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DE RUDKGFQ #0450 021111G
P 211115Z JAN 81
FM AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 0416

UNCLAS THE HAGUE 00450
E.O. 12065: N/A
TAGS: PINS, PORS, IR, NL
SUBJECT: REACTION - ROYAL AND OTHERWISE - TO HOSTAGE
RELEASE.

1. PRINCE CLAUS CALLED ME LATE LAST NIGHT TO EXPRESS HIS AND THE QUEEN'S JOY AT THE NEWS OF THE RELEASE OF OUR COLLEAGUES IN IRAN. "WE ARE THRILLED THAT THEY WILL BE REUNITED WITH THEIR FAMILIES AFTER SO LONG A TIME," HE SAID. HE AND THE QUEEN HAVE ON OTHER OCCASIONS IN THIS PAST YEAR EXPRESSED THEIR DEEP CONCERN AND THEIR IDENTIFICATION WITH AMERICAN FEELINGS THROUGHOUT THIS ORDEAL.

2. WE ARE RECEIVING OTHER CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES AS WELL, FROM MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS, THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT AND ORDINARY DUTCH MEN AND WOMEN WHO SAY SIMPLY THAT THEY SHARE OUR GRATITUDE FOR THE FREEDOM OF THESE 52 AMERICANS. ONE PARTICULARLY MOVING LETTER ARRIVED FROM THE FORMER DUTCH AMBASSADOR IN TEHRAN, WILLY CAMPAGNE, WHO SENDS HIS "WARMEST GREETINGS TO BRUCE AND ALL HIS COLLEAGUES."

3. FROM ALL OF US AT EMBASSY THE HAGUE, WE ALSO WANT TO SAY A HEARTFELT "FREE AT LAST" TO OUR COLLEAGUES AND "WELL DONE" TO EVERYONE WHO LABORED THESE MANY MONTHS TO SECURE THAT FREEDOM. JOSEPH

THE HAGUE 0450

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O 211526Z JAN 81
FM AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0820

UNCLAS KINGSTON 0514
FOR S/S FROM AMBASSADOR
E.O. 120651 NA
TAGS: PGOV, JM
SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN FROM PRIME MINISTER SEAGA

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A LETTER DATED JANUARY 20, 1981
TO PRESIDENT REAGAN FROM PRIME MINISTER SEAGA. THE ACTUAL
LETTER IS BEING POUCHED TODAY TO ARA/CAR.
BEGIN MESSAGE:

JANUARY 20, 1981

DEAR PRESIDENT REAGAN:
PLEASE ACCEPT MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR INAUGURATION
TODAY AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
YOU ASSUME THE PRESIDENCY AT A TIME THAT IS MARKED BY MANY
DIFFICULTIES ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE, AND THE INFLUENCE
AND AUTHORITY OF THE UNITED STATES WILL BE CRUCIAL IN COPING
WITH THEM. THIS IMPOSES AN ESPECIALLY HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY
ON YOU, BUT I FEEL SURE THAT THE STRENGTH OF YOUR BELIEF IN
THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS, JUSTICE AND THE RIGHTS OF THE
INDIVIDUAL WILL ENABLE YOU TO SUCCESSFULLY FULFILL THE
DEMANDS OF THIS HEAVY TASK.
THE HAPPINESS OF YOUR INAUGURATION TODAY HAS BEEN HEIGHTENED
BY THE NEWS OF THE RELEASE OF THE AMERICAN HOSTAGES IN IRAN.
WE SHARE WITH YOU THE SPECIAL JOY OF THIS EVENT.
ALONG WITH MY WARM GREETINGS ON THIS OCCASION, I SEND YOU
MY BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL TERM, AND EXPRESS THE

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MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

BELIEF THAT THE FUTURE WILL SEE A DEEPER STRENGTHENING OF THE WARM AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WHICH SHARE MANY IDEALS IN COMMON.

SINCERELY YOURS,

/s/

EDWARD SEAGA

END MESSAGE.
LAWRENCE

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FM AMEMBASSY DUBLIN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 0074

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UNCLAS DUBLIN 00278
E.O. 12065: N/A
TAGS: SOPN, PINS, IR, EI
SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR SHANNON'S STATEMENT ON THE HOSTAGES

1. BELOW IS A COPY OF THE PRESS STATEMENT RELEASED ON JANUARY 21 IN MY NAME BY THE EMBASSY PAO. THE STATEMENT SUMS UP THE VARIOUS EXCHANGES OF GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS THAT HAVE OCCURRED HERE TO MARK THE RELEASE OF THE US HOSTAGES.

2. BEGIN QUOTES. MY COLLEAGUES AND I IN THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY AND OUR FAMILIES ARE PROFOUNDLY GRATEFUL THAT OUR FELLOW AMERICANS WHO HAVE BEEN HELD CAPTIVE IN IRAN ARE NOW FREE. AS DIPLOMATS, WE ARE PROUD THAT THEIR RELEASE WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY THE PATIENT EXERCISE OF THE PEACEFUL ART OF DIPLOMACY.

