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AMAL LEADER NABIH BARRI

REF: A STATE 185674; B VIENNA 8606

1. ~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. DCM ON JUNE 19 CONVEYED SUBSTANCE OF TALKING POINTS
IN REFTEL A TO MFA DEPUTY POLITICAL DIRECTOR HERIBERT
TSCHOFEN. TSCHOFEN INDICATED THAT OBJECTIVES OF GOA ARE
IDENTICAL TO THOSE OF USG AS REGARDS SUBJECT AND THEY
WOULD DO WHAT THEY CAN TO REINFORCE US IN OUR ENDEAVOR.

3. DCM REMINDED TSCHOFEN OF FOREIGN MINISTER GRATZ'S
OFFER TO AMBASSADOR REFTEL B TO ASSIST AS POSSIBLE IN
TWA HIJACKING INCIDENT. TSCHOFEN PROMISED TO INFORM
GRATZ OF OUR DEMARCHE AND TO INSTRUCT GEORGE ZNIDARIC,
AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR TO LEBANON, PRESENTLY IN VIENNA FOR
CONSULTATION, PRIOR TO LATTER'S DEPARTURE FOR BEIRUT
TODAY. TSCHOFEN NOTED THAT AUSTRIAN HUMANITARIAN AID
HAD IN PART BEEN DISPERSED TO SHIITE COMMUNITY IN
LEBANON SO AS TO MAINTAIN BALANCE BETWEEN COMMUNAL
GROUPS THERE. TSCHOFEN ALSO NOTED THAT ZNIDARIC KNOWS
BARRI PERSONALLY WITH WHOM THE GOA HAS A "QUALIFIED
RELATIONSHIP" BECAUSE OF THE LATTER'S PRIVATE LEGAL
ADVOCACY OF AUSTRIAN AIRLINES' INTERESTS IN LEBANON.

4. BEIRUT MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. VON DAMM-GUERTLER
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PARIS - JUNE 19

(A) STORIES COVERED IN REPORT:

1. BEIRUT HOSTAGE CRISIS
2. WORLD ECONOMY AND MILAN SUMMIT
3. OTTAWA HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE
4. NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE

(B) SUMMARY OF TYPE OF COVERAGE

1. FOLLOW-UP ON BOEING HIJACKING IS COVER STORY IN
MOST PARISIAN NEWSPAPERS; OFTEN THEY COMPARE THE
CURRENT HOSTAGE CRISIS TO THE TEHRAN SITUATION FIVE
YEARS AGO, GIVING DETAILED ACCOUNTS OF WHAT HAPPENED IN
TEHRAN. LIBERATION, FOR EXAMPLE, HAS FOUR AND A HALF
PAGES ON THIS ISSUE. A NEW FOCUS OF ATTENTION IS NABIH
BERRI, WHO EMERGES AS KEY MAN WITHIN SHIITE COMMUNITY.
EARLY MORNING BROADCASTS ON RADIOS AND TV NOTE THAT
REAGAN SAID IN HIS NEWS CONFERENCE THAT THERE WOULD BE
NO CONCESSIONS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE TERRORISTS.

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2. ONLY LE FIGARO COMMENTS ON THE MILAN EUROPEAN SUMMIT, BUT LES ECHOS AND HUMANITE CARRY ARTICLES ON THE U. S. ECONOMIC SLOWDOWN.

3. SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS NOTE THE FAILURE OF THE OTTAWA HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE.

4. NAMIBIA'S NEWLY OBTAINED INDEPENDENCE PROMPTS ANALYSIS BY LE MONDE.

(C) HEADLINES

1. BEIRUT HOSTAGE CRISIS:

"WASHINGTON BRACES FOR LONG WAIT" "NABIH BERRI KEY MAN IN BEIRUT" (LE MONDE)
"THE TALE OF THE BEAR AND THE FLY" (LIBERATION)
"BOEING: PESSIMISM IN THE U. S." (QUOTIDIEN)
"TEHERAN'S GHOST COMES BACK TO HAUNT REAGAN" (FIGARO)
"FICTION VERSUS REALITY" (LES ECHOS)

2. WORLD ECONOMY AND MILAN SUMMIT:

"MODELS FAIL" (HUMANITE)
"EUROPE: DON'T EXPECT ANYTHING FROM MILAN" (FIGARO)
"REAGAN DOING HIGH WIRE ACT"

3. OTTAWA HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE:

"NO DIALOGUE AT HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE" (LE MONDE)
"HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE REACHES DEAD END" (MATIN)
"MOSCOW DERAILS OTTAWA CONFERENCE" (QUOTIDIEN)

4. NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE:

"PRETORIA GIVES NAMIBIA AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT" (LE MONDE)

(D) SUPPORTING TEXT

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INFLUENTIAL LE MONDE PAGE 3 REPORT BY BERNARD GUETTA:
"BEYOND OFFICIAL COMMENTS. IT IS CLEAR THAT WASHINGTON
WOULD LIKE ISRAEL TO FREE ITS SHIITE PRISONERS WITHOUT
HAVING TO ASK."
ALSO PAGE 3: "AS OPPOSED TO THE AUTOCRATIC RULE OF MOST
LEBANESE LEADERS, MR. BERRI PREFERS TO USE PERSUASION
AND CONVINCES HIS LIEUTENANTS AND TROOPS THAT HE IS
RIGHT. IT IS HIS STRENGTH AND WEAKNESS... IN THE
HOSTAGE CRISIS HE WAS FORCED TO FOLLOW THE LEAD OF SOME
OF HIS SUPPORTERS AND ENDORSE METHODS HE DISAPPROVES
OF."

