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E. O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: CASC, PTER, LE, US
SUBJECT: RELEASE OF HOSTAGE

REF: BEIRUT 3545

1. ~~C~~ ENTIRE TEXT.

2. EMBASSY FSN EMPLOYEE TALKED TO ROBERT PEEL AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL RPT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL (AUH). PREVIOUS REPORT OF SAHEL HOSPITAL IN ERROR. DR. AYASH REPORTED PEEL IS BRUISED AND SUFFERING EMOTIONAL BREAK-DOWN. PEEL REPORTS WIFE AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW WERE RELEASED IN ALGIERS. SON REMAINS ON PLANE.

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3. PEEL REPORTS ALL PASSENGERS WERE BADLY TREATED.
ALL THEIR BELONGINGS, JEWELRY AND I.D.S WERE
TAKEN. PEEL WILL REMAIN IN AUH OVERNIGHT.
BARTHOLOMEW
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E. O. 12356: FRVL: OSFT
TAGS: CASC, PTER, LE
SUBJ: SPANISH ASKED TO NEGOTIATE WITH HIGHJACKERS

REF: BEIRUT 03539

1. AT 1815 LOCAL TIME (1615 ZULU), FOREIGN MINISTER MORAN CALLED THE EMBASSY AND SPOKE WITH THE DUTY OFFICER. MORAN SAID HE HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON (IN THE PERSON OF THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE). ASKING IF HE WOULD AUTHORIZE THE SPANISH AMBASSADOR TO LEBANON TO JOIN WITH HIS FRENCH AND BRITISH COUNTERPARTS IN NEGOTIATING WITH THE HIGHJACKERS. MORAN SAID THAT IN THE SPIRIT OF HUMANITARIAN COOPERATION, HE WAS DISPOSED TO INSTRUCT HIS AMBASSADOR TO ACCEDE TO THIS REQUEST. HOWEVER, SINCE THE MAJORITY OF THE HOSTAGES AND THE CARRIER ARE U. S., HE WANTED THE CONCURRENCE OF THE EMBASSY. IF POSSIBLE, HE WANTED TO COMMUNICATE HIS ANSWER TO THE LEBANESE WITHIN FIFTEEN MINUTES.

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2. DUTY OFFICER TELEPHONED STATE DEPARTMENT TASK FORCE AND CONVEYED INFORMATION. AMBASSADOR OAKLEY AND MR. GRANT SMITH AUTHORIZED THE DUTY OFFICER TO REPLY TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER THAT THE OFFER WAS APPRECIATED AND ACCEPTED.

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3. DUTY OFFICER TELEPHONED FOREIGN MINISTER MORAN WITH THE AUTHORIZATION AND APPRECIATION OF THE EMBASSY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. MORAN EMPHASIZED AGAIN THAT SPANISH AMBASSADOR WAS COOPERATING FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS AND, OF COURSE, NEITHER THE AMBASSADOR. THE FOREIGN MINISTER NOR THE GOVERNMENT OF SPAIN WOULD BE ABLE TO ACCEPT ANY RESPONSIBILITY IN THE EVENT NEGOTIATIONS MISCARRIED OR ANY FURTHER MISFORTUNES OCCURRED. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE HOPED THAT THE ENTIRE SITUATION WOULD BE RESOLVED AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT WITHOUT ANY FURTHER INJURY OR LOSS OF LIFE.

4. DUTY OFFICER THANKED THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND MENTIONED TO HIM THAT A C-130 AIRCRAFT BEARING THE BODY OF THE MAN SHOT AND DUMPED ON THE TARMAC BY THE HIGHJACKERS WOULD BE LANDING AT TORREJON AIR BASE AT APPROXIMATELY 2100 LOCAL (1900 ZULU) TIME. APPROPRIATE CLEARANCES HAD BEEN EARLIER REQUESTED AND RECEIVED FROM THE SPANISH AIR FORCE THROUGH

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JUSMG CHANNELS. FOREIGN MINISTER ACKNOWLEDGED THE INFORMATION AND EXPRESSED HIS WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST US IN ANY OTHER WAY DURING THIS TENSE SITUATION.

5. APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR LATER (1930 LOCAL) A MR. URGURTI OF THE MFA, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF FONMIN MORAN, CALLED TO ADVISE US THAT HE NOW UNDERSTOOD THAT THE HIGHJACKERS HAD REFUSED TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE DIPLOMATS. RED CROSS OR UN REPRESENTATIVES.

6. CHARGE INFORMED GF TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS AND SUBSTANCES OF THIS TELEGRAM. BINNS
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E. O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: PTER, CA, EAIR
SUBJECT: LIST OF RELEASED HOSTAGES ARRIVING PARIS 16 JUNE

1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. THE FOLLOWING IS THE COMPLETE LIST OF HOSTAGES WHO
ARRIVED IN PARIS AFTERNOON 16 JUNE:

ASHMORE, ANN
ASHMORE, ARLENE
BALT, STANLEY
BAMFORD, PENNY
BARNES, SHERRY
BERGMAN, LAURA
BERRY, WILLIAM
BROWN, JUDY
BYRON, CAROLYN
BYRON, PAMELA
CATALDO, JANINE
CESARETTI, ETTORE (ITALIAN CITIZEN)
COCORES, WILLIAM
COOKE, CHRISTINE
CUCCHI, DINO
DAVIS, KATHERINE
DELGADO, JOSE LEON
DORIS, GENEVIERE
DORIS, MARTHA
GARZA, ADRIANA
HABRE, DR. BERHANO (ETHIOPIAN CITIZEN)
HARRIS, BENJAMIN
HARRIS, MARY LEE
HENDERSEN FAMILY (3 MEMBERS) (AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS)
HERZBERG, SUZIE DEUTCH
KOWALCZYK, DELORES
LAGOU, HELEN (GREEK CITIZEN)
LANHAM, KENNETH
LAZANSKY, JOANNE
LEIBST, EDWARD
MAJUROWSKI, JOHN
MAJUROWSKI, MILISSA
MCDONALD, PATRICK (FATHER)
MINGOS, DIMITRIOS (GREEK CITIZEN) NOVAK, EDWARD
PALESSE, MARY
PALMER, JOE DON
PALMER, SAMMIE DELORES
PEEL, KRISTINE
PORTER, DOUGLAS
RICE, PAMELA

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SCHWARTZ, MAURI
SCIBETTA, FRANK
SUKEFORTH, PAULA
SUMMERS, ANN
SYNNESTVEDT, JANE SHARP
TARTAS, THEOPHILOS
THANOS, DIAMANTOULOS (GREEK CITIZEN)
THANOS, JOHN (GREEK CITIZEN)
THANOS, MINAS (GREEK CITIZEN)
TURNER, ARLENE
VARELOGIANNIS, KRISTOS (GREEK CITIZEN)
WALSH, FRANCIS
WALSH, KATHLEEN
WEBER, BURTON
WEBER, YNN MARIE
WEBER, MARY PAT
WEBER, PATRICIA
WILLET, CHRIS
WILLET, JOSHUA
WILLET, MARCIA
ZILLGITT, GAIL

3. THE TWA HOSTESSES: J. COX, W. DERLICKSON, H. HESP,
E. HOWES, AND H. SHEHAN, WERE TAKEN BY SEPARATE AIRCRAFT
TO LONDON, ENGLAND, AND DID NOT ARRIVE IN THE PARIS-
ALGIERS-PARIS PLANE FLIGHT. ROSEN
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E. O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: CASC, PTER, LE, US
SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF ROBERT PEEL

REF: BEIRUT 3546 (NOTAL)

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2. TENTATIVE PLANS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR PEEL TO TRAVEL TO CYPRUS 6/17 VIA MEA7261. ETA LARNACA 1415LOCAL. PEEL HAS NO PASSPORT, AND WILL NEED MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AT AIRPORT. HE IS SUFFERING FROM BRUISES AND SERIOUS NERVOUS EXHAUSTION. HE IS ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE HEART CONDITION. THIS IS A TENTATIVE ITINERARY, WE WILL CONFIRM 6/17 AM.

