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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: JULY 11, 1988

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE MARVIN O. TEAGUE

SUBJECT: WRITES WITH SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING HANDLING
OF THE SHOOTING DOWN OF THE IRANIAN AIRBUS

ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY	(STAFF NAME)	ACTION		DISPOSITION	
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**MEMORANDUM
OF CALL**

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TO:

YOU WERE CALLED BY- YOU WERE VISITED BY-

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PLEASE PHONE ► FTS AUTOVON

WILL CALL AGAIN IS WAITING TO SEE YOU

RETURNED YOUR CALL WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

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*Lillian Marie
James*

206-246-7124 home
*206 767-9931 leave
message
Carlene Williams*

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DATE July 28, 1988

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

For: Mr. Paul Schott Stevens
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

TO: President Reagan
FROM: The Honorable Marvin O. Teague
DATE: July 5, 1988
SUBJECT: Opposes U.S. compensation for victims of Iran Air 655

WH Referral Dated: July 25, 1988
NSC ID# (if any): 584296

 The attached item was sent directly to the
Department of State

ACTION TAKEN:

- A draft reply is attached
- A draft reply will be forwarded
- A translation is attached
- XXX information copy of a direct reply is attached
- We believe no response is necessary for the reason
cited below
- The Department of State has no objection to the
proposed travel
- Other (see remarks)

REMARKS:

R. Nicholas Burns
Director
Secretariat Staff

WHITE HOUSE

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

JUL 28 1988

The Honorable Marvin O. Teague
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals
Room A - 203
Supreme Court Building
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Judge Teague:

I am replying to your message to President Reagan concerning the U.S. offer to pay compensation to the families of the victims of Iran Air flight 655.

The United States deeply regrets the tragic loss of life in the recent downing of Iran Air 655 by a U.S. vessel, and has conveyed its position to the Iranian Government and to the other governments of those on board the flight. As President Reagan announced, for humanitarian reasons, the United States will compensate the families of the victims in a way that does not involve the Iranian Government. The U.S. offer is voluntary and not a matter of legal obligation.

The arrangements for direct payment to the families are currently under study. No compensation will be paid to the Government of Iran for the loss of the aircraft itself, which was owned and operated by the Iranian Government. The United States has not made payment of compensation to the families contingent on changes of behavior by the Iranian Government because this would suggest that we are prepared to reward such changes by paying money to the Iranian Government. To make payment contingent on the release of our own hostages would reward terrorism and hostage-taking.

This tragedy underlines the urgency of ending the most dangerous and destructive source of regional tension -- the Iran-Iraq war. The United States is working with states in the region and outside it to find a negotiated settlement of the bilateral conflict. Toward that goal, we led the effort in the UN Security Council that resulted in the unanimous passage of Resolution 598 on July 20, 1987. The Resolution establishes a solid basis to ensure a lasting peace by calling for an immediate cease-fire and withdrawal to international borders, the return of prisoners of war, and the establishment of a body to determine responsibility for the war. The United States strongly believes that implementation of Resolution 598 is the best means to achieve a comprehensive, negotiated settlement. Both sides have now accepted that Resolution. The urgent need now is to bring it into practical effect to end the conflict.

The United States will continue to work with the UN Security Council and the Secretary General to bring an end to this tragic war. In the meantime, U.S. military forces will remain in the Gulf to protect our national interests.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles E. Redman". The signature is written in dark ink and is centered on the page.

Charles E. Redman
Assistant Secretary
for Public Affairs and
Department Spokesman

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T H E W H I T E H O U S E O F F I C E

REFERRAL

JULY 25, 1988

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:
DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 584296
MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JULY 5, 1988
TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN
FROM: THE HONORABLE MARVIN O. TEAGUE
JUDGE
COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS
STATE OF TEXAS
ROOM A-203
SUPREME COURT BUILDING
AUSTIN TX 78701

SUBJECT: WRITES WITH SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING HANDLING
OF THE SHOOTING DOWN OF THE IRANIAN AIRBUS

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE
(OR DRAFT) TO:
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: JULY 13, 1988

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. ED REIMERS

SUBJECT: PERSONAL LETTER *about downing of Chadian Airlines*

ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY (STAFF NAME)	ACTION		DISPOSITION	
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MANAGEMENT.

July 15, 1988

Dear Ed:

Thanks for the note. As always, it's good to hear from you and to get your impressions of events in the news. I think I should have you at my next press conference.