LEFT-OF-CENTER LIBERATION PAGE 3 EDITORIAL BY GERARD
DUPUY: "NATIONS HAVE DECLARED WAR FOR LESS, AS MAJOR
EVENTS OFTEN START OUT SMALL... IF ONCE AGAIN WORLD
OPINION IS FOCUSED ON LEBANON, IT'S NOT BECAUSE OF A
FEW MORE CORPSES. THE REASON IS THAT THE ALL-POWERFUL
AND HAUGHTY U. S. EMPIRE IS HELD TIGHTLY BY THE NECK.
HARD LESSON: THE FUTURE STAR WARS LEADER IS VICTIMIZED
BY AMATEUR WARRIORS. AMERICA'S WEAPONRY IS GIGANTIC
AND OUT OF PROPORTION... WHILE ACTING OUT THE STORY OF
THE BEAR AND THE FLY, ONE CAN DROP THE BOULDER ON ONE'S
FEET. REAGAN IS THREATENED BY THE (UNFAIR) ACCUSATION

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OF PASSIVITY WHICH RUINED CARTER AND LEAD TO THE RISE OF NEO-CONSERVATISM."

RIGHT-OF-CENTER QUOTIDIEN FRONTPAGE EDITORIAL BY PHILIPPE MARCOVICI: "THE BEIRUT HOSTAGE CRISIS PUTS REAGAN IN THE MOST DIFFICULT AND DANGEROUS POSITION FOR A HEAD OF STATE, THAT OF BEING POWERLESS...REAGAN IS CAUGHT IN THE SAME TRAP AS CARTER, POWERLESS AGAINST A HANDFUL OF CRAZED TERRORISTS...THE MIDDLE EAST, WHICH GAVE BIRTH TO INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. IS A QUAGMIRE FROM WHICH THE U.S. CAN'T ESCAPE."

FIGARO PAGE FOUR REPORT BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT DENIS LEGRAS: "HAVING A DISAGREEABLE FEELING OF DEJA-VU, AMERICA IS LEARNING TO LIVE WITH THE CRISIS...THE WHITE HOUSE HAS DECIDED NOT TO BUDGE FROM ITS POSITION."

LES ECHOS PAGE 28 REPORT: "MINISTERS FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY WILL MEET IN ROME THURSDAY TO EXAMINE...MEASURES THAT COULD BE TAKEN FOR BETTER EUROPEAN COOPERATION AGAINST TERRORISM. THIS TYPE OF INITIATIVE SHOULD NOT BE HAMPERED BY DOUBT AND SKEPTICISM."

2. WORLD ECONOMY AND MILAN SUMMIT:

ECONOMIC LES ECHOS PAGE FOUR REPORT BY FRANCOISE

CROUIGNEAU: "REAGAN'S POPULARITY HAS BEEN WANING SINCE THE BEGINNING OF HIS SECOND TERM...NOBODY BELIEVES ANYMORE THAT THE U.S. WILL HAVE A 4 PERCENT ECONOMIC GROWTH RATE IN 1985."

FIGARO PAGE 3 REPORT BY ROBERT DE SUZANNET: "THE EUROPEAN CONFEREES MEETING IN MILAN WILL PROBABLY NOT ACT ON A SUGGESTED REFORM OF EEC INSTITUTIONS AND DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES...AN AGREEMENT ON WHAT
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CHANGES NEED TO BE MADE WOULD BE CONSIDERED AN
ACHIEVEMENT BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION. "

COMMUNIST HUMANITE PAGE 5 REPORT BY JULIEN PIERRE: "THE
U. S. ECONOMIC RECOVERY, FINANCED MOSTLY BY AN INFLUX OF
FOREIGN CAPITAL, HAS LEFT AMERICAN COMPANIES RELATIVELY
WEAK... STATISTICS SHOW CLEARLY THAT THE MODELS GIVEN
TO US HAVE FAILED, AND IT IS USELESS TO BOARD THE TRAIN
PULLED BY THE U. S. AND JAPANESE LOCOMOTIVES. "

3. OTTAWA HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE:

LE MONDE PAGE 5 REPORT BY B. DE LA GRANGE: "ALL
PARTICIPANTS IN THE 6-WEEK OTTAWA CONFERENCE ON HUMAN
RIGHTS WERE DEAF, IT SEEMS LIKE... DELEGATES FROM THE
TWO BLOCS TRADED BARBS, BUT MORE IMPORTANT WAS THE
DIVERGENCE IN THE WAY THEY LOOK AT HUMAN RIGHTS. "

LE MATIN PAGE 12 REPORT: "THE FAILURE (OF THE OTTAWA
CONFERENCE) RAISES DOUBTS REGARDING THE EFFICIENCY OF
THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS MAPPED OUT IN HELSINKI. "

LE QUOTIDIEN PAGE 18 REPORT: "DISAGREEMENT REGARDING

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HUMAN RIGHTS PREVAILED. WHEN THE WEST SPOKE OF UNRESTRAINED TRAVEL, FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND RELIGION, THE EAST'S ARGUMENTS WERE UNEMPLOYMENT, RACISM AND HOMELESS PEOPLE...YET, OTTAWA OPENED THE DOOR TO SPECIFIC HUMAN RIGHTS TALKS THAT COULD BE SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE DURING THE VIENNA TALKS OF NOVEMBER 1986."

4. NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE:

LE MONDE PAGE 6 REPORT BY SPECIAL ENVOY MICHEL BOLE-RICHARD: "THIS NEW STEP TAKEN BY SOUTH AFRICA... IS THE THIRD SLAP IT HAS GIVEN TO INTERNATIONAL OPINION IN LESS THAN A MONTH."

INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE:

FRONTPAGE ARTICLES: COMPILED FROM DISPATCHES: "ISRAEL OFFERS RED CROSS TALKS; 3 MORE HOSTAGES ARE RELEASED"; NYT: "LURKING BEHIND THE HIJACK: 'ANOTHER IRAN'"; WP: "HUMAN RIGHTS STRUGGLE IN EAST BLOC STILL VIGOROUS DESPITE INTIMIDATION"; WP: "TOP U.S. BANKS CUT PRIME RATE TO 9.5, LOWEST SINCE 1978"; LAT: "CHINESE SHIFT CONTINUES TREND TO YOUNG LEADERS"; NYT: "1,000 GIS WHO FLED WAR TO SWEDEN DWINDLE TO AN ASSIMILATED HANDFUL".