3. EXAMINING DOCTOR SAYS PEEL IS PHYSICALLY ABLE TO TRAVEL. BARTHOLOMEW
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E. O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: PTER, EAIR, AG, E
SUBJECT: A HOSTAGE'S ACCOUNT OF THE TWA HIJACKING

1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. [REDACTED] PASSENGER
ON THE TWA FLIGHT PREPARED A WRITTEN ACCOUNT OF THE
HIJACKING WHICH HE PROVIDED US ON ARRIVAL IN PARIS.
BELOW IS THE FULL UNEDITED TEXT OF HIS ACCOUNT.

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3. BEING HIJACKED: [REDACTED] JUNE 15TH, THREE HOURS
AFTER BEING RELEASED. FLIGHT 847 DEPARTED FROM ATHENS
AIRPORT ALMOST AN HOUR LATE. THERE HAD BEEN TWO SECURITY
CHECKS BEFORE BOARDING, ONE AS WE ENTERED THE DEPARTURE
AREA AND THE OTHER AS WE ENTERED THE DEPARTURE LOUNGE.
WE WERE ALMOST THE LAST FAMILY TO LEAVE THE DEPARTURE
LOUNGE FOR THE BUS TO THE AIRCRAFT AND I NOTED THAT THE
SECURITY CHECKING STAFF WERE PACKING UP. UPON BOARDING THE
AIRCRAFT THE STEWARDESS COMMENTED THAT THERE WOULD BE A
SHORT WAIT FOR ONE PASSENGER. WAS THE PASSENGER ONE OF
THE HIJACKERS? TAKE OFF WAS NORMAL AND WE WERE LOOKING
FORWARD TO A HOT BREAKFAST. I WAS READING WHEN SUDDENLY
THERE WAS A SOUND OF RAPID RUNNING FOOT STEPS UP THE
AISLE, AND COUPLE OF SHOUTS AND THE FIRST CLASS PASSENGERS
STARTED TO COME DOWN THE AISLE TO THE BACK OF THE PLANE
WITH THEIR HANDS ABOVE THEIR HEADS. THERE WERE TWO
HIJACKERS, BOTH IN CREAM TROUSERS, ABOUT 5 FEET THREE
INCHES IN HEIGHT, LIGHTLY BUILT. THEY HAD A SILVER
PISTOL AND HAND GRENADES. WE HAD THEN BEEN IN THE AIR
ABOUT TEN MINUTES. WE WERE ALL ORDERED TO PUT OUR HANDS
ON OUR HEADS AND TO BEND FORWARD SO THAT OUR HEADS WERE
BELOW THE LEVEL OF THE TOP OF THE SEAT IN FRONT. SOME
OF THE FIRST PASSENGERS WERE HIT AS THE HIJACKERS SCREAMED
"DOWN, DOWN, DOWN". THE HOSTESSES WERE REQUIRED TO SIT
IN PASSENGER SEATS EXCEPT FOR THE PURSER WHO SPOKE
GERMAN AS WELL AS ENGLISH. ONE OF THE HIJACKERS SPOKE
GERMAN. THE HOSTESS ANNOUNCED THAT "WE ARE CO-OPERATING
WITH THESE TWO GENTLEMEN WHO BROTHERS OF THE BLACK MOSLEMS,

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SHI-ITE SECT." PLEASE KEEP YOUR HEAD DOWN. WE WILL BE FLYING TO BEIRUT, THEY HAD WANTED TO FLY TO ALGIERS". LATER THE PURSER TOLD SOME OF US QUIETLY THAT WE WERE FLYING TO BEIRUT. THAT THEY HAD WANTED TO GO TO ALGIERS BUT THE PLANE HAD INSUFFICIENT FUEL. THAT WE WOULD GO TO BEIRUT WHERE WE WOULD BE REFUELLED AND THEN GO ON TO ALGIERS. DURING THE ENTIRE FLIGHT TO BEIRUT AND FOR THE HOUR ON THE GROUND WE WERE KEPT IN THIS AGONIZING POSITION, THE MOMENT A HEAD MOVED THE HIJACKER WOULD SCREAM, "DOWN, DOWN, DOWN" AND HIT HEADS. AT THIS STAGE PASSPORTS WERE COLLECTED AND SOME YOUNG MEN WHO DID NOT HAVE PASSPORTS BUT MILITARY TRAVEL DOCUMENTS WERE SCREAMED AT. THE FIRST CLASS AREA HAD BEEN TURNED INTO THE HIJACKERS HQS AND ONE MAN WAS TAKEN INTO THIS AND SEVERELY BASHED, RIBS KICKED AND BROKEN, POSSIBLE INTERNAL INJURIES, KNEE CAPS AND HEAD KICKED. WE KNOW THESE DETAILS FROM [REDACTED] (b)(6)