Nancy joins me in sending our best.

Sincerely,

[Faint signature]
RONALD REAGAN

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Mr. Ed Reimers
200 North Cliffwood Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90049

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DRAFT/Date July 18, 1988

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Enclosures:

Other:

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Dear Ed:

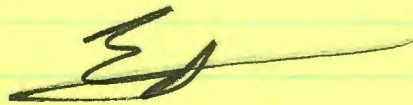
it's good to hear

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Hutch J. Chase

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I have a feeling that the whole Ring was staged. How many of those were bodies or dummies? Was there a cabin crew? How many of the coffins held actual corpses?

I don't know how you feel about some one ^{you can't see} talking to you in the dark of night - but I have a funny feeling about it.



and how about a snap back
at the press guy -

"Sam - whose side are you
on?" Helen - shut up and
sit down - for once -

If I brought about this further

I wouldn't mind it -

but I'm gonna -

Request

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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JUL 15 1988

SCHEDULING
OFFICE

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: JULY 14, 1988

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE ROBERT P. MANGIERI

SUBJECT: SUPPORTS PAYING THE RELATIVES OF THE IRANIAN
AIRLINER SHOT DOWN AND REQUESTS A PHOTO
SESSION WITH THE PRESIDENT

ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY	(STAFF NAME)	ACTION		DISPOSITION	
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 MANAGEMENT.

July 26, 1988

Dear Mr. Mangieri:

On behalf of the President, thank you very much for your letter of support regarding Gulf policy and your request for a photo with the President in the Oval Office.

Though he enjoys meeting with friends and supporters as often as possible, the President's schedule is such that no time is foreseen for your photo session. The President asked me to convey his appreciation to you, though, for taking the time to write and share your thoughts.

Sincerely,

FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.
Director of Presidential Appointments
and Scheduling
Director of Private Sector Initiatives

Mr. Robert P. Mangieri
102 Haney Road
Kunkletown, PA 18058

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Lincoln -

Return OK

Re: quit time not
foreseen when
photo session would
be possible? Thanks

yes many

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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HON. ROBERT PAUL MANGIERI
102 HANEY ROAD
KUNKLETOWN, PA. 18058

7/11/88

Scheduling
(open)

President Ronald Reagan
The President of the
United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Subj: Paying the Relatives
of the Iran Airliner
Shot Down

Dear President Reagan:

I want to congratulate you on your decision to pay the relatives of the Iranian Airliner shot down. This decision is just one way that proves you will go down in history as one of the best Presidents our Nation has ever had.

I want you also to know that I strongerly support your Gulf policy and I want to thank you for all you have done for our Nation. America needed you and you were there.

I would be honored if I could meet with you in the Oval Office and be photographed it would be one of the highlights of my life.

I worry what will happen to our Nation, when you leave office, since you have done such a great job.

I want you always to consider me a friend and I want to say Thank You for being our President.

Sincerely,



Hon. Robert P. Mangieri

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: JULY 15, 1988

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. PETER J. REENSTRA

SUBJECT: SENDS TELEGRAM STRONGLY OPPOSING ANY
COMPENSATION TO FAMILIES OF IRANIAN AIRLINER
SHOT DOWN IN THE PERSIAN GULF

ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY	(STAFF NAME)	ACTION		DISPOSITION	
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MANAGEMENT.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 17, 1988

Dear Mr. Reenstra:

On behalf of President Reagan, thank you for your telegram concerning compensation to the families of the victims of Iran Air flight 655.

The United States deeply regrets the tragic loss of life in the recent downing of Iran Air flight 655 by a U.S. vessel, and has conveyed its position to the Iranian Government and to the other governments of those on board the flight. As the President announced, for humanitarian reasons, the United States will compensate the families of the victims in a way that does not involve the Iranian Government. The United States offer is voluntary and not a matter of legal obligation.

The arrangements for direct payment to the families are currently under study. No compensation will be paid to the Government of Iran for the loss of the aircraft itself, which was owned and operated by the Iranian Government. The United States has not made payment of compensation to the families contingent on changes of behavior by the Iranian Government because this might be interpreted that we are prepared to reward the Iranian Government for change. To make payment contingent on the release of our own hostages indirectly rewards terrorism and hostage-taking.