EDITPAGE: NYT: "HOSTAGES: THE FINE LINE"; HELENA COBBAN: "IN BEIRUT, RETALIATION IS NOT THE ANSWER"; ABRAHAM BRUMBERG: "REAGAN (OR IS IT MCCARTHY?) ON

NICARAGUA"; WP: "SILENT SUBS, TORPEDOED BY CONGRESS".

COLUMN: WICKER: "THE U.S. PRESIDENCY: REPUBLICAN FOR GOOD?"

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SUBJECT: TALKING POINTS FOR LEBANESE LEADERS

1. ~~S~~ ENTIRE TEXT.
2. AMBASSADOR IS DRAWING ON FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS IN CAMPAIGN TO PUSH LEBANESE LEADERS TO SPEAK OUT PUBLICLY AND PRESSURE BARRI AND OTHERS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF HOSTAGES UNHARMED AND WITHOUT CONDITIONS.
3. BEGIN TALKING POINTS.
4. THE HIJACKING IS A DISASTER FOR LEBANON AND ALL ITS LEADERS AND COMMUNITIES.
5. INNOCENT PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TAKEN HOSTAGE AND BEATEN AND ROBBED AND TERRORIZED. ONE WAS COLD-BLOODEDLY MURDERED. NOW WE ARE BEING TOLD THESE INNOCENT PEOPLE WILL BE KEPT HOSTAGE UNTIL THE HIJACKERS' DEMANDS ARE MET. NO DEMAND CAN JUSTIFY THIS.
6. THE HIJACKERS AND THEIR SPOKESMAN INSIST THAT IT WAS WRONG FOR THE LEBANESE TO BE IMPRISONED IN ISRAEL. BUT THAT DOES NOT MAKE IT RIGHT TO TAKE INNOCENT PEOPLE HOSTAGE TO FORCE THEIR LIBERATION.

THAT IS NOT RIGHT IN ISLAM OR IN CHRISTENDOM.
IT IS TRADING IN BLOOD.

IT WILL NOT ENCOURAGE PLANS OR EFFORTS TO FREE THE ATLIT PRISONERS SOON. IT WILL ONLY DISCOURAGE THIS BECAUSE GOVERNMENTS CANNOT ACT WITH GUNS AT THEIR HEADS.

IT IS MORALLY WRONG AND POLITICALLY SENSELESS TO LINK THE HOSTAGES TO THE ATLIT PRISONERS. THE HOSTAGES HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THE ATLIT PRISONERS, AND THE TWO QUESTIONS MUST

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7. FOR OUR PART, WE WILL NOT MAKE CONCESSIONS TO TERRORISTS OR ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO DO SO. IT IS MORALLY WRONG. IT IS SENSELESS BECAUSE IT WOULD ONLY ENCOURAGE OTHER TERRORIST ACTIONS.

8. THESE INNOCENT PEOPLE MUST BE IMMEDIATELY RELEASED UNHARMED AND WITHOUT CONDITIONS.

IF THEY ARE NOT, THEN LEBANON AND ALL ITS LEADERS AND COMMUNITIES WILL BE CUT OFF AND ISOLATED BY THE WORLD COMMUNITY. INSTEAD OF THE HELP AND UNDERSTANDING LEBANON NEEDS, IT WILL GET ONLY INDIFFERENCE AND CONTEMPT AS A HOPELESSLY LAWLESS AND ANARCHIC PLACE.

ALREADY THE CANADIANS HAVE LEFT, AND THERE IS RISING TALK OF AN INTERNATIONAL BOYCOTT OF BIA AND OF ANY AIRCRAFT COMING FROM IT.

OTHER GOVERNMENTS ARE MAKING KNOWN IN THE STRONGEST TERMS THEIR CONDEMNATION OF THE HIJACKERS AND THEIR ACTIONS.

LEBANON HAS SUFFERED ENOUGH. IT DOES NOT NEED THIS DISASTER.

9. THE HOSTAGES HAVE SUFFERED ENOUGH. ALL LEBANESE HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO GET THE HOSTAGES IMMEDIATELY RELEASED UNHARMED AND WITHOUT CONDITIONS.

IT IS A MORAL OBLIGATION.

IT IS A MATTER OF THE VITAL INTERESTS OF LEBANON AND ALL LEBANESE.

10. I URGE YOU TO SPEAK OUT PUBLICLY TO DEMAND THIS. I URGE YOU TO CONTACT BARRI AND OTHER LEADERS TO INSIST ON THIS.
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2. HOSTAGE SITUATION IN BEIRUT URGENTLY REQUIRES MAXIMUM DIPLOMATIC PRESSURE ON LEBANESE AUTHORITIES, AND SPECIFICALLY ON NABIH BARRI AS THE SELF-APPOINTED GUARDIAN OF THE HOSTAGES, FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF ALL THE TWA PASSENGERS AND CREW. AS PART OF THIS EFFORT, WE ASK ALL EMBASSIES TO APPROACH HOST GOVERNMENTS AT HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL TO URGE THEM TO ISSUE STRONG, PUBLIC STATEMENT CONDEMNING THE HIJACKING AND MAKING CLEAR THEIR READINESS TO CONSIDER APPROPRIATE ACTION IF THERE IS NO EARLY RESOLUTION OF THE HIJACKING. SUCH STATEMENT SHOULD CALL UPON THOSE CONTROLLING THE SITUATION IN LEBANON TO DESIST AT ONCE FROM HOLDING THESE INNOCENT PEOPLE HOSTAGE TO THE VAGARIES OF THE MIDEAST CONFLICT.

