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O 191120Z JAN 81
FM USINT BAGHDAD

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1306

UNCLAS BAGHDAD 0152
E.O. 12065: N/A
TAGS: PINS, PORS, IR, IZ
SUBJ: INITIAL MESSAGE ON HOSTAGES RELEASE
REF: STATE 14006

I DELIVERED REPTEL MESSAGE ON HOSTAGE RELEASE TO CHIEF FIRST INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT SAHHAF BY PHONE JUST BEFORE THE MINISTRY'S 2 PM CLOSING TIME. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AND ASKED WHETHER I WOULD LIKE TO SEE HIM IN PERSON. I SUGGESTED THAT SINCE I DID NOT HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WE SHOULD WAIT FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. HE SAID HE HOPED I WOULD HAVE SOMETHING FOR HIM TOMORROW AND WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEE ME.
EAGLETON

USINT BAGHDAD 0152

DTG: 191120Z JAN 81 59N: 025113
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O 191145Z JAN 81 ZPP-4
FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6946

UNCLAS CAIRO 01161
E.O. 12958: N/A
TAGS: PINS, PORS, IR
SUBJECT: AGREEMENT ON HOSTAGES' RELEASE
REF: STATE 14298

I HAVE SPOKEN TO BOTH VICE PRESIDENT MUBARAK AND DEPUTY
PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER KAMAL HASSAN ALI AND
HAVE GIVEN THEM BOTH THE SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL. BOTH
ASKED ME TO CONVEY TO WASHINGTON THEIR CONGRATULATIONS
ON THE RESOLUTION OF THE HOSTAGE PROBLEM. ATHERTON

CAIRO 1161

DTG:191145Z JAN 81 05N: 025103
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DIRNSA FT GEORGE G MEADE MD

R 191142Z JAN 81

FM AMEMBASSY VICTORIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3401

INFO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI 3327

BT

UNCLAS VICTORIA 00110

E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PORS, IR, SE

SUBJECT: HOSTAGE RELEASE

REF: STATE 14096

UPON RECEIPT REFTEL CHARGE IMMEDIATELY TELEPHONED FOREIGN MINISTER HODOUL WHO SAID HE WAS DELIGHTED WITH THE GOOD NEWS. HE SAID HOSTAGE ISSUES HAD BEEN LONG AND DIFFICULT PERIOD AND HE WAS VERY HAPPY TO HEAR GOOD NEWS. DANKINS

VICTORIA 0110

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FM PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

UNCLAS
FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM CANAAN GODINDO BANANA PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE
PLEASE ACCEPT MY HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR
ACHIEVEMENT IN OBTAINING THE RELEASE OF THE AMERICAN HOSTAGES
FROM TEHRAN BY PEACEFUL MEANS. THEIR LIBERTY AFTER SO
MANY AGONIZING MONTHS OF PROMISE AND SUBSEQUENT LET DOWN WILL
REMOVE AN IMMENSE WEIGHT FROM THE MINDS OF YOURSELF AND THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE. WE REJOICE WITH YOU THAT THEY CAN
AT LAST REJOIN THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR COUNTRY SAFE AND SOUND.

PRESIDENT OF THE RE 1889

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INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA 9396

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UNCLAS SYDNEY 0204

EA/ANZ PLEASE PASS WHITE HOUSE FOR PRESIDENT CARTER

E.O. 120651 N/A

TAGS: PPDC, AS, UK

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT CARTER FROM FORMER BRITISH PM

JAMES CALLAGHAN

FORMER BRITISH PRIME MINISTER JAMES CALLAGHAN, CURRENTLY VISITING AUSTRALIA, HAS ASKED THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE BE TRANSMITTED FROM HIM TO PRESIDENT CARTER:

BEGIN QUOTE:

HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS ON SECURING RELEASE OF HOSTAGES. YOU WILL BE REMEMBERED WITH AFFECTION AND RESPECT, JIM CALLAGHAN. END QUOTE

HOROWITZ

AMCONSUL SYDNEY 0204

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR THE PRESIDENT REGARDING RELEASE OF HOSTAGES.

WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT FROM PRESIDENT LIMANN.

BEGIN QUOTE:

THE NEWS OF THE RELEASE OF THE 52 AMERICAN HOSTAGES HELD IN IRAN SINCE NOVEMBER, 1979, HAS COME TO US WITH A GREAT SENSE OF RELIEF AND JOY. THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF GHANA JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING YOUR EXCELLENCY AND THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE FOREBEARANCE AND TOLERANCE SHOWN DURING THE ENTIRE FOURTEEN MONTHS OF UNEASY AND DELICATE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES.

IT IS OUR FERVENT HOPE THAT THIS AGONIZING EPISODE CAN NOW BE FIRMLY PUT BEHIND US SO THAT THE UNITED STATES AND IRAN CAN REESTABLISH NORMAL RELATIONS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLES OF BOTH COUNTRIES AND IN THE INTEREST OF THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE.

SIGNED: DR. HILLA LIMANN, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA. END QUOTE. SMITH

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SUBJECT: CANADA CONGRATULATES US ON HOSTAGE RELEASE

1. IN JANUARY 19 DEBATE CANADIAN HOUSE OF COMMONS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED MEASURE PUT FORWARD BY FORMER PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE PRIME MINISTER JOE CLARK AND SECONDED BY FORMER EX-TAFF MINISTER FLORA MACDONALD STATING: "THAT THIS HOUSE, ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF CANADA, EXTENDS ITS CONGRATULATIONS TO PRESIDENT CARTER AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES; AND WISHES THAT THE AMERICANS BE REUNITED WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE." AND THAT THIS HOUSE ALSO EXTENDS ITS CONGRATULA-

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TIONS AND APPRECIATION TO THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT FOR THE KEY ROLE IT PLAYED IN THE RESOLUTION OF THIS DIFFICULT INTERNATIONAL CRISIS."

