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E. O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: PTER, PROP, CASC, EAIR, ITER, FR, IT, GR
SUBJECT: TWA FLT 847 HIJACKING

1. FAA PARIS INFORMED 1005 PARIS TIME JUNE 14 BY TWA OFFICER HERE THAT TWA FLIGHT 847 ATHENS TO ROME WAS HIJACKED, HAD BEEN HEADED FOR ALGERIA, REFUSED LANDING AND NOW ON ITS WAY TO BEIRUT. PLANE IS BOEING 727 - N4339 CAPT J. R. TESTRAKE, CO-PILOT: P. G. MARESCA FLIGHT ENGINEER: B. C. ZIMMERMANN THERE ARE FIVE ADDITIONAL CREW MEMBERS AND 145 PASSENGERS.

2. HAVE ALREADY INFORMED FAA WASHINGTON DUTY OFFICER TELEPHONICALLY AND CIVAIR ATTACHE INFORMED STATE DEPT WATCH OFFICER AT 1008 PARIS TIME.

3. WE ARE IN CONSTANT TOUCH WITH TWA OPERATIONS PARIS. WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.
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SUBJECT: AIRCRAFT HIJACKING: TWA FLIGHT ATHENS-ROME
REF: OGDEN/SS-O STRATHREN TELCON

- TWA REPORTS THAT ITS FLIGHT 847 FROM ATHENS TO ROME WHICH DEPARTED ATHENS AT 0845 TODAY (JUNE 14) WAS HIJACKED APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES AFTER TAKEOFF. ACCORDING TO FIRST REPORT FROM PILOT, HIJACKERS INDICATED DESTINATION WAS ALGIERS. SUBSEQUENTLY, HOWEVER, AIRCRAFT WAS DIVERTED TO BEIRUT. TWA ADVISES THAT AIRCRAFT IS CARRYING 145 PASSENGERS PLUS EIGHT CREW. WE ARE IN PROCESS OF PICKING UP PASSENGER LIST AND WILL REPORT INFORMATION AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE. WE UNDERSTAND FROM TWA THAT IN ADDITION TO GREEK AIRPORT SCREENING, ALL PASSENGERS WHO BOARDED FLIGHT ALSO PASSED THROUGH TWA SECONDARY SCREENING CONDUCTED AT DEPARTURE GATE. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION PRESENTLY AVAILABLE ON IDENTITY OF HIJACKERS OR PURPOSE OF HIJACKING. TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, THERE ARE NO U.S. OFFICIALS OR DEPENDENTS ASSIGNED TO ATHENS WHO BOARDED THE FLIGHT.
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E. O. 12356: NA
TAGS: ASEC PTER
SUBJECT: HIJACKING

EMBASSY ADVISED TWA FLIGHT ATHENS-LARNACA HIJACKED 0845 AM
TWA ADVISES AIRCRAFT NOW UNDER CONTROL OF TWO ARMED HIJACKERS.
FLIGHT MAY HAVE BEEN REFUELED IN LARNACA AND IS NOW ENROUTE TO
BEIRUT WITH 145 PASSENGERS, 8 CREW, 2 HIJACKERS. SEITZ
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E. O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: EAIR, PTER, GR
SUBJECT: TWA HIJACKING

1. NO EMBASSY PERSONNEL WERE REPORTED ON FLIGHT 847
ATHENS TO ROME. THE FOLLOWING PRIVATE AMERICANS WERE
BOOKED BY TWA CAIRO-ATHENS-ROME ON FLIGHT 847:

-- MS. A. SUMMERS
-- MR. J. MCCARTY
-- MR. V. AMBURGY
-- MS. LAURA BERGMAN (POSSIBLE)
-- MR. HEMSHALL (POSSIBLE)

- IN ADDITION THERE WERE TWO EGYPTIAN PASSENGERS BOOKED
FROM CAIRO VIA ATHENS TO ROME. TWA WILL INFORM US SHORTLY
THE NAMES OF THE AMERICAN CREW MEMBERS OF WHO LEFT CAIRO.
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E. O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: PTER, ASEC
SUBJECT: TWA HIJACKING

REF: LONDON 13627 (NOTAL)

1. TWA LONDON ADVISES THEIR FLIGHT NO. 847, A BOEING 727 AIRCRAFT WITH 145 PASSENGERS AND 8 CREW, WAS HIJACKED THIS MORNING AS IT DEPARTED ATHENS EN ROUTE TO ROME. THE HIJACKERS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS SALMON SIMIR AND AL KOBBI GOSTLEB. THE SPELLING OF THESE TWO NAMES IS AS WAS PROVIDED BY TWA.