3. I WISH TO EXPRESS PUBLICLY OUR GRATITUDE TO THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND WHO OVER THESE LAST FOURTEEN MONTHS HAVE SENT US MANY EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT. AS ONE OF HIS FINAL ACTS BEFORE LEAVING OFFICE, PRESIDENT CARTER SENT A MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION TO PRESIDENT HILLERY THANKING HIM FOR THE MORAL AND DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT

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MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

THAT IRELAND HAS GENEROUSLY PROVIDED AT THE UNITED NATIONS AND IN TEHERAN. I PERSONALLY EXPRESSED MY APPRECIATION TO THE TAOISEACH WHEN HE TELEPHONED ME YESTERDAY TO OFFER HIS CONGRATULATIONS ON HEARING THE NEWS THAT THE PLANES CARRYING THE CAPTIVES HAD LEFT IRAN.

4. I AM GRATEFUL TO THE LORD MAYOR OF DUBLIN, ALDERMAN FERGUS O'BRIEN, AND TO MAYOR MARLENE JEFFERSON OF DERRY, WHO VISITED ME TODAY TO CONVEY THE CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES OF THE PEOPLE OF THEIR RESPECTIVE CITIES. I PRESENTED THEM EACH WITH A YELLOW ROSE. EARLIER TODAY, THE IRISH MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY STAFF HAD GIVEN EACH OF THE AMERICAN OFFICERS A YELLOW ROSE IN A SURPRISE CEREMONY TO EXPRESS THEIR HAPPINESS THAT THIS LONG ORDEAL HAD COME TO AN END. THE 52 YELLOW RIBBONS WHICH HAD BEEN HANGING IN THE ROTUNDA OF THE EMBASSY TO COMMEMORATE THE HOSTAGES WERE TAKEN DOWN.

5. A YEAR AGO, A DUBLIN WOMAN WHOM I DO NOT KNOW PERSONALLY WROTE ME A NOTE IN WHICH SHE SAID IN PART: "AS I SAT QUIETLY BY MY FIRE THIS EVENING, I WAS THINKING OF THOSE HOSTAGES IN IRAN AND HOW SAD IT MUST BE FOR ALL THEIR FAMILIES. I THEN STRETCHED OUT MY HAND FOR MY BIBLE AND BEFORE ME WERE THESE WORDS FROM JEREMIAH, CHAPTER 31, VERSE 16: 'THUS SAITH THE LORD: REFRAIN THY VOICE FROM WEeping AND THINE EYES FROM TEARS: FOR THY WORK SHALL BE REWARDED, AND THEY SHALL COME AGAIN FROM THE LAND OF THE ENEMY. AND THERE IS HOPE IN THINE END, SAITH THE LORD, THAT THY CHILDREN SHALL COME AGAIN TO THEIR OWN BORDER.'"

6. I AM GRATEFUL THAT HER PRAYERS AND THE PRAYERS OF ALL OF US HAVE BEEN ANSWERED. THE PROPHET'S WORDS HAVE COME TRUE. END QUOTES. SHANNON

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P 210828Z JAN 81
FM AMEMBASSY MANILA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1831

UNCLAS MANILA 01693
E.O. 12065 N/A
TAGS: PEPR, RP, IR
SUBJECT: HOSTAGE RELEASE: STATEMENT BY PHILIPPINE FOREIGN
- MINISTER

1. GENERAL CARLOS P. ROMULO ISSUED FOLLOWING STATEMENT
JANUARY 21 ON THE RELEASE OF THE 52 AMERICAN HOSTAGES:
QUOTE: THIS IS THE END OF AN UNFORTUNATE INTERNATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT THAT HAS CONCERNED ALL THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN
THE SACROSANCT PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. IT IS
NOTEWORTHY THAT MY GOOD FRIEND, DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE
WARREN CHRISTOPHER AND THE ALGERIAN NEGOTIATORS HAVE WORK-
ED CEASELESSLY TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF THE AMERICAN
HOSTAGES. I HAVE FOLLOWED CLOSELY THE VARIOUS STAGES
OF THE PROTRACTED CAPTIVITY OF THE 52 HOSTAGES AND I WAS
IMPRESSED BY THE RESTRAINT EXERCISED BOTH BY PRESIDENT
CARTER AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. IT IS DURING NATIONAL
CRISES SUCH AS THIS THAT THE METTLE OF THE PEOPLE IS
TESTED AND I JOIN IN THE REJOICING OF THE CAPTIVES'
FAMILIES THAT THEY WILL BE REUNITED WITH THOSE WHO FOR
MORE THAN ONE YEAR WERE SEPARATED FROM THEM. END QUOTE
MURPHY

MANILA 1693

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R 221430Z JAN 81
FM AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2172

UNCLAS COPENHAGEN 0512

E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PEPR PINS IR US DA

SUBJ: DANISH QUEEN MARGRETHE'S CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE ON
RELEASE OF HOSTAGES

ACCORDING TO JAN 22 COPENHAGEN DAILY BERLINGSKE TIDENDE
(INDEPENDENT CONSERVATIVE) QUEEN MARGRETHE HAS SENT THE FOL-
LOWING CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT REAGAN
(EMBASSY'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION) -- BEGIN TEXT:

ON THE OCCASION OF THE RELEASE OF THE AMERICAN
HOSTAGES IN IRAN, I CONGRATULATE YOU FROM THE BOTTOM
OF MY HEART. I FULLY SHARE THE HAPPINESS OF THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE THAT THE SUFFERINGS OF THE HOSTAGES
AND THEIR FAMILIES HAVE FINALLY BEEN BROUGHT TO AN
END.

