRACTURES. ELEVEN
YEARS OLD.

- K. SHARY RUOFF, AGE 18 OR 19. SHRAPNEL IN LEG.
AT S. CAMILLO HOSPITAL. CONDITION GOOD. HAS BEEN IN
CONTACT WITH MOTHER ANDREA RUOFF.

- L. KALBER WEINDORF. DPOB UNKNOWN. AT GEMELLI HOS-
PITAL. CONDITION NOT SERIOUS.

- M. KATHERINE STEWARD GOFF, DPOB 9/25/07 CALIFORNIA.
HOSPITAL SAN PIETRO.

- N. ANTONIA DANIELA SIMPSON, DPOB 10/21/66 GERMANY.
NOT INJURED IN INCIDENT BUT SUFFERING SHOCK OVER DAUGHTER'S
DEATH, INJURY OF HER HUSBAND AND SON.

6. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED UNCONFIRMED REPORTS OF OTHER
INJURED PERSONS, POSSIBLY AMCITS - GIDEON NOVACK AND
DORA SILVESTRI.

7. FOLLOWING ARE THE HOSPITALS WHERE AMCITS ARE LOCATED:

OSPEDALE C. FORLANINI, V. PORTUENSE, 332, TEL. 5584641.

OSPEDALE S. CAMILLO, CIRCONVALL GIANICOLENSE, 87, TEL.

- 5870.

OSPEDALE S. EUGENIO, EUR, P. LE DELL'UMANESIMO, TEL.

- 5925903.

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2. THIS IS AN ACTION MESSAGE.
3. AS ADDRESSEES ARE AWARE, TERRORISTS MADE COORDINATED ATTACKS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27 ON EL AL TICKET COUNTERS AT THE AIRPORTS IN VIENNA AND ROME, KILLING AT LEAST ELEVEN INNOCENT PERSONS. AS PART OF OUR RESPONSE TO THESE ATTACKS, WE ARE SEEKING A UNSC PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT CONDEMNING THE TERRORIST ACTIONS. WE HOPE THE STATEMENT WILL BE ISSUED AT THE UNSC MEETING ALREADY SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 30 TO DISCUSS THE RECENT LESOTHO RAID. DEPARTMENT IS WORKING ON A DRAFT STATEMENT, WHICH WILL NEED TO BE NEGOTIATED WITH OTHER SC MEMBERS. PRELIMINARY REACTION OF THOSE COUNCIL MEMBERS QUERIED TO MAKING PROPOSED STATEMENT WAS FAVORABLE.
4. POSTS IN UNSC COUNTRIES SHOULD URGENTLY INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS OF USG PROPOSAL FOR A UNSC PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT AND ASK THEIR COOPERATION IN ISSUING SUCH A STATEMENT AT THE UNSC MEETING DECEMBER 30.
5. FOR RIYADH AND AMMAN: PLEASE INFORM YOUR HOST GOVERNMENTS OF THE USG PROPOSAL. WE HOPE THAT THESE MODERATE ARAB GOVERNMENTS WILL INSTRUCT THEIR UN MISSIONS TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF A CONDEMNATORY STATEMENT AGREED UPON BY THE UNSC MEMBERS.
5. FOR TEL AVIV: USUN WILL DISCUSS U. S. PROPOSAL WITH ISRAELI DELEGATION; POST SHOULD ALSO RAISE MATTER WITH GOI AND REQUEST ITS SUPPORT.
7. FYI ALL ADDRESSEES: USUN HAS INFORMED ITALIAN AND AUSTRIAN PERMREPS ABOUT U. S. PLAN. AUSTRIAN PERMREP EXPRESSED APPROVAL WHILE ITALIAN PERMREP INDICATED HE

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