2. REPORTEDLY THE TWO HIJACKERS ARRIVED YESTERDAY IN ATHENS FROM BEIRUT AND REMAINED OVERNIGHT IN THE AIRPORT TERMINAL. TWA ADVISED THAT PISTOLS WERE USED IN THE HIJACKING.

3. CONTRARY TO OUR EARLIER REPORT, THE AIRCRAFT OVERFLEW LARNACA AND ATTEMPTED TWO LANDINGS AT BEIRUT. BOTH LANDINGS WERE ATTEMPTED AFTER BEING REFUSED PERMISSION TO DO SO AND WERE THWARTED BY OBSTACLES PLACED STRATEGICALLY DOWN THE RUNWAY. THE INFORMATION REGARDING THE ATTEMPTED LANDINGS IN BEIRUT WAS PROVIDED TO US AT 1017 TODAY.

4. BEIRUT MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. SEITZ
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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: PTER, EAIR, LE, US
SUBJECT: HIJACKING OF TWA FLIGHT 847:
-- SITUATION AS OF 0945 ZULU

REFS: MCDONALD/OPSCENTER TACSAT TELCONS 6/14/85

1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. AT 1153 LOCAL (0853 Z), HIJACKED TWA FLIGHT 847 FROM ATHENS TO ROME LANDED AT BEIRUT AIRPORT. HIJACKERS THREATENED TO KILL AN AMCIT CURRENTLY BEING HELD IN COCKPIT IF AIRCRAFT DID NOT RECEIVE 40,000 LB OF FUEL. MONITORED COCKPIT/TOWER RADIO CONVERSATIONS INDICATE THAT HIJACKERS ARE BEATING PASSENGERS AND PILOT. ACCORDING TO VOICE OF LEBANON RADIO, A PSP OFFICIAL IS REPORTEDLY AT AIRPORT TO CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS WITH HIJACKERS. AT 0910 ZULU, AIRCRAFT APPROACHED TERMINAL BUILDING; PLANE THEN MOVED TO FUEL HYDRANT AND, ACCORDING TO ASSISTANT AIRPORT MANAGER, REFUELING BEGAN AT 0912 Z.

3. ACCORDING TO "VOICE OF LEBANON" RADIO AND MFA, THE HIJACKERS BELONG TO THE "MUSA SADR (EL-HUSAYN) SUICIDE BRIGADE." THIS IS THE SAME SHIA GROUP THAT CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ALIA HIJACKING JUNE 11-12. THEY ARE SAID TO BE THREE IN NUMBER AND TO BE ARMED WITH THREE MACHINE GUNS AND FIVE HAND GRENADES. AT LEAST ONE OF THE HIJACKERS REPORTEDLY SPEAKS WITH A LEBANESE ACCENT CHARACTERISTIC OF THE BIQA' VALLEY.

4. EMBASSY HAS ESTABLISHED VISUAL CONTACT WITH THE AIRCRAFT FROM THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE IN YARZE. EMBASSY IS ALSO MONITORING AIRCRAFT/CONTROL TOWER

5. MFA INFORMED US BEFORE PLANE TOUCHED DOWN THAT GOL (PRIME MINISTER KARAMI AND INTERIOR MINISTER SPAFF) HAD TAKEN DECISION NOT TO ALLOW THE PLANE TO LAND. WE OBSERVED, HOWEVER, NO ATTEMPTS TO BLOCK THE RUNWAY. NEITHER THE GOL NOR THE AIRPORT AUTHORITIES HAVE CONTROL OF THE AIRPORT. DE FACTO CONTROL LIES IN THE HANDS OF THE PSP, AMAL, AND OTHER MILITIAS PRESENT AT THE AIRPORT. WHILE AIRBORNE, ONE OF THE HIJACKERS REPORTEDLY PULLED THE PIN FROM A GRENADE, AND THE PILOT SAID THAT HE WAS GOING TO FORCE A LANDING WITH OR WITHOUT GOL PERMISSION. TRANSPORTATION MINISTER JUMBLATT REPORTEDLY ORDERED THAT THE PLANE BE ALLOWED TO LAND WHEN HE LEARNED IT WAS SHORT OF FUEL.