2. EMBASSY IS RECEIVING CONGRATULATIONS FROM CANADIAN OFFICIALS, PRIVATE CITIZENS AND THIRD COUNTRY DIPLOMATS FOR SUCCESSFUL RESOLUTION OF HOSTAGE CRISIS WHICH HAD ASSUMED SPECIAL INTEREST IN OTTAWA AFTER CANADA ASSISTED IN EXTRICATING SIX OF ORIGINAL AMERICAN HOSTAGES. MP DOUGLAS ROCHE, CONSERVATIVE SPOKESMAN FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, CALLED EMBASSY JANUARY 19 TO EXPRESS GRATIFICATION OVER HOSTAGES' PENDING RELEASE AND CONGRATULATE PRESIDENT CARTER AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES FOR MAINTAINING "COOL HEAD IN MOST PROVOCATIVE OF CIRCUMSTANCES." NORWEGIAN EMBOFF CALLED TO DRAW TO OUR ATTENTION THAT HIS COUNTRY'S FOREIGN MINISTER HAD EXPRESSED "STRONG ADMIRATION" FOR THE WAY THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAD HANDLED THE CRISIS. SAMPLE CABLE FROM PRIVATE CANADIANS: "CONGRATULATIONS. GOD BLESS THE EX-HOSTAGES." SMITH

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TAGS: PEPR, CA, US

SUBJECT: CANADIAN PARLIAMENT TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN

1. CANADIAN HOUSE OF COMMONS MARKED U.S. INAUGURATION DAY JANUARY 20 BY ENACTING MOTION "THAT THIS HOUSE EXTENDS BEST WISHES TO PRESIDENT REAGAN AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES AND PRAYS THAT HIS TERM OF OFFICE WILL BE DISTINGUISHED BY CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS AND GREATER PEACE AND PROSPERITY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD."

2. MOTION WAS PUT FORWARD AS BIPARTISAN MEASURE MOVED BY MEMBER OF PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE OPPOSITION AND SECONDED BY MEMBER OF GOVERNING LIBERAL PARTY. IT WAS ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF THE ENTIRE CANADIAN

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TAGS: PEPR, EEC, IR, US

SUBJ: EC FOREIGN MINISTERS' STATEMENT ON RELEASE OF
HOSTAGES

1. FOLLOWING IS MISSION'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION FROM FRENCH OF UNOFFICIAL EMBARGOED STATEMENT APPROVED BY EC FOREIGN MINISTERS IN JAN. 20 MEETING. EC COUNCIL PRESIDENT (NETHERLANDS FONMIN VAN DER KLAUW) HELD END-OF-MEETING PRESS CONFERENCE AT 1930 LOCAL TIME, AND DESPITE INSISTENCE OF REPORTERS THAT HOSTAGES' AIRCRAFT HAD DEPARTED TEHRAN, REFUSED TO RELEASE STATEMENT PENDING OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION THAT HOSTAGES HAD BEEN FREED. FOLLOWING TEXT WAS LEAKED TO PRESS AT 2100 LOCAL TIME. WE UNDERSTAND THAT MOST OF THE STATEMENT WAS WORKED OUT IN DECEMBER, WITH FINAL PARAGRAPH (UK CAPTIVES) ADDED JAN. 20.

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2. BEGIN TEXT.

THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTERS OF THE TEN MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY HAVE HEARD WITH GREAT SATISFACTION OF THE DECISION OF THE IRANIAN AUTHORITIES TO RELEASE, SAFE AND WELL, THE PERSONNEL OF THE U.S. EMBASSY IN TEHRAN, WHO HAVE BEEN HELD AS HOSTAGES FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR.

THEY ARE HAPPY TO WELCOME THE RELIEF WHICH THIS DECISION BRINGS TO THE ORDEAL OF THE HOSTAGES AND THEIR FAMILIES. CONSEQUENTLY THE TEN CONSIDER THAT THE MEASURES DECREED WITH RESPECT TO IRAN FOLLOWING THE COUNCIL'S DECLARATIONS OF APRIL 22 AND MAY 18 ARE NO LONGER CALLED FOR. IT IS FOR EACH OF THE MEMBER STATES TO TAKE THE MEASURES WHICH IT CONSIDERS ADVISABLE FOR THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF ADEQUATE RELATIONS IN THE AREAS CONCERNED.

ON THIS OCCASION, THE TEN WANT TO RECALL THE NEED FOR ALL TO RESPECT THE PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW WHICH SHOULD GOVERN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES.

THE TEN HAVE ALWAYS HELD THAT THEY FULLY RESPECT THE INDEPENDENCE OF IRAN AND THE RIGHT OF THE IRANIAN PEOPLE TO SELF-DETERMINATION OF THEIR OWN FUTURE. NOW THAT THE WAY IS OPEN FOR IMPROVED RELATIONS, THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTERS OF THE TEN EXPRESS THEIR HOPE THAT RELATIONS BASED ON RESPECT OF INDEPENDENCE AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING CAN BE ESTABLISHED WITH IRAN.

IN THIS CONNECTION THE TEN LOOK TO THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN TO ACCELERATE THE RELEASE OF THE FOUR BRITISH CITIZENS HELD CAPTIVE IN IRAN, AGAINST WHOM IT IS NOTED THAT NO CHARGES HAVE BEEN MADE.

END TEXT.

3. AFTER TELEPHONE CALLS TO EMBASSY ALGIERS AND DEPARTMENT, MISSION AND EMBASSY THE HAGUE WERE ABLE TO INFORM DUTCH GOVERNMENT AT 2130 LOCAL TIME THAT OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION FROM ALGERIA HAD BEEN RECEIVED. ENDERS

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