END TEXT
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COPENHAGEN 0512

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FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS; USICA FOR PGM/PPD, PGM/PPE, VOA/PE
E.O. 12065; N/A
TAGS: SOPN, PINS, IR
SUBJECT: PRESS BRIEFING BY DEPUTY SPOKESMAN JACK CANNON
AT LINDSEY AIR STATION, WIESBADEN, 12129
THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 1981

- 1. THE FOLLOWING IS A TEXT OF THE OPENING STATEMENT.
- 2. BEGIN TEXT.

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MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

TODAY IS THE FIRST DAY OF THE SYSTEMATIC MEDICAL PROGRAM FOR THE 52 FREED AMERICANS AT THE AIR FORCE HOSPITAL HERE. AS YOU KNOW, YESTERDAY WAS A DAY OF PRELIMINARY EXAMINATIONS, REST, AND THEN OF COURSE THE VISIT LAST NIGHT BY FORMER PRESIDENT CARTER. THIS MORNING, AFTER A GOOD NIGHT'S REST, EACH OF THE 52 PEOPLE BEGAN AN INDIVIDUAL SCHEDULE - INCLUDING LAB TESTS, MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS, CONTINUING TALKS WITH DOCTORS AND VARIOUS GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. PHONES CONTINUE TO BE IN CONSTANT USE WITH THEIR FAMILIES. TWO CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION SETS, WHICH PLAY VIDEO CASSETTES OF SPECIALLY PREPARED NEWS CLIPS COVERING THE FOURTEEN MONTHS OF EVENTS IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD DURING THEIR CAPTIVITY, ARE IN CONSTANT USE BY THE

52. AS I SAID YESTERDAY, FROM THE MOMENT OF THEIR RELEASE THE RETURNED AMERICANS HAVE SHOWN AN INTENSE INTEREST IN FINDING OUT WHAT HAPPENED IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD DURING THEIR PERIOD OF CAPTIVITY, PARTICULARLY ABOUT THE EFFORTS TO GAIN THEIR RELEASE. THIS EVENING MR. VANCE IS MEETING WITH THEM TO ANSWER THEIR QUESTIONS.

IT IS CLEAR FROM WHAT I SAID LAST EVENING AND WHAT MR. CARTER SAID UPON LEAVING RHEIN-MAIN LAST NIGHT, THAT WE ARE CONTINUING TO UNCOVER EVIDENCE OF SERIOUS MISTREATMENT OF OUR PEOPLE DURING THEIR PERIOD OF CAPTIVITY. THOUGH IT WAS CLEAR FROM OUR REPEATED PUBLIC STATEMENTS DURING THAT TIME THAT WE HAD A BROAD OUTLINE PREVIOUSLY OF THE DEPRIVATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, THE EVIDENCE NOW IS MOUNTING FROM THE DISCUSSION WE ARE HAVING SHOWS A MUCH WORSE AND MORE EXTENSIVE MISTREATMENT THAN WE HAD PREVIOUSLY HAD EVIDENCE OF. IT IS STILL TOO SOON TO QUANTIFY THIS MISTREATMENT OR GO INTO DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL EPISODES, SINCE WE ARE STILL IN THE PROCESS OF DISCOVERING EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL THE 52. BUT, AT THIS POINT, I CAN TELL YOU THAT WE HAVE SERIOUS MISTREATMENT IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- POOR FOOD AND LIVING IN PRIMITIVE AND VERY COLD CONDITIONS; A NUMBER WERE KEPT IN PRISON AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER DURING THEIR CAPTIVITY;
- THE PRISONERS WERE KEPT BLINDFOLDED DURING MOVEMENTS THROUGHOUT THEIR PLACE OF CAPTIVITY;
- SEVERAL PRISONERS WERE PERSISTENTLY FED MISINFORMATION CONCERNING THEIR FAMILIES, MUCH OF IT DISTRESSING;
- MOST OF THEM WERE DENIED MAIL OR ANY FORM OF COMMUNICATION FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD FOR EXTENDED PERIODS; A

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NUMBER OF THEM WERE KEPT HANDCUFFED FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME;

FF CASES OF BEATINGS;

FF CASES OF MOCK EXECUTIONS;

FF CASES OF SOLITARY CONFINEMENT, AND SOME FOR EXTENDED PERIODS AND SOME IN PRIMITIVE PRISONS;

FF SOME WERE THREATENED WITH LOADED WEAPONS AT VARIOUS TIMES.

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STATE FOR INFO AND PRESS SPOKESMAN; MILITARY ADDRESSEES
FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS; USICA FOR PGM/PPO, PGM/PPE, VOA/PE
I REPEAT THAT I DO NOT WANT TO GO INTO DETAIL ON SPECIFIC
EXAMPLES, SINCE WE ARE STILL IN THE PROCESS OF DISCOVERING
ALL THE FACTS. AT SOME POINT, OF COURSE, THE FACTS WILL
EMERGE AND BE REPORTED.
IN THE PROCESS I AM DESCRIBING THE AMERICANS ARE BEGINNING
TO REDISCOVER EACH OTHER AS A GROUP. AS YOU KNOW, THEY
WERE KEPT SEPARATE FROM ONE ANOTHER, WITHIN SMALL GROUPS
OR IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT, SO HERE IN WIESBADEN THEY ARE
HAVING A CHANCE TO MEET ALL TOGETHER AND DISCUSS THEIR

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EXPERIENCES AND JUDGMENTS OF WHAT HAPPENED. FOR INSTANCE AT BREAKFAST THIS MORNING THEY DISCUSSED HOW THEY WANTED TO HANDLE THEIR RELATIONS WITH THE PRESS. THEY DECIDED UNANIMOUSLY THAT THEY WERE NOT READY TO TALK WITH YOU ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCES OR ANSWER OTHER QUESTIONS AT THIS POINT. SO THERE WILL BE NO PRESS CONFERENCE OR PRESS INTERVIEWS WITH THE RETURNED AMERICANS WHILE THEY ARE IN WIESBADEN. OF COURSE, AT SOME POINT THEY WILL BE MEETING THE PRESS, BUT I CANNOT TELL YOU TODAY WHEN THAT WILL BE EXACTLY. END TEXT.