3. FOLLOWING ARE POINTS EMBASSIES MAY MAKE IN SUPPORT OF THIS DEMARCHE:

- WE FIND IT UNACCEPTABLE THAT THOSE IN AUTHORITY IN LEBANON CLAIMING TO HOLD THESE AMERICANS HAVE SAID THEY WILL FREE THEM ONLY UPON THE PERFORMANCE OF A POLITICAL ACT BY A THIRD GOVERNMENT, I.E. THE RELEASE OF SHIITE PRISONERS BY ISRAEL. WHATEVER THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE SHIITES' INCARCERATION, IT EXCEEDS THE BOUNDS OF CIVILIZED RELATIONS AMONG NATIONS TO HOLD INNOCENT PEOPLE WITH NO INVOLVEMENT IN THE PROBLEM AS HOSTAGES FOR THEIR RELEASE.

-- MOREOVER, AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, THIS DEMAND FOR AN EXCHANGE IS DELAYING THE ALREADY-PLANNED RELEASE OF SHIITE PRISONERS BY ISRAEL.

-- WHILE WE APPRECIATE THE ASSURANCES OF NABIH BARRI, THE LEBANESE MINISTER OF JUSTICE, THAT THE HOSTAGES WILL NOT BE HARMED, THIS IS NOT ENOUGH. AS THE PERSON WHO CLAIMS TO HOLD CONTROL OVER THE HOSTAGES, HE IS MORALLY AND LEGALLY OBLIGATED TO FREE THEM AT ONCE AND WITHOUT CONDITION. THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT IS LIKEWISE OBLIGATED TO HOLD HIM TO THIS STANDARD OF DECENCY AND LEGALITY.

- WE TRUST THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT AGREES WITH OUR STRONG VIEW ON THIS MATTER, AND THAT YOU WILL ISSUE A PUBLIC DECLARATION CONDEMNING THE CONTINUED HOLDING OF THESE INNOCENT PEOPLE AND URGING THEIR IMMEDIATE RELEASE. ANY OTHER ACTION YOUR GOVERNMENT MAY FIND IT POSSIBLE TO TAKE, EITHER PUBLICLY OR PRIVATELY, TO INFLUENCE BARRI AND THE LEBANESE AUTHORITIES WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED.

-- (FOR EMBASSIES IN COUNTRIES THAT ARE PARTIES TO THE HAGUE AND/OR MONTREAL CONVENTIONS ON THE SUPPRESSION OF HIJACKING AND SABOTAGE AGAINST CIVIL AIRCRAFT:) YOUR GOVERNMENT, AS A PARTY TO THE (HAGUE) (MONTREAL CONVENTION (S)), HAS A SPECIAL OBLIGATION TO ENSURE RESPECT FOR ITS (THEIR) PROVISIONS. THE HOLDING OF THESE PEOPLE IN THE WAKE OF A BRUTAL HIJACKING CANNOT BE CONDONED.

- MOREOVER, WE TRUST THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL JOIN OURS IN URGENT CONSIDERATION OF CONCRETE ACTIONS WHICH CAN BE TAKEN SHOULD THERE BE NO EARLY RESOLUTION OF THE HIJACKING. SUCH MEASURES COULD INCLUDE BANNING LANDING RIGHTS BY MIDDLE EAST AIRLINES AND USE OF BEIRUT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

4. POSTS THAT WERE ACTION ADDRESSEES OF REFTEL CONTAINING MORE DETAILED POINTS FOR A DEMARCHE ARE EXEMPT FROM THIS INSTRUCTION. BEIRUT AND TEL AVIV ARE ALSO EXEMPT. OTHER EMBASSIES BELIEVING THERE MAY BE SPECIAL REASON WHY THIS REQUESTED DEMARCHE WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE SHOULD REPORT AT ONCE STATING REASONS. ALL EMBASSIES SHOULD REPORT REACTIONS OF HOST GOVERNMENTS AS SOON AS KNOWN.

5. PARTIES TO THE HAGUE CONVENTION ARE THE FOLLOWING: AFGHANISTAN, ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BAHAMAS, BAHRAIN, BANGLADESH, BARBADOS, BELGIUM, BENIN, BOLIVIA, BOTSWANA, BRAZIL, BULGARIA, BYELORUSSIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REP., CANADA, CAPE VERDE, CHAD, CHILE, CHINA, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, CYPRUS, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, DENMARK, DOMINICAN REP., ECUADOR, EGYPT, EL SALVADOR, ETHIOPIA,

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6. PARTIES TO THE MONTREAL CONVENTION ARE THE FOLLOWING: AFGHANISTAN, ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BAHAMAS, BAHRAIN, BANGLADESH, BARBADOS, BELGIUM, BOLIVIA, BOTSWANA, BRAZIL, BULGARIA, BYELORUSSIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REP., CAMEROON, CANADA, CAPE VERDE, CHAD, CHILE, CHINA, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, CYPRUS, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, DENMARK, DOMINICAN REP., ECUADOR, EGYPT, EL SALVADOR, ETHIOPIA, FIJI, FINLAND, FRANCE, GABON, GAMBIA, GERMAN DEM. REP., GERMANY FED. REP., GHANA, GREECE, GRENADA, GUATEMALA, GUINEA, GUINEABISSAU, GUYANA, HAITI, HUNGARY, ICELAND, INDIA,

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NO. 11, AS OF 0500 EDT, JUNE 19, 1985

1. THE SITUATION IN BEIRUT REMAINED UNCHANGED OVERNIGHT. TWO EXECUTIVE JETS LANDED AT THE AIRPORT THIS MORNING, ACCORDING TO EMBASSY BEIRUT, AND JOURNALISTS DEPLANED. THE JETS HAVE LEFT, BUT THEIR PASSENGERS MAY HAVE STAYED IN BEIRUT. JOURNALISTS WERE OBSERVED AT 0500 BOARDING THE TWA AIRCRAFT. IT IS POSSIBLE THE HIJACKERS INTEND TO ISSUE A STATEMENT.

