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UNCLAS ROME 28979  
E. O. 12065: N/A  
TAGS: PEPR, XF, IT  
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL ITALIAN REACTION TO GOLAN HEIGHTS  
- ANNEXATION

1. FOLLOWING IS THE VERBATIM TEXT (EMBASSY TRANSLATION)  
OF A STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ON  
DECEMBER 16 FOLLOWING A MEETING THAT SAME DAY OF THE  
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. BEGIN TEXT: RECALLING THE  
DECLARATION ISSUED YESTERDAY (DECEMBER 15) IN LONDON BY  
THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE TEN, THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS  
DEPLORES THE RECENT DECISION OF THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT TO  
EXTEND ITS SOVEREIGNTY TO THE GOLAN HEIGHTS, IN CONTRA-  
DICTION TO INTERNATIONAL LAW AND IN PARTICULAR TO THE  
PERTINENT RESOLUTIONS OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL. SUCH  
A DECISION CAN ONLY WORSEN THE TENSIONS IN THE MIDDLE  
EAST AND WILL RENDER MORE DIFFICULT THE SEARCH FOR A  
PEACEFUL AND GLOBAL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS THERE.  
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E. O. 12065: RDS-3 12/21/01 (BRIDGES, PETER S) OR-M  
TAGS: PINS, PTER, ASEC, IT, US  
SUBJECT: DOZIER KIDNAPPING: WHAT HASN' T HAPPENED

1. ~~SECRET~~ ENTIRE TEXT.
2. FOUR DAYS AFTER THE KIDNAPPING OF BRIGADIER GENERAL JAMES L. DOZIER, THERE ARE NO SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS ACCORDING TO AUTHORITIES WORKING ON THE CASE. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WE ARE REPORTING BELOW THE ELEMENTS WHICH ARE ABSENT IN THE DOZIER CASE.

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

3. THERE STILL IS NO SINGLE ITALIAN IN CHARGE OF THE EFFORT TO FIND AND FREE DOZIER WITH AUTHORITY CUTTING ACROSS THE PARALLEL CIVILIAN AND MILITARY LAW ENFORCEMENT, INTELLIGENCE AND PARA-MILITARY SERVICES. THE OPERATIONS CENTER UNDER INTERIOR MINISTER ROGNONI'S PERSONAL SUPERVISION AND WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OTHER MINISTRIES CONCERNED IS A POINT FOR COLLATING INFORMATION BUT NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL COMMANDER.

4. THE U. S. IS NOT IN A POSITION TO BRING INTO ITALY ANY INDIVIDUALS WHO COULD ACTUALLY ASSIST THE ITALIANS IN THE IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE OF LOCATING DOZIER. THE JSOC TEAM AND COL. MOFFETT ARE IMPRESSIVE, AND WE ARE PLEASED THAT THEY WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH THE APPROPRIATE ITALIAN OFFICIALS TO EXPLAIN WHAT U. S. CAPABILITIES ARE AVAIL-

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ABLE UNDER VARIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES. THEY THEMSELVES, HOWEVER, STRESSED TO US THAT THEIR CAPABILITIES ARE ALMOST ENTIRELY FOR USE ONCE DOZIER IS LOCATED. AT THIS POINT THE PRIMARY TASK IS FOR POLICE WORK -- HOPEFULLY WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF COVERT INFORMATION GATHERING -- FOLLOWING UP EVERY POSSIBLE LEAD WHICH COULD IDENTIFY THE RED BRIGADES HIDEOUT WHERE DOZIER IS BEING KEPT. THE ONLY ASSISTANCE WE MIGHT MAKE IS IN TERMS OF TECHNOLOGICAL EQUIPMENT, BUT SO FAR AT LEAST WE KNOW OF NO ITALIAN REQUEST OF THIS KIND.

5. THERE ARE STILL HIGH LEVEL AMERICANS, BOTH OF CIVILIAN AND MILITARY, IN ITALY WHO COULD BE EASILY KIDNAPPED BECAUSE THEY ARE NEITHER LIVING ON A BASE NOR PROVIDED WITH APPROPRIATE PROTECTION AT THEIR HOMES. WE CONTINUE TO GO UNDER THE ASSUMPTION THAT FURTHER RED BRIGADES KIDNAPPINGS OF AMERICANS MUST BE ANTICIPATED.