3. THE FOLLOWING IS A TRANSCRIPTION OF A TAPE OF THE QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION.

4. BEGIN TEXT.

A. NOW I'LL BE PREPARED TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS:

Q. WHAT MEASURES DOES THE UNITED STATES CONTEMPLATE TO PROTEST THESE ACTS OF MISTREATMENT THAT THE HOSTAGES WENT THROUGH? ARE YOU PLANNING A FORMAL PROTEST TO THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT, PLANNING TO INVOLVE ANY INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AGENCIES, WHAT?

A. AS I STATED YESTERDAY, THE FUNCTION OF THE BRIEFING THAT WE WILL BE HOLDING HERE AT WIESBADEN DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS, TODAY AND THE NEXT FEW DAYS, WILL BE RESTRICTED TO THE PHYSICAL CONDITIONS, THE TREATMENT, THE REORIENTATION OF THE AMERICANS WHO HAVE RETURNED FROM TEHRAN, IRAN. WE WILL NOT, FROM THIS PODIUM, BE DISCUSSING THE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THEIR INCARCERATION, U.S.-IRANIAN BILATERAL RELATIONS OR OTHER FOREIGN POLICY QUESTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ORDEAL THAT OUR PEOPLE WENT THROUGH. THAT WILL BE HANDLED IN WASHINGTON.

Q. I WANT TO MAKE IT ABSOLUTELY CLEAR, THERE WILL BE NO CONTACT WHATSOEVER WITH THE EX-HOSTAGES AND THE MEDIA. IS THAT CORRECT OR THEY HAVE CHOSEN ONLY FOR TODAY NOT TO MAKE CONTACT.

A. NO, IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE 52 PERSONS WHO ARE RETURNED FROM IRAN PLAN NO MEETINGS WITH THE PRESS WHILE THEY ARE IN WIESBADEN.

Q. DID YOU SAY IF ALL 52 HOSTAGES RETURNED ON THE C-9A NIGHTINGALES, ALL 52 ABOARD THOSE TWO AIRCRAFT?

A. THAT IS CORRECT.

Q. AT LEAST ONE ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE BY A FAMILY MEMBER, NAMELY ALYSSA KEOUGH TO SEE HER FATHER. SHE WAS DENIED ACCESS TO SEE HER FATHER YESTERDAY, AND I UNDERSTAND WAS

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MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

TOLD SHE MAY BE ABLE TO MEET WITH HIM TODAY. TWO QUESTIONS: WILL SHE BE ALLOWED TO MEET WITH HIM, AND DOES WILLIAM KROUGH KNOW THAT HIS DAUGHTER IS HERE AND WANTS TO SEE HIM?

A. UNDOUBTEDLY SHE WILL BE ALLOWED TO MEET WITH HER FATHER. I'M NOT AWARE OF THE FACT THAT SHE WAS DENIED ACCESS. I KNOW THAT AT LEAST ON ONE OTHER OCCASION, MRS. HOHMAN, WHO LIVES IN FRANKFURT, MET IN THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE YESTERDAY WITH HER HUSBAND. OBVIOUSLY, THERE ARE NO PLANS TO DENY ACCESS. YES?

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Q. MR. CANNON, IS IT SO THAT AT LEAST ONE OF THESE PEOPLE
SUFFERED FROM HAVING BEEN KICKED IN THE GENITALS DURING
CAPTIVITY?

A. I DO NOT KNOW, OTHER THAN TO SAY THERE WERE A NUMBER
OF CASES OF BEATINGS. I CAN'T DESCRIBE THE NATURE OF
THOSE BEATINGS, BUT IT HAPPENED ON MANY OCCASIONS.
Q. HAVE YOU HAD ANY INDICATION THAT THEY WERE AWARE THAT
AN ATTEMPT HAD BEEN MADE TO RESCUE THEM?
A. I BELIEVE THE ANSWER TO THAT IS: AT SOME POINT, NOT

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NECESSARILY AT THE TIME, THEY BECAME AWARE THAT AN ATTEMPT HAD OCCURRED TO RESCUE THEM, YES. I THINK IT WAS A GOOD DEAL LATER THAN IT OCCURRED.

Q. DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES WERE?

A. NO, I DO NOT. AGAIN, I HAVE TO WITHDRAW INTO THE VERY EARLY STAGES. WE'LL DO WHAT WE CAN ...

Q. WAS THERE ANY PATTERN TO THE HARSH TREATMENT OF THE HOSTAGES? WAS IT EARLY ON, AND DID IT TAPER OFF? CAN YOU GIVE US SOME IDEA OF THE TIMING OF THAT, OR WAS IT CONSISTENT FOR THE FOURTEEN MONTHS?