2. THE THREE HOSTAGES RELEASED JUNE 18 DEPARTED LARNACA TODAY FOR ATHENS. SHULTZ
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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION/PRESS REVIEW,
JUNE 19, 1985.

A) STORIES COVERED IN REPORT:

1. HIJACKED TWA AIRLINER.
2. TABA.
3. MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS.

B) SUMMARY OF TYPE OF COVERAGE:

1. HIJACKED TWA AIRLINER:

-- ALL MEDIA LEAD WITH THE CONTINUING HOSTAGE
DRAMA IN BEIRUT, WITH EXTENSIVE NETWORK CLIPS
AIRED ON TV AND PRESS COMMENTARIES ON THE
SITUATION. PRESIDENT REAGAN'S STATEMENT THAT THE

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"U. S. WILL NO' GIVE IN TO TERRORIST DEMANDS NOR WILL WE PRESSURE ANY COUNTRY TO DO SO" IS THE LEAD ITEM ON ISRAEL RADIO AND IN BANNER HEADLINES IN YEDIOT AND MAARIV.

-- YEDIOT EDITOR-IN-CHIEF ROSENBLUM WRITES THAT "THE ACCEPTED PHILOSOPHY OF THE WESTERN WORLD" THAT INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM ULTIMATELY IS DIRECTED AGAINST ISRAEL HAS BEEN DESTROYED BY THIS HIJACKING. "THE REST OF THE WORLD IS NOW IN MORTAL DANGER FROM THE SCOURGE OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM," WRITES YEDIOT.

-- HA'ARETZ POLITICAL COMMENTATOR SAMET WRITES THAT THE U. S. MIGHT GIVE IN ON THE TERRORIST DEMANDS, "BUT WOULD PREFER THE UNPLEASANTNESS TO FALL ON ISRAEL'S SHOULDERS." SAMET ADVOCATES THE "SHOW OF WEAKNESS AT LEAST BE EQUALLY SHARED BY THE TWO FRIENDLY COUNTRIES."

-- DAVAR WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT OREN SAYS THAT "ISRAEL SHOULD PUBLICIZE A PREVIOUS REQUEST BY THE AMERICANS NOT TO ATTACK SHIITE BASES IN THE BEKA' A VALLEY, WHERE OTHER AMERICAN HOSTAGES WERE BEING HELD."

-- A MAARIV EDITORIAL COMMENTS THAT WHILE THE U. S. IS NOT ASKING ISRAEL TO RELEASE ITS SHIITE PRISONERS. IT IS REMINDING US THAT "THE TRANSFER

OF THESE PRISONERS TO ISRAEL WAS A BREACH OF INTERNATIONAL LAW."

2. TABA:

-- ALL MEDIA REPORT DEEPENING POLITICAL CRISIS IN THE NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT OVER THE TABA ISSUE. ISRAEL RADIO QUOTE SOURCES CLOSE TO VICE PM SHAMIR THAT HE HAS "NO INTENTION OF GIVING IN." HA'ARETZ POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT ELDAR QUOTES SOURCES CLOSE TO THE PRIME MINISTER AS SAYING "PERES CANNOT
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AFFORD TO GIVE IN ON TABA. "

3. MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS:

-- ISRAEL RADIO WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT BARKAI
SAYS THAT IN SPITE OF SECRETARY SHULTZ' TESTIMONY
YESTERDAY IN THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE,
THE SENATORS ARE OPPOSED TO THE SALE OF ARMS TO
JORDAN.

C) HEADLINES:

1. THE HIJACKED TWA AIRLINER:

"REAGAN TO TERRORISTS: IN THE NAME OF THE GOD YOU
FEAR - PUT AN END TO THIS INFAMY" (MAARIV.)
"REAGAN: WE SHALL NOT GIVE IN TO TERROR: ANOTHER
CONCESSION WILL ONLY INVITE MORE TERRORISM"

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(YEDIOT AHARONOT.) "SHIITE ZEALOTS THREATEN: WE'LL BLOW UP BOOBY-TRAPPED AIRLINER OVER TEL-AVIV" (MAARIV AND YEDIOT.) "HIJACK GENERATES WAVE OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN THE U. S." (HA'ARETZ.) "U. S. : BERRI TO GET HIS 700 IF HE FREES THE HOSTAGES: BERRI THREATENS TO WASH HIS HANDS OF THE HIJACKING"; " (U. S.) WON'T MAKE DEALS WITH TERRORISTS" (JERUSALEM POST.) "AMERICAN PRESSURE ON ISRAEL: ISRAEL GETS BILLIONS. MUST RELEASE SHI'ITES" (HADASHOT.) "ISRAEL HAS NO INTENTION AT THIS STAGE TO RELEASE SHIITE PRISONERS" (DAVAR.)

2. TABA:

"PERES SAID THREATENING RESIGNATION OVER TABA" (ISRAEL TV.) "SHAMIR DOES NOT INTEND TO GIVE IN ON TABA" (ISRAEL RADIO.) "PERES AND SHAMIR MEET THIS MORNING IN THE SHADOW OF GOVERNMENT CRISIS ON TABA" (HA'ARETZ.) "PERES TO CLARIFY TO SHAMIR: WITHOUT TABA ARBITRATION, THERE IS NO GOVERNMENT" (HADASHOT.)

3. THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS.

"ARAFAT TO HUSSEIN: POSITIVE CHANGE IN U. S. STAND" (HA'ARETZ.)