6. ON THE RED BRIGADES SIDE, THEY HAVE NOT YET ANNOUNCED ANY DEMANDS OR DEFINED THE SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE THEY ARE TRYING TO ACHIEVE THROUGH THIS KIDNAPPING. THEY ARE NOT IN TOUCH WITH DOZIER'S WIFE, FAMILY OR ANY OTHER AMERICANS, NOR, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, WITH ITALIAN AUTHORITIES. UNEXPLAINABLY, THE RED BRIGADES HAVE NOT EVEN SURFACED PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE KIDNAP VICTIM IN HIS RED BRIGADES' "PEOPLES PRISON", ALTHOUGH SUCH PHOTOGRAPHS ARE A TRADITIONAL MARK OF RED BRIGADES KIDNAPPING OPERATIONS.

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

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MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

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E. O. 12065: RDS-1 12/22/01 (BRIDGES, PETER S) OR-M  
TAGS: PINS, PTER, ASEC, IT, US  
SUBJECT: DOZIER KIDNAPPING: BEIRUT "COMMUNIQUE"  
UNCOMFIRMED

1. ~~S~~ ENTIRE TEXT.

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2. THE ANSA NEWS AGENCY RELEASED THE TEXT OF A COMMUNIQUE RECEIVED IN BEIRUT ON DECEMBER 22 PURPORTING TO BE THE RED BRIGADE'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT BRIGADIER GENERAL JAMES L. DOZIER HAS BEEN KILLED AND HIS BODY WILL SOON BE FOUND. WE HAVE NO CONFIRMATION OF THE VALIDITY OF THIS MESSAGE WHICH IS TOTALLY AT VARIANCE WITH THE NORMAL PROCEDURE FOLLOWED BY THE RED BRIGADES OVER THE PAST DECADE. THE COMMUNIQUE WAS RECEIVED BY THE BEIRUT OFFICE OF ANSA IN A TELEPHONE CALL FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED PERSON SPEAKING ARABIC.

3. THE FULL TEXT OF THE COMMUNIQUE ITSELF IS: "THE RED BRIGADES BAEDER-MEINHOF ANNOUNCES ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR CARRYING OUT THE EXECUTION OF AMERICAN GENERAL JAMES DOZIER AFTER HE WAS CONVICTED BY THE PEOPLES' COURT AND IT IS NO USE TO BRING IN THE CIA BECAUSE THE BODY OF THE IMPERIALIST PIG IS NOW IN A VILLAGE HOUSE AND ITALIAN POLICE WILL FIND IT AFTER 8 P.M. ITALIAN TIME."

4. THE TELEPHONE MESSAGE CONTINUED: "THE RED BRIGADES DECLARE THAT THERE IS NO RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE RED BRIGADES AND THE SHIITE GROUP OF THE IMAM MUSSA SADR IN BEIRUT OR TEHRAN NOR WITH THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE IMAM IN LIBYA. THE SPOKESMEN DID NOT EXPLAIN THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STATEMENT "THE RED BRIGADES OF

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

BAEDER MEINHOF." TO A QUESTION FROM THE ANSA OFFICE IN BEIRUT, THE PERSON WHO TELEPHONED EXPLAINED THAT THERE HAVE BEEN ALLEGATIONS OF A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE RED BRIGADES AND THE IMAM'S GROUP -- WHICH HE FLATLY DENIED.

5. THE CALLER ALSO EXPLAINED THAT THE RED BRIGADES HAD CHOSEN DOZIER IN ORDER TO HIT AMERICAN INTERESTS

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IN ITALY. FINALLY, WHEN ASKED WHY THE COMMUNIQUE WAS RELEASED IN BEIRUT HE SAID "WE HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO GIVE THE COMMUNIQUE TO THE ANSA AGENCY IN BEIRUT TODAY AT 1600 HOURS, 1500 ITALIAN TIME, FOR MORE SECURITY. I HAVE NOTHING TO ADD." THE ANSA ITEM RELEASING THIS COMMUNIQUE SAID THAT THE CALL APPEARED TO COME FROM A LOCATION WHERE OTHER VOICES WERE SPEAKING ARABIC IN THE BACKGROUND.