A. NO, I DON'T THINK IT WAS CONSISTENT WITH EITHER TIME OR PERSONS. I THINK WHAT IS EMERGING IS A PICTURE HERE OF: EACH PERSON HAD AN INDIVIDUAL STORY, SOME PERSONS WERE TREATED A LOT BETTER THAN OTHERS; SOME PEOPLE WERE GUARDED BY PERSONS WHO WERE OBVIOUSLY MORE SEVERE IN THEIR TREATMENT OF THE HOSTAGES. SOME PEOPLE ENJOYED BETTER TREATMENT. IT VARIED FROM TIME TO TIME, FROM PLACE TO PLACE, AND FROM PERSON TO PERSON.

Q. HOW IS THIS INFORMATION-GATHERING DONE? AS I UNDERSTAND IT, WITH THE FIRST 14, THERE WAS A PSYCHOLOGICAL PROFILE DONE, TESTS ESSENTIALLY, WHERE THEY HAD TO FILL OUT CERTAIN FORMS. WHO IS DOING THIS INTERVIEWING AND HOW IS THIS COLLECTED AND WE WILL GET A REPORT OF THIS EVENTUALLY, HOW IS THIS ESSENTIALLY DONE?

A. GENERALLY SPEAKING, THERE ARE PHYSICIANS WHO ARE EVALUATING THE PHYSICAL CONDITIONS OF THE HOSTAGES, OF THE RETURNED PERSONS, AND DELIVERING WHATEVER KIND OF TREATMENT IS NECESSARY. IN THE CASE OF PSYCHOLOGICAL AND PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PSYCHIATRISTS WHO ARE INDIVIDUALLY INTERVIEWING ALL OF THE 52 PERSONS. I THINK ROUGHLY IT GETS DOWN TO ONE PSYCHIATRIST FOR EVERY THREE OR FOUR PERSONS. THIS PERIOD WILL EXTEND OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS TO FIND OUT WHAT KIND OF TREATMENT, WHAT KIND OF EXPERIENCES THEY HAD, WHAT KIND OF ORDEALS THEY ENDURED, WHAT KIND OF STRESS THEY ENDURED; AND THIS IS ALL IN THE MANNER OF REORIENTATION; AND THE SAME DOCTORS HAVE WORKED IN THE PAST ON OTHER PERSONS WHO HAVE RETURNED FROM CAPTIVITY. IT WILL GO ON FOR SOME TIME. I HAVE NO ... IT MAY CONTINUE IN THE STATES AFTER THEY GET BACK, BUT THAT GENERALLY IS THE ...

Q. BUT THERE WILL BE A FINAL REPORT, PROBABLY?

A. I'M NOT SURE THAT THERE WILL BE A FINAL REPORT AS SUCH. OBVIOUSLY THERE WILL BE INDIVIDUAL EVALUATIONS OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD TREATMENT, AND I DON'T KNOW TO

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MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

WHAT EXTENT WE'LL BE ABLE TO DISCUSS THAT. I THINK MORE OFTEN THAN NOT, WE'LL BE DISCUSSING GENERAL CLASSES OF INFORMATION.

Q. CAN YOU EXPLAIN WHAT YOU MEAN BY MOCK EXECUTIONS,

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PLEASE?

A. I CAN'T REALLY, BEYOND JUST EXAMPLES LIKE A NUMBER
OF PERSONS WERE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THREATENED WITH
LOADED REVOLVERS. I THINK ON A COUPLE OF OCCASIONS, SOME
PEOPLE WERE THREATENED WITH LOADED RIFLES, FORCED TO
STRIP THEIR CLOTHES, AND LIE ON THE FLOOR, AND THREATENED
WITH DEATH. MANY OF THEM THOUGHT THEY WERE TO BE
EXECUTED ON A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT OCCASIONS.

G. DESPITE YOUR ASSURANCES TO THE CONTRARY, THERE ARE

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MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

SOME REPORTS CIRCULATING THAT AT LEAST SOME OF THE FORMER HOSTAGES ARE BEING KEPT IN WIESBADEN AGAINST THEIR WILL.

A. THAT IS ABSOLUTELY UNTRUE.

Q. WERE THE TWO WOMEN AMONG THOSE WHO WERE MOST SERIOUSLY MISTREATED?

A. NO, I'M NOT GOING TO GET INTO INDIVIDUAL CASES. WE'RE NOT GOING TO GET INTO SPECIFICS ABOUT INDIVIDUAL PEOPLE. I AM GOING TO REFER ENTIRELY TO PRIVACY IS VERY IMPORTANT HERE, -- SO WE'LL TALK IN GENERAL ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO GROUPS OF PEOPLE TO GIVE -- WHAT WE'RE ATTEMPTING TO DO HERE, IS TO SHARE WITH YOU THE INFORMATION OF THIS GENERAL PICTURE AS IT EMERGES.

Q. A PERIOD OF TIME ELAPSED BETWEEN WHEN THE MILITANTS TURNED OVER THE HOSTAGES TO THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT, AND THEN WHEN THEY WERE ULTIMATELY RELEASED. IS THERE ANY INDICATION AT ALL THAT THE IRANIANS DELAYED THE RELEASING OF THE HOSTAGES TO "BEEP THEM UP", SO TO SPEAK, TO MAKE THEM PRESENTABLE?