D) SUPPORTIVE TEXT:

1. THE HIJACKED TWA AIRLINER.

I. ISRAEL RADIO, YEDIOT AND MAARIV LEAD WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN'S STATEMENT AT HIS NEWS CONFERENCE LAST NIGHT THA' "THE U. S. WILL NEVER GIVE IN TO TERRORISTS NOR PRESSURE ANY COUNTRY TO DO SO." ISRAEL RADIO WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT RAZI BARKAI REPORTS THAT THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT "ANY CONCESSION TO THE TERRORISTS WILL ONLY INCREASE
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THE DANGER OF TERRORISM IN FUTURE." WITH REFERENCE
TO THE SHI'ITE PRISONERS IN ISRAEL, THE PRESIDENT
SAID THAT THEIR TRANSFER FROM LEBANON TO ISRAEL
CONFLICTED WITH THE GENEVA CONVENTION, BUT "THERE
MUST NOT BE ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN THE THE RELEASE
OF THESE SHI'ITES AND THAT OF THE AMERICAN
HOSTAGES. THAT WOULD SIGNIFY THAT THE U. S. AND
ISRAEL HAVE GIVEN IN TO TERRORIST DEMANDS."

II. YEDIOT WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT ZEEV BARAK
(WOLF BLITZER) WRITES THAT IN AN
"AGGRESSIVELY-WORDED STATEMENT, PRESIDENT REAGAN
SAID HE 'WILL NEVER GIVE IN TO TERROR. TO DO SO
WILL ONLY INVITE FURTHER TERRORISM.'

III. YEDIOT EDITOR IN CHIEF HERZL ROSENBLUM SAYS
THAT IT HAS BEEN THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE WESTERN
WORLD THAT INTERNATIONAL TERROR IS ULTIMATELY
DIRECTED AGAINST ISRAEL, OR WORLD JEWRY, BUT
GRADUALLY THE TERRORISTS ARE STARTING TO "KILL AND

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THROW AMERICANS OUT OF THEIR AIRCRAFT. ONLY THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS SATELLITES REMAIN UNTOUCHED.... THE REST OF THE WORLD IS NOW IN MORTAL DANGER FROM THE SCOURGE OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. UNLESS THEY WAKE UP."

IV. ISRAEL RADIO POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT SHIMON SHIFFER REPORTS THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE CLARIFIED THAT "ISRAEL WILL NOT NEGOTIATE WITH THE ICRC ON THE RELEASE OF SHI'ITE DETAINEES IN RETURN FOR THE HOSTAGES HELD PRISONER IN BEIRUT."

V. JERUSALEM POST WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT WOLF BLITZER WRITES THAT "...PRIVATELY, U. S. OFFICIALS SAY THEY HOPE THAT SOME FACE-SAVING DIPLOMATIC FORMULA MAY YET BE FOUND ENABLING THE AMERICAN PASSENGERS AND CREW MEMBERS TO BE FREED. THEY INSISTED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD NOT ALLOW THIS ORDEAL TO BECOME 'ANOTHER IRAN'..."

VI. HA'ARETZ POLITICAL COMMENTATOR GIDEON SAMET WRITES THAT "SINCE THE WEEKEND, ISRAEL AND THE U. S. HAVE BEEN PLAYING CAT AND MOUSE.... NOT FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE DIMINISHING OF ITS MILITARY OPTIONS, THE U. S. IS PLAYING POKER WITHOUT CARDS, IF NOT WITH THE CARDS OF THE OTHER PARTY." SAMET SAYS THAT IT MAY NOW BE ASSUMED THAT "CONTRARY TO ITS WILL AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS, THE U. S. MAY GIVE IN, BUT WOULD PREFER THE UNPLEASANTNESS TO FALL ON JERUSALEM'S SHOULDERS." HA'ARETZ COMMENTATOR SAMET ARGUES THAT "IF THE TWO FRIENDLY COUNTRIES CANNOT RESOLVE THE PROBLEM BY FORCE, THE SHOW OF WEAKNESS SHOULD, AT LEAST, BE EQUALLY SHARED: THE ONE ASKS AND THE OTHER ACCEPTS THE ACT OF SURRENDER TO THE TERRORISTS." SAMET DECLARES THAT "THE U. S. CAN BETTER AFFORD TO LOSE FACE ON THIS HIJACKING AFFAIR THAN ISRAEL."
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CONFIRMED THEIR CONCERN THAT "CONCESSIONS TO EGYPT
ON TABA MAY GIVE THE GREEN LIGHT TO CONCESSIONS TO
JORDAN AS WELL." ACCORDING TO HA'ARETZ, "THE U.S.
MADE CLEAR THAT IT WOULD FAVOR AN ISRAELI
AGREEMENT TO ARBITRATION ON THE TABA ISSUE."

IV. HA'ARETZ COMMENTS EDITORIALY THAT "WHATEVER
THE VIEWS ON THE JUSTICE OF THE EGYPTIAN STAND ON
TABA, IF THE PRIME MINISTER IS THOROUGHLY
CONVINCED THAT ISRAEL MUST TAKE UP THE TOUGH
CHALLENGE OF TABA ARBITRATION, HE SHOULD NOT
HESITATE TO DO SO. HE MUST ASK YITZHAK SHAMIR AND
THE LIKUD MINISTERS POINT BLANK WHETHER THEY ARE
PREPARED TO ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE
COLLAPSE OF THE NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT FOR THE
SAKE OF THEIR VIEWS ON TABA.

V. DAVAR COMMENTS THAT "THE DESIRE TO OVERCOME
THE DEADLOCK IN RELATIONS BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL
IS SELF EVIDENT. ISRAEL MUST NOT WASTE ALL IT HAS

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INVESTED IN THEM... ISRAEL'S PROBLEMS WILL NOT BE RESOLVED BY A GOVERNMENT UNABLE TO AGREE ON THE THE SIMPLEST ISSUES..." THE EDITORIAL MAINTAINS.

3. THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS.

I. ISRAEL RADIO REPORTS THAT SECRETARY OF STATE SHULTZ LAST NIGHT TRIED TO PERSUADE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE TO APPROVE THE SALE OF ARMS AND ECONOMIC AID TO JORDAN. TESTIFYING IN A CLOSED SESSION. SECRETARY SHULTZ REITERATED THAT HUSSEIN HAS CHOSEN THE PATH OF PEACE AND THAT HE SHOULD BE PROTECTED AGAINST SYRIA. CORRESPONDENT RAZI BARKAI NOTES, HOWEVER, THAT THE SENATORS' OPPOSITION IS MAINLY DIRECTED AGAINST THE SALE OF ARMS TO JORDAN.