6. THE HIJACKERS HAVE NOT MADE KNOWN ANY DEMANDS OTHER THAN TO REQUEST FUEL.

7. AMBASSADOR IS URGENTLY ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT AMAL AND PSP LEADERS AND MIDDLE EAST AIRLINES OFFICIALS IN AN ATTEMPT TO HALT THE BEATING AND TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE PASSENGERS SHOULD THEY BE DEPLANED HERE. WE DO NOT WANT THE AMCIT PASSENGERS TO BE REMOVED FROM THE AIRPORT FOR ANOTHER LOCATION IN WEST BEIRUT, BUT RATHER PLACED ON THE NEXT AVAILABLE OUTBOUND FLIGHT. BARTHOLOMEW
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E.O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: EAIR, PTER, GR
SUBJECT: TWA HIJACKING

1. TWA TELLS US THE FOLLOWING AMERICAN FLIGHT CREW WERE
ON FLIGHT 847 WHEN IT LEFT CAIRO THIS MORNING:

- ARMANI - CAPTAIN
- ZAGAMI - FIRST OFFICER
- GREGG - ENGINEER
- CAPPS -- PURSER
- NIELSON -- PURSER
- HANSON -- PURSER
- PIERCE -- PURSER
- VERSAGGI -- PURSER

2. WE WILL ADVISE IN A FOLLOWING CABLE THE NAMES OF
OFFICIAL AMERICANS WHO LEFT CAIRO EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK
TRANSITING ATHENS.
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TAGS: PTER, EAIR, LE, US
SUBJECT: HIJACKING OF TWA FLIGHT 847: SITUATION AS
-- OF 1030ZULU

REF: BEIRUT 3493 (NOTAL)

1. ~~C~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. HIJACKED TWA FLIGHT 847 DEPARTED BEIRUT, DESTINATION
ALGIERS. WHEELS UP 1031ZULU.

3. AVAILABLE DETAILS TO FOLLOW. BARTHOLOMEW
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OF 1045ZULU

REF: BEIRUT 3494

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2. PILOT OF HIJACKED AIRCRAFT REPORTED VIA RADIO
THAT HIS ETA ALGIERS IS 1437ZULU.

3. TWENTY-FIVE (25) WOMEN AND CHILDREN REPORTEDLY
RELEASED IN BEIRUT, NATIONALITY UNKNOWN. DETAILS
TO FOLLOW. BARTHOLOMEW
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2. FOLLOWING TELEPHONE CALL REF (A) CHARGE TELEPHONED
ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER MAHMOUD MESTIRI TO CONVEY OUR
CONCERN THAT HIJACKED TWA AIRCRAFT MIGHT NOT HAVE ENOUGH
FUEL TO REACH ALGIERS. CHARGE STRONGLY URGED TUNISIAN
GOVERNMENT TO ALLOW PLANE TO LAND IN TUNIS IF IT WAS
RUNNING SHORT OF FUEL AND TO REFUEL HERE IN ORDER TO
BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO ALGIERS. MESTIRI UNDERTOOK TO
CONSULT IMMEDIATELY WITH HIGHEST LEVELS OF TUNISIAN
GOVERNMENT. MESTIRI CALLED BACK TO STATE THAT IT WAS
"ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE" TO ALLOW THE HIJACKED PLANE TO
LAND IN TUNISIA AS THIS WAS COMPLETELY OPPOSED TO TUNISIAN
POLICY. HE ALSO EXPRESSED VIEW THAT THERE WAS VERY
LITTLE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DISTANCE TO TUNIS AND TO ALGIERS
AS FAR AS FUEL CONSUMPTION WAS CONCERNED. HE STRESSED
FIRMNESS OF TUNISIAN POSITION (AS REPORTED REF B).

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-- (C) BEIRUT 3494.
-- (D) BEIRUT 3495

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2. SEE LATE NOTE PARA. 12.