6. EMBASSY COMMENT. ALL THE LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF COMMUNIQUE RELEASED BY THE RED BRIGADES IN THE LAST DECADE HAVE BEEN SURFACED IN ITALY. ALSO, NONE OF THE RED BRIGADES' KIDNAP VICTIMS HAVE BEEN KILLED WITHIN THE FIRST WEEK OF THEIR CAPTURE OR EVEN BEFORE PHOTOGRAPHS HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED OF THE VICTIM IN CAPTIVITY. FINALLY, THE EXPLANATION THAT THE

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E.O. 12065: RDS-3, 12/28/01 (RABB, MAXWELL M) OR-M  
TAGS: PEPR, ENRG, EENT, IT  
SUBJECT: THE POLISH CRISIS AND THE SIBERIAN GAS PIPELINE  
- A U.S. RESPONSE  
REF: (A) STATE 340759; (B) ROME 29673

1. ~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SINCE MY FIRST MESSAGE (REF B), THE ISSUE OF THE PIPELINE HAS EXPLODED HERE IN ITALY. SO FAR THE IMPACT IS FAVORABLE. THE DC LEADER, PICCOLI, HAS ASSURED ME THAT ALL FIVE COALITION PARTIES HAVE AGREED TO SUSPENSION OF NEGOTIATIONS. THE SOCIALISTS AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATS ARE STILL LEADING THE PACK, HOWEVER. THIS MAY REFLECT SOCIALIST LEADER CRAXI'S DESIRE TO DEMONSTRATE HIS ATLANTIC CREDENTIALS AS PRELUDE TO SEEKING TO BECOME PRIME MINISTER. BUT A COMPETITION TO BE THE MOST PRO-WESTERN DOESN'T STRIKE ME AS A BAD THING'

3. HOWEVER, ALL THAT WE ARE GETTING FROM THE ITALIANS IS AN OPPORTUNITY. EVEN IF OTHER EUROPEANS DON'T FOR THE MOMENT FOLLOW THEIR EXAMPLE, THEY ARE GIVING US AN OPENING. BUT THEY ARE NOT GOING TO COME UP WITH A GRAND EUROPEAN INITIATIVE. THEY LOOK TO US TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE, IF WE CAN.

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

4. I AGREE ENTIRELY THAT WE SHOULD AVOID AN "UNPRODUCTIVE REPEAT OF PREVIOUS EXERCISE." THE REAL ACTION SHOULD BE IN WASHINGTON. DO WE WANT TO PREVENT THE SIBERIAN PIPELINE FROM BEING BUILT? IF SO, WHAT ARE THE ALTERNATIVES, WHAT DO THEY COST, HOW CAN WE PACKAGE THEM AND SELL THEM? THIS IS NOT A SIMPLE PROBLEM, I KNOW. MY SUGGESTIONS HAVE BEEN INTENDED TO STIMULATE THOUGHT AND ACTION, NOT TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM IN ONE SHORT MESSAGE. BUT ENERGY EXPERTISE IS TO BE FOUND LARGELY IN THE U.S. I AM REASONABLY CONFIDENT THAT THOUGHT AND ORGANIZATION -- AND THE READINESS TO LAY SOME MONEY ON THE LINE -- CAN PRODUCE A SALEABLE ALTERNATIVE TO THE SIBERIAN PIPELINE.

5. WE ON THIS SIDE OF THE ATLANTIC CAN MAINLY HELP BY ENCOURAGING EUROPEANS TO KEEP THEIR OPTIONS OPEN, E. G.,

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BY SUSPENDING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE RUSSIANS. SO LONG AS OUR EFFORTS ARE COUCHED IN TERMS BOTH OF A SHARED INTEREST THAT WE NOT STRENGTHEN THE USSR AT A TIME WHEN IT IS PURSUING UNACCEPTABLE POLICIES, AND OF TAKING TIME TO EXPLORE ALTERNATIVES, I DON'T THINK OUR EFFORTS WILL BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE.