II. HA'ARETZ ARAB AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT REPORTS THAT ARAFAT TOLD KING HUSSEIN THAT HE AGAIN REJECTED PM PERES' PLAN FOR PEACE IN THE AREA, BUT HE NOTED A "POSITIVE CHANGE" IN THE U. S. STAND. ARAFAT SAID, ACCORDING TO HA'ARETZ, "THAT HIS TALKS IN AMMAN HAS CONVINCED HIM THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS MOVED ONE STEP FORWARD IN TRYING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF THE AREA."

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VII. DAVAR WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT AMIR OREN
COMMENTS THAT ALTHOUGH THEY ARE DIFFICULT AND
COMPLEX, SOME OF THE TASKS INVOLVED IN FREEING THE
HOSTAGES IN BEIRUT SEEM "MUCH SIMPLER THAN THE
PROBLEMS WHICH FOILED THE PLANNING OF THE IRANIAN
RESCUE OPERATION." OREN SAYS THAT "FOR THE SAKE
OF THE AMERICAN IMAGE IN THE ARAB COUNTRIES,
REAGAN WILL PROBABLY PREFER ISRAELI ASSISTANCE IN
SUCH AN OPERATION TO REMAIN UNNOTICED. BUT AT A
TIME WHEN THERE IS GROWING PUBLIC RESENTMENT IN
THE U. S. OVER ITS INSISTENCE ON AN EXPLICIT
AMERICAN DEMAND FOR THE RELEASE OF THE PRISONERS,
IT IS IMPORTANT FOR ISRAEL TO MAKE IT PUBLIC THAT
IN THE WAKE OF A SIMILAR DEMARCHE THE ISRAELI AIR
FORCE DID NOT ATTACK SHI'ITE BASES IN THE BEKA' A
VALLEY OF LEBANON, WHERE OTHER AMERICAN HOSTAGES
WERE BEING HELD."

VIII. MAARIV COMMENTS: "AMERICA IS NOT ASKING

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ISRAEL TO RELEASE THE 700 SHIITES BROUGHT FROM SOUTH LEBANON TO ATLIT. IT IS, HOWEVER, GIVING US A GENTLE REMINDER THAT IN AMERICAN EYES, THE TRANSFER OF THESE PRISONERS TO ISRAEL WAS A BREACH OF INTERNATIONAL LAW."

2. TABA.

I. ISRAEL TELEVISION'S POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT YORAM RONNEN QUOTED THE PRIME MINISTER'S ASSOCIATES AS ASSERTING THAT THE CRISIS OVER TABA MIGHT EVOLVE INTO A CRISIS FOR THE NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT. "THE PRIME MINISTER HAS THREATENED TO SUBMIT HIS RESIGNATION TO THE PRESIDENT UNLESS VICE PREMIER YITZHAK SHAMIR ACCEPTS A FORMULA ADVOCATING ARBITRATION WITH EGYPT."

II. ISRAEL RADIO REPORTS THAT "SOURCES CLOSE TO VICE PM SHAMIR" TOLD CORRESPONDENT SHIMON SHIFFER LAST NIGHT THAT MINISTER SHAMIR "HAS NO INTENTION OF GIVING IN, AND WILL DEMAND A COMPROMISE PROCESS TO PRECEDE ARBITRATION." LIKUD SOURCES SAID THAT TABA WAS PART OF AN UNACCEPTABLE COMPREHESIVE MOVE TOWARDS NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FUTURE OF THE TERRITORIES. ISRAEL RADIO REPORTS. ALIGNMENT SOURCES SAID, HOWEVER, THAT IT COMES AS NO SURPRISE THAT YITZHAK SHAMIR, AN OPPONENT OF CAMP DAVID AND THE PEACE TREATY WITH EGYPT, NOW WANTS TO WRECK THE CHANCES OF A SETTLEMENT WITH EGYPT.

III. HA'ARETZ POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT AKIVA ELДАР QUOTES CIRCLES CLOSE TO THE PRIME MINISTER AS SAYING THAT PERES "CANNOT AFFORD TO GIVE IN ON TABA." THEY MAINTAIN THAT "IF EFFORTS FAIL TO ACHIEVE A THAW IN RELATIONS WITH EGYPT, ALL MIDDLE EAST PEACE INITIATIVES WOULD BE PARALYZED." ACCORDING TO ELДАР, LIKUD FIGURES YESTERDAY
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PRESIDENT ASAD

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1. ~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. CHARGE DELIVERED PRESIDENT REAGAN'S MESSAGE TO
PRESIDENT ASAD (REF A) TO MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN
AFFAIRS 'ISAM AL-NA'IB MORNING JUNE 19. (OUR USUAL
PRESIDENCY CONTACT, ILYAS, WAS UNAVAILABLE AND FOREIGN
MINISTER SHARA' IS NOT IN DAMASCUS).

3. AL-NA'IB, WHO HAD BEEN BRIEFED ON THE PREVIOUS
EXCHANGES OF LETTERS, EMPHASIZED HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO
ASSURE US THAT SYRIA'S EFFORTS, WHICH COMMENCED
IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE HIJACKING BEGAN, CONTINUE. —
THESE EFFORTS ARE WITH "ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED"
AND SEEK THE SAFE RELEASE OF THE PASSENGERS AND CREW
ASAP.