A. NO, I DON'T HAVE INFORMATION THAT A PERIOD OF TIME WAS KEPT ASIDE SO THAT THEY WOULD BE, IN EFFECT, PHYSICALLY REHABILITATED. NOW, I THINK AS I SAID YESTERDAY, MANY PEOPLE DID NOT KNOW THEY WERE TO BE RELEASED UNTIL 15 OR 20 MINUTES PRIOR TO THEIR RELEASE. SO I DON'T THINK THAT THAT'S A TRUE PICTURE. YES?

Q. WAS THERE EVER ANY ATTEMPT BY THE HOSTAGES TO DEFY OR DISOBEY WHAT THEIR CAPTORS WERE ORDERING THEM TO DO? DID THEY EVER ...

A. I CANNOT, NO, I CANNOT ACCURATELY STATE THAT THERE WAS. THERE MAY VERY WELL HAVE BEEN CASES. AGAIN, THAT WILL, IF IT DID HAPPEN, IT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY EMERGE AS WE CONTINUE TO TALK TO THEM.

Q. JOHN, THERE WERE REPORTS THAT THE HOSTAGES, FORMER HOSTAGES, SOME OF THEM HAD DEVELOPED A CODE, A TAPPING CODE, SO THAT THEY COULD COMMUNICATE WITH ONE ANOTHER. HAS THAT BEEN CONFIRMED?

A. YES. I THINK IT HAS BEEN CONFIRMED, ALTHOUGH I DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS OF IT. I THINK I'LL BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING MORE ON THAT. THERE WERE INDIVIDUAL COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN HOSTAGES WHO WERE BEING KEPT FROM COMMUNICATING WITH EACH OTHER. THEY DEVELOPED METHODS OF DOING THAT. WE HOPE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THAT. WELL, LET ME GET TO OTHER PEOPLE. THIS GENTLEMEN, HERE.

Q. WHEN WERE THEY AWARE OR WERE THEY TOLD FROM THE IRANIAN AUTHORITY THAT THEY WERE GOING TO BE FREED?

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MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

A. WELL, WE DISCUSSED THAT YESTERDAY A BIT. AS I SAID, IN SOME CASES IT WAS ONLY 15 OR 20 MINUTES BEFORE THEY WERE TAKEN TO THE AIRPORT, IN OTHER CASES THEY LEARNED ABOUT IT SEVERAL DAYS PREVIOUS.

Q. MR. CANNON, YOU MENTIONED YESTERDAY THAT THEY MIGHT GO SHOPPING. HAVE YOU DISTRIBUTED MONEY TO THEM?

A. I DON'T KNOW THE ACTUAL PLANS FOR SHOPPING. I UNDERSTAND THAT THAT IS BEING CONSIDERED, AND I BELIEVE

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IT'S GOING TO BE DONE. INsofar AS WE'RE ABLE TO SHARE
THAT INFORMATION WE WILL DO IT.
Q. HAVE THEY BEEN GIVEN AMERICAN DOLLARS?
Q. CAN YOU EXPLAIN WHY, IF THERE WAS SUCH EXTENSIVE MIS-
TREATMENT, THE RETURNING HOSTAGES APPEARED, ALMOST WITHOUT
EXCEPTION, TO BE IN SUCH GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION?
A. I CANNOT, EXCEPT TO SAY THAT IT IS CLEAR THAT THE
INFORMATION THAT THEY ARE NOW SHARING WITH US IS TRUE, AND
THAT I THINK THAT WE WILL HEAR MUCH MORE ABOUT SERIOUS

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MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

MISTREATMENT IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. AGAIN, I SAID IT VARIED FROM PERSON TO PERSON, BUT THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT A VERY GRIM SITUATION WAS RESTED ON MANY OF THOSE PERSONS.

Q. DO ANY OF THEM HAVE SPECIFIC PHYSICAL INJURIES, AS SUCH?

A. DO ANY OF THEM HAVE ANY SPECIFIC PHYSICAL INJURIES AS SUCH. THE MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS REALLY BEGAN LATE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, WILL CONTINUE FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS; I HAVE NO REPORT ON ANY SPECIFIC PHYSICAL DAMAGE THAT HAS BEEN DONE.

Q. HOW MANY TRIED TO ESCAPE?

A. I HAVE VERY LITTLE INFORMATION ON THAT, BUT APPARENTLY THERE WERE AT LEAST SEVERAL ATTEMPTS BY SOME PERSONS TO ESCAPE FROM CONFINEMENT AT VARIOUS TIMES. AGAIN, HERE IS A PIECE OF INFORMATION THAT IS UNDEVELOPED. I DON'T HAVE THE DETAILS. HOPEFULLY WE'LL BE ABLE TO GET SOME MORE ON THAT LATER ON. I WILL SAY THAT I DO UNDERSTAND THAT IN SOME CASES, SEVERE PENALTIES WERE IMPOSED ON PERSONS AFTER ESCAPE ATTEMPTS.