THE THREE OF US HAD BEEN SITTING TOGETHER BUT I SEEM TO HAVE ATTRACTED THE LEADER OF THE HIJACKERS ATTENTION. HE WAS CONSTANTLY LOOKING AT ME. NO ONE WAS ALLOWED TO TALK. SUDDENLY THE HIJACKER ORDERED ME FROM MY SEAT, HELD A PISTOL IN MY BACK WHILE THE PURSER ASSISTED A SOBBING, GROANING, BLEEDING LAD DOWN THE AISLE AND HE WAS DUMPED INTO MY SEAT NEXT [REDACTED] I WAS THEN SHOVED WITH A PISTOL UP FORWARD TO A DIFFERENT SEAT. DURING THE TOTAL TIME I HAD SIX DIFFERENT SEATS ALMOST AS IF THEY DID NOT WANT ME TO HAVE A CHANCE FOR FORM ANY RELATIONSHIPS WITH ANYONE. I WAS NEVER PERMITTED TO TALK DURING THE WHOLE EXERCISE. WE BELIEVE THE BADLY INJURED BOY WAS LATER SHOT. AFTER LEAVING BEIRUT, WE WERE ALLOWED TO LIFT OUR

HEADS, GIVEN A GLASS OF WATER BY THE PURSER, AND AN ORGANIZED TOILET PARADE BEGAN. BOTH REAR TOILET DOORS WERE KEPT OPEN, PEOPLE WERE TAKEN TO THE BACK THREE ROWS OF SEATS, SEATED IN ORDER AND THEN PERMITTED TO USE THE TOILET IN TURN. WITH THE MEN, THE DOORS HAD TO STAY OPEN AND THIS WAS THE CASE FOR AT LEAST SOME OF THE WOMEN. WHEN WE WERE MOVING TO THE TOILET SEATING AREA WE ALWAYS HAD TO HAVE OUR HANDS ABOVE, OR ON OUR HEADS. DURING THE REFUELLING AT BEIRUT I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE PLANE DOORS WERE OPENED AT ALL, ALTHOUGH WITH OUR HEADS DOWN AND THE HIJACKERS RUNNING UP AND DOWN THE AISLE IT WAS DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE WHAT WAS HAPPENING AT ALL. AS WE FLEW