3. MIDDLE EAST AIRLINES VICE PRESIDENT MUJAIS INFORMED EMBASSY AT 1100Z HOURS THAT SEVENTEEN ADULTS AND TWO INFANTS WERE DEPLANED AT BEIRUT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BEFORE THE HIJACKED AIRCRAFT DEPARTED AT 1031Z HOURS FOR ALGIERS. HE DID NOT YET KNOW THE NATIONALITIES OF THESE PASSENGERS. THEY DO NOT HAVE PASSPORTS OR MONEY. HE IS HOLDING THE MEA FLIGHT TO LARNACA AND PLANS TO BOARD THESE NINETEEN PASSENGERS AS SOON AS THEY ARE RELEASED BY AIRPORT SECURITY. HE REQUESTED THAT WE INFORM CYPRUS OF THE EXPECTED ARRIVAL OF THESE UNDOCUMENTED PASSENGERS. (WE INFORMED AMEMBASSY NICOSIA IMMEDIATELY VIA TELEPHONE.) WE REQUESTED THAT MUJAIS TRY TO ASCERTAIN IF ANY AMERICANS WERE AMONG THE NINETEEN PASSENGERS RELEASED AND ASKED HIM TO TRY TO ARRANGE TELEPHONE CONTACT BETWEEN THIS EMBASSY AND AT LEAST ONE OF THE AMCIT PASSENGERS, IF THERE ARE ANY. HE SAID HE WOULD DO HIS BEST.

4. AT 1115Z HOURS, MUJAIS AGAIN CALLED, STATING THAT THE NINETEEN RELEASED PASSENGERS WERE APPARENTLY ALL AMERICAN WOMEN, PLUS TWO ENFANTS. AFTER INITIALLY HESITATING, THE AMERICANS HAD AGREED TO DEPART FOR BEIRUT VIA MEA FLIGHT 261 FOR LARNACA, WHEN MUJAIS SAID THAT THAT WAS WHAT THE EMBASSY

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RECOMMENDED.

5. AMBASSADOR THEN SPOKE VIA TELEPHONE WITH AMCIT NITA SLOTOWSKI, ONE OF THE RELEASED PASSENGERS. SHE REPORTED THAT ALL NINETEEN OF THE RELEASED PASSENGERS WERE APPARENTLY AMCITS RETURNING TO CHICAGO FROM A PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL AND GREECE. MOST OF THE THE RELEASED PERSONS HAD NO MONEY OR PASSPORTS. MANY AMCIT MALES, INCLUDING THREE PRIESTS, AND SOME FEMALES REMAIN ABOARD AIRCRAFT. ONE MALE HAD BEEN SHOT, REMAINED ON THE PLANE, AND THERE WAS CONCERN ABOUT WHETHER THE FLOW OF BLOOD COULD BE STOPPED. TWO OTHERS HAD BEEN BEATEN BUT APPARENTLY NOT SERIOUSLY INJURED. SOME OF THE RELATIVES OF THOSE RELEASED REMAIN ABOARD THE PLANE.

6. AMBASSADOR SAID THAT GIVEN DANGER IN BEIRUT FOR AMERICANS IT WAS BEST THAT RELEASED PASSENGERS DEPART ASAP. MS. SLOTOWSKI SAID THEY ALL UNDERSTOOD THAT AND WANTED TO LEAVE ASAP. AMBASSADOR GAVE THE NAMES OF THE U. S. OFFICIALS WHO WOULD MEET THEM IN LARNACA AND SAID WE WERE ALL DOING OUR BEST TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THOSE PASSENGERS REMAINING ON BOARD.

7. WE HAVE ASKED AMEMBASSY NICOSIA VIA TELEPHONE TO DEBRIEF THE RELEASED AMCITS COMPLETELY UPON THEIR ARRIVAL IN LARNACA.

8. MUJ AIS INFORMED EMBASSY AT 1135Z THAT THE MEA FLIGHT TO LARNACA HAS TAKEN OFF WITH THE NINETEEN AMCITS. NAMES FOLLOW:

DELGADO
PORTER, G.

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REYNOLDS
GAURZA
MCLAUGHLIN, L.
TROTMAN (3)
SCIBETTA, J.
BERRY, A.

9. BEFORE HIJACKED AIRCRAFT DEPARTED BEIRUT, AMBASSADOR WAS ABLE TO CONTACT GHASSAN SIBLANI, A LIEUTENANT OF AMAL LEADER NABIH BARRI, AND MEA OFFICIALS. (BARRI AND JUMBLATT WERE OUT OF THE CITY.) HE ASKED MEA VICE PRESIDENT TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PROTECTION AND RAPID TRANSPORTATION FOR ANY RELEASED AMCITS. MEA VICE PRESIDENT CALLED BACK TO INFORM AMBASSADOR THAT MEA HAD PUT SPECIAL AIRCRAFT ON STANDBY, READY TO DEPART IN ONE HALF HOUR TIME SHOULD SCHEDULED FLIGHT BE UNAVAILABLE. (IN THE EVENT, THE NINETEEN RELEASED AMCIT BOARD REGULAR MEA FLIGHT TO LARNACA, WHICH WAS HELD FOR THEIR DEPARTURE.)