Q. WAS THAT WHERE THE MOCK EXECUTIONS CAME IN, MR. CANNON?

A. NOT NECESSARILY, NO I CAN'T RELATE THE TWO.

Q. CAN YOU TELL ME IF THERE ARE ANY REPORTS OF ANY SEXUAL ABUSE?

A. ANY REPORTS OF SEXUAL ABUSE. WE HAVE NO REPORTS SO FAR OF SEXUAL ABUSE.

Q. WAS THERE ANY INCREASE IN THE ILL TREATMENT AFTER OR AROUND THE TIME OF THE RESCUE ATTEMPT IN APRIL?

A. WAS THERE ANY, WOULD YOU REPEAT THAT, SIR?

Q. WAS THERE ANY INCREASE IN ILL TREATMENT AFTER OR AROUND THE TIME OF THE RESCUE ATTEMPT IN APRIL?

A. I CAN'T SPECIFICALLY RELATE TO THE DATES, NO.

Q. YOU HAVE SPOKEN, MR. CANNON, OF BEING DEPRIVED OF SLEEP.

A. THE QUESTION IS WERE ANY PERSONS DEPRIVED OF SLEEP. I KNOW THAT THEY WERE FORCED TO STAND, SOME PERSONS WERE FORCED TO STAND IN COLD WEATHER, IN POOR CLOTHING, FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME, INCLUDING AT NIGHT. SOME PERSONS WERE MANACLED TO SINGLE FOLDING CHAIRS FOR AS MUCH AS 14 TO 15 DAYS AROUND THE CLOCK. IN OTHER PERIODS OF DELETERIOUS TREATMENT WERE APPLIED TO THEM. SO I THINK THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION GENERALLY IS, YES.

Q. THERE ARE REPORTS THAT SOME OF THE HOSTAGES ARE BITTER THAT THE U.S. DID NOT ATTEMPT RESCUING THEM SOONER, THAT

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THE RESCUE ATTEMPT FAILED. COULD YOU COMMENT ON THAT?

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A. THE QUESTION IS, HAS THERE BEEN HOSTILITY AND BITTER-
NESS AS A RESULT OF THE FAILED ATTEMPT BY THE UNITED
STATES TO RESCUE THEM. I DON'T HAVE ... I REALLY CAN'T
RELATE TO THAT YET. I IMAGINE THE CASE PROBABLY IS YES,
IN SOME CASES. I DON'T HAVE A FULL REPORT, VERY LITTLE
ON IT. WE WILL BE INQUIRING INTO THAT, AS WELL AS MANY
OTHER THINGS, AND WE WILL HONESTLY RELATE TO IT WHEN WE
CAN.
Q. I HAVE A QUESTION ON THAT POINT, PLEASE. WAS THERE

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ANY BITTERNESS, DISRESPECT OR OTHER LACK OF INTEREST SHOWN LAST NIGHT TOWARDS PRESIDENT CARTER WHEN HE ENTERED THE ROOM?

A. I THINK THAT THE MEETING THAT FORMER PRESIDENT CARTER HAD WITH THE RETURNED PERSONS LAST NIGHT WAS CONDUCTED IN A GENERALLY FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE. HE RECEIVED A FRIENDLY RECEPTION; THERE WAS A NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO HAD SERIOUS CONCERNS ABOUT THE PAST AND SO EXPRESSED THOSE SERIOUS CONCERNS. MR. CARTER RELATED TO ALL OF THEIR QUESTIONS IN FULL. THERE WAS, TO SOME EXTENT, I UNDERSTAND -- IN ADDITION TO THE GENERALLY FRIENDLY RECEPTION -- AT SOME POINTS THERE WAS TENSION, BUT AS THE MEETING WENT ON, I AM TOLD THAT THE TENSION LESSENEG GREATLY. AND I UNDERSTAND, IN AN EMOTIONAL ATMOSPHERE, THE MEETING ENDED ON A FRIENDLY TONE.

Q. IS THERE ANY INDICATION OF WHO THESE PEOPLE WERE, THE GUARDS? WAS THERE A RING LEADER... SOMEONE WHO WENT FROM CELL TO CELL. SPECIFICALLY, WHO WERE THESE PEOPLE?

A. THE QUESTION IS: WHO WERE THE PEOPLE THAT WERE HOLDING THEM, THE PEOPLE WHO WERE REPORTED TO BE STUDENTS, MILITANTS? I DON'T KNOW. WE HAVE SOME EARLY INDICATIONS, BUT NOT ENOUGH TO SHARE IT WITH YOU RIGHT NOW. IN EFFECT I WILL TAKE THE QUESTION AND WE WILL ATTEMPT IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS TO TALK MORE ABOUT IT. YES SIR?

Q. WHAT HOSTAGES WERE THREATENED WITH LOADED RIFLES OR LOADED REVOLVERS? WERE THEY THREATENED INDIVIDUALLY, OR WERE THEY EVER LINED UP AND THREATENED WITH DEATH?

A. I DON'T KNOW SPECIFICALLY HOW THE METHOD OF THREATENING IN THE MOCK EXECUTIONS OCCURRED BUT THERE WERE A NUMBER OF INSTANCES WHERE IT DID. I JUST DON'T HAVE ANY MORE ON THAT.

Q. DID THEY MAKE ANY FRIENDS WITH THE POPULATION DURING THESE 14 MONTHS?

A. DID THEY MAKE ANY FRIENDS? I DON'T HONESTLY KNOW WHAT TYPE OF RELATIONS AT THIS POINT. AGAIN, IT'S AN EARLY PHASE IN THEIR... IN THE INFORMATION WE'RE GETTING FROM THEM. DEVELOP FRIENDSHIPS WITH THEIR CAPTORS OR WHATEVER, OTHER KINDS OF RELATIONSHIPS. THAT MAY HAVE BEEN THE CASE. WE JUST DO NOT KNOW IT YET.

Q. MR. CANNON, I HAVE TWO QUESTIONS. THE FIRST ONE IS: YESTERDAY WE GOT LISTS WITH THE NAMES AND THE STATUS OF THE 62 HOSTAGES, FORMER HOSTAGES. FIRST QUESTION, WHAT MEANS UNDER PLACE IN EMBASSY? "POLITICAL SECTION"? AND MY SECOND QUESTION IS ...