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TOWARDS ALGIERS WE NEXT WERE GIVEN AN ORANGE DRINK AND A ROLL. ALL THIS WAS DONE BY THE PURSER WHO WAS THE ONLY ONE OF THE FLIGHT CREW TO BE ALLOWED TO MOVE IN THE CABIN. BEFORE LANDING AT ALGIERS WE AGAIN WENT THROUGH THE HEADS DOWN PROCEDURE FOR A SUBSTANTIAL TIME AND THE PAIN IN MY NECK BECAME SEVERE AND MY NOSE STARTED TO BLEED. THE STEWARDESS THEN CALLED FOR ANY PREGNANT WOMEN TO PUT THEIR HANDS UP, ONE DID AND I WAS AGAIN MOVED TO ANOTHER SEAT WITH THE GUN IN MY BACK AND THE PREGNANT LADY GIVEN MY LAST SEAT. THIS NEW SEAT WAS BY THE EMERGENCY DOOR PULL HANDLE OVER THE WING. AS WE LANDED IN ALGIERS WE WERE INSTRUCTED TO CLOSE ALL THE WINDOW BLINDS. AFTER THE LANDING IN ALGIERS THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF RUNNING AND SHOUTING BY THE TWO HIJACKERS UP AND DOWN THE PLANE AND IT IS MY RECOLLECTION THAT ONE OF THE AMERICANS WHO HAD A MILITARY TRAVEL PASS WAS TAKEN OUTSIDE, THERE WAS TERRIBLE GROANS AND THUDS AND SCREAMS. THERE IS SOME CONFUSION IN MY MIND NOW AS WHICH STOP THIS TOOK PLACE AT BUT I AM FAIRLY CONFIDENT THAT THIS WAS AT THE FIRST ALGIERS STOP. HERE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WERE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE PLANE, WOMEN, CHILDREN, ELDERLY. WHEN THE PLANE HAS REFUELLED WE WERE ALLOWED TO LIFT OUR HEADS AND THE PURSER GAVE US THE BREAKFAST WHICH HAD BEEN PREPARED THAT MORNING. THEN WE TOOK TO THE AIR AGAIN BUT WITH NO KNOWLEDGE OF WHERE WE WERE GOING. MY MIND WAS DOING SOME GEOGRAPHY, WOULD WE GO TO LIBYA, BEIRUT, OR IRAN. I CALCULATED THAT IF IT WAS LIBYA THE FLIGHT WOULD BE AN HOUR. WE HAD BEEN ALLOWED TO LIFT FROM THE WINDOWS, CALCULATED FROM THE SUN THAT THERE WE'RE HEADING NORTH EAST AND MENTALLY RULED OUT LIBYA AND DECIDED THAT BEIRUT WAS MORE LIKELY ON FUEL CAPACITY. DARKNESS SETTLED, THEN THE PURSER ANNOUNCED, "LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PUT YOUR HEADS DOWN, SHUT YOUR EYES, YOU WILL HEAR SOME NOISES, DO NOT LOOK UP, YOUR FATE DEPENDS UPON IT. EVERYONE MUST COOPERATE". THERE WAS ONE SHOT AND THE SOUND OF THE FIRST CLASS PARTITION CURTAIN BEING DRAWN. NEXT THE PURSER ANNOUNCED, "LADIES AND GENTLEMEN PREPARE YOURSELVES FOR AN EMERGENCY LANDING, OUR PILOT IS LOOKING FOR BEIRUT AIRPORT NOW, IT

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HAS NO NIGHT LIGHTS. THE LANDING WILL BE VERY ROUGH, IT MAY BE FATAL." A FEW MINUTES LATER THE PILOT CAME ON WITH "LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. I BELIEVE BEIRUT AIRPORT MAY REMOVE THE BARRIERS ON THE STRIP AND PROVIDE LIGHTS." WE CIRCLED AND THEN STARTED TO DESCEND RAPIDLY. THE PILOT ANNOUNCED, "LADIES AND GENTLEMEN THIS WILL BE A NORMAL LANDING" AND WE TOUCHED DOWN. I HAVE SOME CONFUSION IN MIND AS TO WHETHER PEOPLE WERE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE PLANE AT THIS TOUCH DOWN IN BEIRUT OR IF IT WAS THE FIRST LANDING BUT CERTAINLY HERE THE HIJACKERS WERE FULL OF CHEERFULNESS AS THEY ADMITTED EXTRA PEOPLE. WITH OUR HEADS DOWN ALL WE COULD SEE WERE MILITARY TYPE BOOTS, BUTTS OF RIFLES AND HERE JOYFUL KISSING AND BACK SLAPPING. AFTER TAKEOFF WE WERE ALLOWED TO LIFT OUR HEADS AND SEE THE NEW CAPTORS. FROM MY OBSERVATIONS WE NOW HAD A TOTAL OF EIGHT. THE TWO ORIGINAL HIJACKERS AS DESCRIBED EARLIER. TWO TALLER SLIGHTLY BEARDED SMILING MEN, ONE OF WHOM SPOKE FAIRLY GOOD ENGLISH AND APPEARED TO TAKE CHARGE. ONCE HE ENTERED THE PLANE THE ORIGINAL TWO TOOK A SECONDARY ROLE IN THE CABIN BUT I CAN MAKE NO COMMENT ON THEIR ROLE IN THE FLIGHT DECK. THE OTHER FOUR WERE SEMI-MILITARY AND HAD TO BE INTRODUCED TO MOST OF THE FOUR ORGANIZERS. THEY ALL HAD AUTOMATIC RIFLES, FULL AMMUNITION WEBBING SLUNG OVER THEIR SHOULDERS, KNIVES AND PISTOLS. THEY WERE LIKE JUVENILE TEENAGERS (ALTHOUGH MUCH OLDER) ON AN EXCITING OUTING. THERE WAS "BULGY EYES" VERY LARGE PROTRUDING BLOOD SHOT EYES, BEARD, MATT OF HAIR, WAVING HIS RIFLE ABOUT. POINTING DOWN THE CABIN, LAUGHING CLIPPING HIS SAFETY CATCH ON AND OFF, PULLING