This tragedy underlines the urgency of ending the most dangerous and destructive source of regional tension -- the Iran-Iraq war. We are working to find a negotiated settlement of the bilateral conflict. Toward that goal, we led the effort in the UN Security Council that resulted in the unanimous passage of Resolution 598 on July 20, 1987. The resolution established a solid basis to ensure a lasting peace by calling for an immediate cease-fire and withdrawal to international borders, the return of prisoners of war, and the establishment of a body to determine responsibility for the war. The United States strongly believes that implementation of Resolution 598 is the best means to achieve a comprehensive, negotiated settlement. Both sides have now accepted that Resolution. The urgent need now is to bring it into practical effect to end the conflict.

The United States will continue to work with the UN Security Council and the Secretary General to bring an end to this tragic war. In the meantime, U.S. military forces will remain in the Gulf to protect our national interests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K. Kruke', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Kevin Kruke
Special Assistant to the President and
Deputy Director of Public Liaison

Mr. Peter J. Reenstra
Labor United for a Strong America
P.O. Box 18202
East Hartford, Connecticut 06118

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

5946

August 15, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR SALLY KELLEY

FROM: PAUL SCHOTT STEVENS *PS*

SUBJECT: Response to Telegram Opposing Compensation for
Victims of Iran Air 655

The NSC staff approves the attached draft response.

Attachment

Tab A State Transmittal Memo dtd 8/11/88

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

August 15, 1988

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR PAUL SCHOTT STEVENS

FROM: ROBERT B. OAKLEY *RB*

SUBJECT: Response to Telegram Opposing U.S. Compensation
for Victims of Iran Air 655

The attached draft response looks fine.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum to Sally Kelley at Tab I.

Approve *RB* Disapprove _____

Attachments

Tab I Stevens Memo to Kelley

Tab A State Transmittal Memo dtd 8/11/88

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S/S# 8823886
DATE August 11, 1988

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

For: Mr. Paul Schott Stevens
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

TO: President Reagan
FROM: Mr. Peter J. Reenstra
DATE: July 13, 1988
SUBJECT: Opposes U.S. compensation for victims of Iran Air 655

WH Referral Dated: August 8, 1988
NSC ID# (if any): 584641

 The attached item was sent directly to the
Department of State

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REMARKS:


Director
Secretariat Staff

WHITE HOUSE

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DRAFT REPLY

Mr. Reenstra:

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Labor United for a Strong America,
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8823886

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REFERRAL

AUGUST 8, 1988

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DRAFT REPLY FOR SIGNATURE OF:
WHITE HOUSE STAFF MEMBER

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 584641

MEDIA: TELEGRAM, DATED JULY 13, 1988

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. PETER J. REENSTRA
CHAIRMAN
LABOR UNITED FOR A STRONG AMERICA
POST OFFICE BOX 18202
EAST HARTFORD CT 06118

SUBJECT: SENDS TELEGRAM STRONGLY OPPOSING ANY
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SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DRAFT REPLY

Mr. Reenstra:

thank you for your
letter

On behalf of
~~I am replying to your message to~~ President Reagan, concern-
ing the ~~U.S. offer to pay~~ compensation to the families of the
victims of Iran Air flight 655.

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Sincerely,

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~~SA~~
Max Green

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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

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DEAR PRESIDENT REAGAN WE OPPOSE STRONGLY TO COMPENSATION TO IRANIAN FAMILIES REASON 1 NO COMPENSATION OR APOLOGIES WERE RECEIVED FOR 250 MARINES IN BERIUT REASON 2 NO COMPENSATION OR APOLOGIES WERE RECEIVED FOR THE SAILORS ON THE USS STARK REASON 3 NO COMPENSATION OR APOLOGIES WERE RECEIVED FOR KIDNAPPED AND MURDERED AMERICAN HOSTAGES REASON 4 NO COMPENSATION OR MEANINGFUL APOLOGY WAS RECEIVED FOR KAL 007 (WHICH INCLUDED A US CONGRESSMAN) REASON 5 EVIDENCE IS POSSIBLE THAT MANY OF THE PASSENGERS WERE DEAD BEFORE THE JET TOOK OFF PLEASE RECONSIDER GIVING TAX PAYERS NONEY TO A TERRORIST REGIME

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July 12, 1988

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Dear Mr. President.

You are doing the
right thing by giving
 assistance to the families
 of the airline mishaps.
 You are responding from
 your heart. Thank you for
 your caring, humane character.
 With respect
 Jane Reiman
 Former Mayor, Carmel

Regards to Mrs. Reagan