4. TURNING TO THE TEXT OF PRESIDENT REAGAN'S LETTER,
AL-NA'IB REPEATED THE QUESTION PRESIDENT ASAD HAD
ASKED IN REF (B), I. E., CAN SYRIA UNDERSTAND FROM
PRESIDENT REAGAN THAT THE U. S. "WILL EXERT EFFORTS
FOR THE RELEASE OF THE LEBANESE PRISONERS"? SEEKING,
AL-NA'IB SAID, TO CLARIFY HIS OWN UNDERSTANDING
OF THE USG POSITION, WAS PRESIDENT REAGAN PROMISING
THAT THE LEBANESE PRISONERS WOULD BE SENT HOME IF
BARRI ARRANGED THE RELEASE OF THE TWA HOSTAGES
WITHOUT PUBLIC PRECONDITIONS"?

5. CHARGE RESPONDED THAT SHE COULD NOT ADD ANY GLOSS
TO THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER, WHICH IS CLEARLY AND CAREFULLY
PHRASED. OUR POLICY IS CLEAR: TO SURRENDER TO THE
DEMANDS OF ANY TERRORIST INVITES FURTHER HIJACKING
OR OTHER TERRORIST OPERATIONS IN WHICH SYRIANS,

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AMERICANS AND OTHER INNOCENT PEOPLE WILL SUFFER. THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS PERSONALLY PLEDGED IN HIS LETTER TO REAFFIRM OUR VIEW TO THE GOI WE EXPECT THE RETURN OF THE LEBANESE PRISONERS TO LEBANON, AS REQUIRED BY THE GENEVA CONVENTION. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES, HOWEVER, WILL THE USG ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH A PACKAGE WHICH INVOLVES PRECONDITIONS FOR THE RELEASE OF THE TWA HOSTAGES. AS THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER SPECIFIES, ONCE THEIR RELEASE IS ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT PUBLIC PRECONDITION, WE WOULD EXPECT ISRAEL TO FULFILL HER PUBLIC COMMITMENTS AND PRESIDENT REAGAN WOULD SO REAFFIRM THIS EXPECTATION TO THE GOI.

6. AL-NA'IB THEN ASKED IF WE WERE CONCERNED ABOUT "THE APPEARANCE" OF A LINKAGE. CHARGE RESPONDED THAT WE WANTED NEITHER THE REALITY NOR THE APPEARANCE OF PUBLIC PRECONDITIONS. WHAT WE WANT IS THE IMMEDIATE UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES. AS FOR THE ANSAR PRISONERS, THE TRAGEDY OF THE SITUATION IS THAT THE HIJACKING IS DELAYING, NOT SPEEDING, THEIR RELEASE.

7. COMMENT: AL-NA'IB IS NOTHING MORE THAN A CONDUIT. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE LETTER WILL BE BROUGHT IMMEDIATELY TO PRESIDENT ASAD'S ATTENTION. THE TEXT IS CLEAR, AND WE ARE SURE PRESIDENT ASAD WILL UNDERSTAND FULLY OUR POSITION. AL-NA'IB MAY OFFER HIS OWN ANALYSIS TO THE PRESIDENT, BUT CHARGE REITERATED SEVERAL TIMES THAT THE TEXT MUST SPEAK FOR ITSELF -- SHE COULD NOT OFFER ANY INTERPRETATION OF, OR ORAL ADDITIONS TO THE TEXT.

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- PRESIDENT REAGAN ON LEBANON HIJACKING

1. THE FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF TELEGRAM WHICH JACQUES CHIRAC, MAYOR OF PARIS AND PRESIDENT OF NEO-GAULLIST RPR PARTY, SENT TO PRESIDENT REAGAN ON JUNE 18 BY COMMERCIAL MEANS. CHIRAC'S RPR OFFICE ASKED THAT WE FOLLOW UP WITH OUR OWN CABLE IN CASE ORIGINAL HAS GONE ASTRAY. THE TEXT OF THE MESSAGE HAS ALREADY BEEN RELEASED TO THE PRESS BY CHIRAC'S AIDES AND THE GIST APPEARED IN AT LEAST ONE PARIS DAILY JUNE 19.

2. BEGIN TEXT LA PRISE EN OTAGES DES PASSAGERS DU BOEING, LA DISCRIMINATION RACISTE OPEREE PARMY EUX, E CHANTAGE EXERCE POUR LEUR LIBERATION, NE TOUCHENT PAS SEULEMENT LES ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE. TOUS LES PEUPLES, TOUS LES HOMMES EPRIS DE JUSTICE ET DE LIBERTE S'INDIGNENT DE CETTE VIOLATION DES DROITS DE L'HOMME. TOUS CEUX QUI SONT ATTACHES AU RESPECT DE LA PERSONNE HUMAINE DOIVENT FAIRE APPEAL AU SENS DE LA RESPONSABILITE DE CEUX QUI, AU MEPRIS DU DROIT INTERNATIONAL, DETIENNENT ENTRE LEURS MAINS LE SORT DES PRISONNIERS. DANS CETTE EPREUVE QUE TRAVERSE LE PEUPLE AMERICAIN, JE TIENS A VOUS EXPRIMER, MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT, LA SOLIDARITE ET LE SOUTIEN DU PEUPLE DE PARIS ET DU RASSEMBLEMENT POUR LA REPUBLIQUE.
END TEXT.

3. INFORMAL TRANSLATION: THE TAKING OF HOSTAGES ON THE BOEING, THE RACIST DISCRIMINATION TO WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED, AND THE BLACKMAIL FOR THEIR LIBERATION DO NOT AFFECT ONLY THE USA. ALL PEOPLES, ALL MEN WHO LOVE FREEDOM AND JUSTICE, ARE INDIGNANT AT THIS VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. ALL THOSE WHO RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS MUST APPEAL TO THE SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY OF THOSE WHO, IN DISREGARD OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, HOLD IN THEIR HANDS THE DESTINY OF THE PRISONERS. AT THIS TRYING TIME FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, I WANT TO EXPRESS TO YOUR MR. PRESIDENT, THE SOLIDARITY AND SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE OF PARIS AND THE RASSEMBLEMENT POUR LA REPUBLIQUE. JACQUES

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