CLIPS OF BULLETS IN AND OUT. NEXT WAS "BLACK BEARD", A VERY DENSE BLACK BEARD AND ALMOST AS MAD AS BULGY. "YOUNGSTER" CAME NEXT. HE WAS YOUNGER, AND OBVIOUSLY MORE INTELLIGENT AND TRIED TO GIVE SOME RESTRAINT TO "BULGY". THE FOURTH WAS DOWN THE REAR OF THE CRAFT AND I DID NOT SEE HIM IN DETAIL ALTHOUGH ██████████ SAID HE WAS REASONABLE. WITH THE REINFORCEMENTS THE HIJACKERS WERE MORE RELAXED AND VERY CHEERFUL. THE ENGLISH SPEAKER BEGAN TO GIVE US LITTLE SERMONS. "OUR PEOPLE ARE GOOD PEOPLE, BT

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WE WILL NOT HURT YOU, NO ONE WILL DIE. THERE ARE 700
OF OUR BROTHERS IN ISRAEL PRISONS, 100 AMERICANS FOR 700
OF OUR BROTHERS. YOUR GOVERNMENT MUST PUT PRESSURE ON THE
ISRAELIS." I PROTESTED THAT SOME OF US WERE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] BAD GOVERNMENT,
BAD GOVERNMENT, SUPPORT ISRAEL. IT IS UP TO YOUR
GOVERNMENT." WE WERE GIVEN WATER AND A SANDWICH EACH OF
THICK DRY BREADH AND STRONG CHEESE. I TRIED TO EAT THIS
BUT COULDN'T THE CHEESE TURNED TO GLUE IN MY MOUTH. I WAS
GIVEN MORE WATER (FROM THIS POINT ON PLENTY OF WATER WAS
MADE AVAILABLE) AND AN APPLE. I DRANK AND ATE THE APPLE
AND WAS PROMPTLY SICK VOMITING ALL OVER MYSELF. BULGY
FOUND THIS VERY FUNNY AND I WAS NOT ALLOWED TO MOVE BUT AN
AMERICAN BEHIND MANAGED TO GO TO THE TOILET AND BRING ME
A WET TOWEL, FOR THE REST I JUST SAT IN MY VOMIT UNTIL IT
DRIED. BULGY ADN BLACKY THEN STARTED POINTING TO THE
GIRLS AND INSISTING THAT A GIRL SIT BESIDE EACH OF THEM.
NEXT THE LOOTING BEGAN. THE LOOTING TOOK TWO FORMS -
THE ORGANIZED "OFFICIAL" LOOTING, EACH PERSON WAS TAKEN
TO THE FIRST CLASS SECTION WHERE THERE WATCHES, PURSES,
RINGS ADN JEWELRY WERE REMOVED. ALL WALLETS WERE OPENED
AND MOST NOT GIVEN BACK, MONEY WAS TAKEN AND ONE OF THE
"ORIGINALS" CARRIED THIS OUT WHILE THE OTHER WAS STACKING
AND SORTING THE NOTES AND DROPPING THE JEWELRY INTO A