6. AS FOR THE LAST POINT IN REF A -- THE IDEA THAT U. S. PRESSURES WOULD "CONVINCE SOME EUROPEANS THAT WE ARE INTERESTED IN THE POLISH CRISIS PRIMARILY AS A MEANS TO GET AT THE SOVIETS AND REALIZE OBJECTIVES OTHERWISE UNOBTAINABLE": I THINK WHAT IS DRAWING SOME EUROPEAN RESISTANCE IS THE IDEA OF REDUCING AID TO POLAND. ON THE OTHER HAND, I BELIEVE THAT THERE WOULD BE SOME EUROPEAN SUPPORT FOR THE IDEA THAT WE SHOULD PUNISH (OR, MORE ACCURATELY, NOT REWARD) THE NATION RESPONSIBLE FOR THE POLISH CRISIS, THE USSR, BY ABANDONING THE SIBERIAN PIPELINE DEAL. INDEED, THAT IS THE LOGIC ITALIAN POLITICIANS SEEM TO BE RESPONDING TO. OF COURSE, REALISTICALLY, THEIR LOGIC WILL PREVAIL ONLY SO FAR IN THE FACE OF NEED FOR GAS AND FOR CONTRACTS AND WORK. THAT IS WHY, IF THE U. S. WANTS TO TRY TO PROFIT FROM THIS OPPORTUNITY, IT MUST DO WHAT IT HAS NOT DONE, AND DEVELOP A REAL ALTERNATIVE. RABB

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E.O. 12065: RDS-1 12/28/01 (BRIDGES, PETER S.) OR-M  
TAGS: PINT, NATO, PINS, PPDC, IT, PL, UR  
SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER SPADOLINI'S LETTER OF  
DECEMBER 26 TO PRESIDENT REAGAN ON POLAND  
REFS: (A) STATE 339301, (B) ROME 29736

1. ~~(ENTIRE TEXT)~~

2. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN GIVEN A COPY OF PRIME  
MINISTER SPADOLINI'S DECEMBER 26 LETTER TO PRESIDENT  
REAGAN WHICH IS IN RESPONSE TO THE PRESIDENT'S  
LETTER OF DECEMBER 24. SINCE DEPARTMENT WILL RECEIVE  
A COPY OF THE TEXT DELIVERED IN WASHINGTON, WE OFFER  
A SHORT SUMMARY BELOW.

3. PRIME MINISTER SPADOLINI STATED THAT THE GOI  
SHARED THE EVALUATION OF THE USG CONCERNING THE  
POLISH SITUATION, THE SOVIET INVOLVEMENT AND THE  
EFFECT OF THESE EVENTS ON EAST-WEST RELATIONS.  
HE STATED THAT THE GOI HAD MADE ITS CONCERNS CLEAR  
TO THE POLISH GOVERNMENT FROM THE BEGINNING, BOTH  
IN BILATERAL EXCHANGES AND IN THE COORDINATED POSI-  
TION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. THE GOI WAS SUS-  
TAINED BY THE UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF ITS PARLIMENTARY  
MAJORITY IN CONDEMNING THE REPRESSIVE MEASURES

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

ADOPTED IN POLAND, IN THE REAFFIRMATION OF THE  
PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERVENTION, AND THE HOPE FOR  
THE RECOMMENCEMENT OF DIALOGUE AND GREATER UNDER-  
STANDING AMONG THE PARTIES SO AS TO SAFEGUARD  
FUNDAMENTAL LIBERTIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS. SPADOLINI  
NOTED THAT THERE WOULD BE A MEETING OF THE EC FOREIGN  
MINISTERS IN LONDON ON DECEMBER 30. HE ACCENTED  
THE IMPORTANCE OF CONSTANT CONTACT AND COORDINATION  
AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE CONCERN-  
ING MEASURES TO BE TAKEN IN REGARD TO POLAND AND  
EVENTUAL INITIATIVES CONCERNING THE SOVIET UNION,  
SO THAT THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP OF COLLABORATION  
WHICH EXISTS WILL REMAIN INTACT AND EVEN BE REIN-  
FORCED BY THE POLISH TEST.

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RED BRIGADES TERRORISTS, SPADOLINI EXPRESSED THE SOLIDARITY OF THE GOI WHICH SHARED THE PRESIDENT'S JUDGMENT OF THE VILE NATURE OF THE ACT AND OF THE NECESSITY TO PREVENT THE TERRORISTS FROM ACHIEVING THEIR OBJECTIVE OF INTERNATIONAL LEGITIMACY. HE PROMISED THAT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD USE EVERY MEANS TO OBTAIN THE RELEASE OF GENERAL DOZIER WHILE INTENSIFYING THE ANTI-TERRORIST STRUGGLE.

5. COMMENT: WE ARE CONVEYING TO MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR BOTTAI DECEMBER 28 THE SUMMARY OF THE BREZHNEV LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT IN STATE 340843.  
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