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A. I'M SORRY SIR, I DIDN'T QUITE UNDERSTAND YOUR FIRST QUESTION.
 Q. WHAT MEANS, WHAT, HERE IS STANDING ON THIS PAPER, POLITICAL "SECTION" ...
 A. "SECTION", SECTION.
 Q. OH, HERE IS STANDING "SECTION", MY SECOND QUESTION IS,

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FANFANI TO THE VICE PRESIDENT

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER TO YOU FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF ITALY RECEIVED AT AMERICAN EMBASSY ROME ON JANUARY 21. LETTER BEING POUCHED TO YOU.

"ROME, JANUARY 20TH, 1981

"DEAR MR. VICE PRESIDENT,
"WHAT THE INCEPTION OF YOUR FUNCTIONS AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE, LET ME CONVEY TO YOU MY GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE TASK WHICH HAS BEEN CONFERRED ON YOU.
"I WILL AVAIL MYSELF OF THIS OCCASION TO SEND TO YOU THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT WHICH I PRONOUNCED TODAY DURING THE PLENARY SESSION OF THE SENATE.
"I WILL BE ALSO GRATEFUL TO YOU IF YOU COULD KINDLY INFORM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF THAT PARTICULAR SECTION OF THE STATEMENT WHICH IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO HIM.

"WITH KINDEST REGARDS,

"AMINTORE FANFANI

"ENCL."

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2. ENCLOSURE:

"AT THE OPENING OF THE SESSION, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, SENATOR FANFANI, SAID:

"FIFTY-TWO AMERICAN CITIZENS, AFTER A LONG AND ILLEGITIMATE DETENTION IN IRAN, ARE BEING RETURNED TODAY TO THEIR COUNTRY AND TO THEIR FAMILIES."

"THE SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF ITALY SHARES A FEELING OF DEEP SATISFACTION FOR THE POSITIVE SOLUTION OF A SERIOUS PROBLEM WHICH HAS SO FAR COMPLICATED THE ALARMING CRISIS WHICH UNFORTUNATELY PREVAILS IN THE PERSIAN GULF AREA."

"THE ITALIAN SENATE, MINDFUL OF THE REPEATED EVIDENCE OF SOLIDARITY OFFERED BY THE UNITED STATES TO ITALY IN THE SPIRIT OF A PROVEN FRIENDSHIP--THE LATEST ON THE OCCASION OF THE RECENT EARTHQUAKE--, JOINS ME IN SHARING THE FEELINGS OF JOY WHICH ARE TODAY IN THE HEARTS OF THE MEMBERS AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES."

"HAVING IN MIND THAT RONALD REAGAN IS AT THIS MOMENT BEGINNING HIS PRESIDENTIAL MANDATE, THE ITALIAN SENATE EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT HIS TERM OF OFFICE, IN COOPERATION WITH FRIENDLY NATIONS, MAY BRING ABOUT GREAT BENEFIT TO THE UNITED STATES AND MAY ALSO OVERCOME THE OBSTACLES WHICH TROUBLE DETENTE AND RETARD THE PEACEFUL DEVELOPMENT OF ALL PEOPLES OF THE WORLD."

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1. TOGOLESE RADIO AND TV JAN. 22 AND "LA NOUVELLE MARCHÉ"
DATED JANUARY 23 CARRIED TEXT OF CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES
FROM PRESIDENT EYADEMA TO PRESIDENTS REAGAN AND BANDJEDID.
UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATIONS FOLLOW:

A. AS YOU OFFICIALLY ASSUME YOUR FUNCTIONS AS PRESIDENT
OF ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL NATIONS IN THE WORLD, I AM
PLEASED TO RENEW TO YOU MY HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS AS WELL
AS MY MOST SINCERE WISHES TO FULL SUCCESS.
I HOPE THAT UNDER YOUR MANDATE, YOU WILL NOT SPARE ANY
EFFORT TO SAFEGUARD AND MAINTAIN PEACE IN THE WORLD. I
EQUALLY HOPE THAT THE TRADITIONAL BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND
ACTIVE COOPERATION THAT HAVE ALWAYS EXISTED BETWEEN OUR TWO
COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE AND BE REINFORCED. COMPL. CLOSE.

2. MESSAGE SENT TO PRESIDENT BANDJEDID OF ALGERIA
CONGRATULATING HIM ON HIS ROLE IN THE LIBERATION OF THE
AMERICAN HOSTAGES:

B. IT IS WITH GREAT INTEREST THAT THE TOGOLESE PEOPLE,
THEIR PARTY, THEIR GOVERNMENT AND MYSELF HAVE FOLLOWED THE
PROMINENT AND DELICATE ROLE PLAYED BY YOUR COUNTRY IN THE
RESOLUTION OF THE PAINFUL PROBLEM OF THE 52

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MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

AMERICAN HOSTAGES, ON MORE THAN ONE COUNT
WE GREATLY APPRECIATE THE PATIENT, BUT TENACIOUS ACTION
OF ALGERIAN DIPLOMACY IN SUCH AN IMPORTANT AFFAIR. WE
WISH YOUR COUNTRY FURTHER BRILLIANT SUCCESSES IN THE SERVICE
OF PEACE, DETENTE AND HARMONY AMONG PEOPLES.
COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE.
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