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PLASTIC CONTAINER. SOME PEOPLE PLEADED AND HAD THEIR
FACES SLAPPED. DOWN IN THE CABIN BULGY AND BLACKY
WERE DOING THEIR OWN PRIVATE LOOTING. DEMANDING WALLETS
AND TAKING MOST OF THE MONEY. BULGY TOOK MINE AND WAS
ANGRY THAT IT HELD NO MONEY AT ALL SO HE PUT A ONE DOLLAR
AMERICAN BILL IN IT. I GAVE THIS IMMEDIATELY TO BLACK
AS I DID NOT WANT AN AMERICAN BILL IN MY POCKET. WHEN I
CAME TO BE SEARCHED OFFICIALLY, I WAS ASKED, "WHERE
IS YOUR MONEY. THOSE FELLOWS DOWN THERE TAKE IT." I SAID,
"NO, I HAD NO MONEY, I WAS LEAVING GREECE, I HAD SPENT ALL
MY GREEK CURRENCY AND I WOULD HAVE GOT MORE MONEY IN
ITALY. A LITTLE LATER THE "LEADER" WENT AND SPOKE TO
BULGY AND BLACKY AND I BELIEVE THAT HE WAS TELLING THEM
THEY MUST POOL THE LOOT AND IT WOULD BE SHARED LATER.
THEN THE BAGS FROM THE LOCKERS WERE TAKEN TO THE HIJACK
HQs AND PROGRESSIVELY SEARCHED FOR VALUABLES ALTHOUGH
I DON'T THINK THAT THIS TASK WAS COMPLETED. FINALLY
WE WERE BACK IN ALGIERS. THE LEADER EXPLAINED THAT ONE OF
THEIR BROTHERS HAD BEEN CAPTURED IN ATHENS. THEY HAD TOLD
THE GREEK GOVERNMENT THAT IT THEY WOULD DELIVER THEIR
BROTHER TO ALGIERS THEN THEY WOULD LET MOST OF THE WOMEN
AND THE GREEK CITIZENS. AN HOUR LATER HE ANNOUNCED THAT THE
GREEK GOVERNMENT HAD SAID YES. A LITTLE LATER HE ANNOUNCED
THAT THE PLANE HAD LEFT ATHENS AND WOULD BE THERE IN THREE
HOURS. AFTER ANOTHER HOUR OR SO (TIME IS DIFFICULT AS WE
HAD NO WATCHES) THE SEATING WAS REORGANIZED WITH ALL THE
MEN IN THE FRONT OF THE WING AND THE WOMEN AND GREEK
CITIZENS AT THE REAR. AFTER WHAT SEEMED YEARS THERE WAS
CLAPPING AS HE ANNOUNCED TO THE WOMEN THAT THE PLANE HAD

ARRIVED WITH THEIR BROTHER. THEN THE WOMEN WERE ALLOWED
TO LEAVE ONE AT A TIME IN SMALL GROUPS.

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THEN A ALGERIAN PEOPLE CAME INTO THE PLANE AND ASKED IF
THERE WAS ANYONE WHO WASN'T AMERICAN AND WAS UNDER 18.
A FEW PEOPLE ROSE AND I CALLED OUT I WAS [REDACTED] (b)(6)

[REDACTED] SUDDENLY I WAS WAVED OUT PASSED THE ALGERIAN
AND DOWN THE STEPS. I WAS THE LAST PERSON TO LEAVE
THE PLANE. I DON'T THINK [REDACTED] (b)(6)

GREETED BY [REDACTED] AMBASSADOR WITH A MIGHTY HUG AS
HE SAID [REDACTED] MY ORDEAL WAS OVER BUT MY
HEART GOES OUT TO THE AMERICANS LEFT INSIDE. I DOUBT
IF THE KINDLY TREATMENT GIVEN FROM BEIRUT TO ALGIERS
WILL CONTINUE AND I WOULD BE WORRIED ABOUT THE ABILITY OF
THE HIJACKERS TO CONTROL THEIR OWN THUGS. TWO OF THEM,
BULGY AND BLACKY WERE SURREPTIOUSLY DRINKING AND THERE WAS
AN UNLIMITED SUPPLY OF SPIRITS DUE TO DUTY-FREE SHOPPING.

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