10. WITH SIBLANI, AMBASSADOR URGED AMAL TO ESTABLISH COMMUNICATIONS WITH HIJACKERS AND TO PRESS THEM NOT TO HARM PASSENGERS, IN LIGHT OF REPORTS WE HAD OF BEATINGS. SIBLANI UNDERTOOK TO DO SO.

11. JUST PRIOR TO DEPARTURE, A HIJACKER SPEAKING WITH A LEBANESE ACCENT AND STUBBLING THROUGH CLASSICAL ARABIC MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- HE CALLED FOR THE RELEASE OF ALL LEBANESE DETAINEES IN ISRAEL AND KUWAIT AND ASKED ICRC TO TRANSPORT THEM TO SIDON.

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-- HE CONDEMNED THE BIR AL-ABD BOMBING, BLAMING IT ON THE U.S.

-- HE REQUESTED ARABS TO STOP PROVIDING U.S. WITH OIL.

-- HE ATTACKED THE ARAB LEAGUE AND THE PALESTINIANS.

12. LATE NOTE: ACCORDING TO VOICE OF LEBANON AND VOICE OF THE MOUNTAIN RADIO (CITING UNSPECIFIED SOURCES), THE HIJACKERS HAVE DEMANDED THAT KUWAIT RELEASE THE DAWA PRISONERS AND RETURN THEM TO BEIRUT BY 1800 HOURS LOCAL (1500Z). IF THE DEMAND IS NOT MET, THEY WILL RETURN THE PLANE TO BEIRUT AND BLOW IT UP. NO COMMENT ABOUT PASSENGERS. BARTHOLOMEW
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1. PARIS OFFICE OF TWA INFORMED EMBASSY 1440 PARIS TIME
 THAT TWA FLIGHT 847 NOW ABOUT TWO HOURS EAST OF ALGIERS.
 REPORT RECEIVED BY TWA PARIS THROUGH ATC ATHENS THAT ALGE-
 RIA STATED IT WILL NOT PERMIT TWA FLIGHT TO LAND AT ALGIERS
 OR TO ENTER ALGERIAN AIRSPACE.

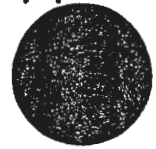
2. TWA ASKED IF EMBASSY ALGIERS CAN CONFIRM THIS REPORT.
 TWA CONCERNED THAT IF ALGERIAN AIRSPACE CLOSED TO TWA
 FLIGHT IT MAY BE FORCED TO TRY TO LAND IN LIBYA.
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I HAVE SPOKEN (1200) TO [REDACTED] WHO WERE AUCOUROUT FROM NEWS BROADCAST.
[REDACTED] NOTED ALGIERS POLICY OF NOT PERMITTING HIJACKED AIRLINES TO LAND HERE WHICH, HE SAID, WAS REAFFIRMED WHEN THE HIJACKED BEIRUT PLANE TRIED TO LAND AT TUNIS. HE SAID HE WOULD CONSULT AND GET BACK.
LATER I SPOKE TO [REDACTED] INDICATED CONDITIONS ON BOARD WERE NOT GOOD. HE UNDERTOOK TO SEE WHETHER ALGERIA, ON HUMANITIRAN GROUNDS, MIGHT BE WILLING TO LET PLANE LAND

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AND THEN TRY TO REASON WITH HIJACKERS.

(b)(1) [REDACTED] ARE AWARE PLANE IS SCHEDULED
TO ARRIVE ALGIERS 1438Z. NEWLIN

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1. ~~(CONFIDENTIAL-ENTIRE TEXT.)~~
2. TUNIS AIRPORT CONTROL TOWER INFORMED US AT 1250 GMT THAT ALGERIANS INTEND TO CLOSE THEIR AIRSPACE AT 1330 GMT.
3. AS OF 1250 GMT NO OBSERVABLE SECURITY MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN AT TUNIS AIRPORT.
4. BEIRUT MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.
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