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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM **URGENT**

DATE: 7/1/85 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: Monday, 7/1, 7:00 p.m.

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: GREET HOSTAGES AT ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE

(7/1/85 5:00 am draft)

7/2/85 8:00 am draft

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VICE PRESIDENT			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
RE <i>David,</i>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ST <i>Attached pls find consolidated</i>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BL <i>NSC views on the presidential remarks</i>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CH <i>draft of 7/2 8:00 a.m., plus some</i>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CF <i>chatting points for the President's greeting</i>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DA <i>onboard the plane. We have not done a meeting</i>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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REMARKS:

May we have your comments please ASAP to Peggy Noonan with an information copy to my office. Thank you.

RESPONSE: MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID L. CHEW

July 2, 1985

NSC has reviewed the subject remarks and recommends the changes as indicated. Comments were provided directly.

W F Martin
 William F. Martin
 Executive Secretary

David L. Chew
 Staff Secretary
 Ext. 2702

(Noonan/BE)
July 2, 1985
8:00 a.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: GREET RETURNING BEIRUT HOSTAGES
ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE
TUESDAY, JULY 2, 1985

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My remarks will be brief -- this isn't the time for speeches, this is a time for reunions, and families coming together. There's only one thing to say, and I say it from the bottom of my heart and in the name of all of the people of our country: welcome home. We're so happy you're back, safe and sound.

This has been a trying and very demanding time for so many people, but for none more than you. I talked to many of your relatives, met with them at various locations throughout the country while you were being held. And I know you won't be surprised when I tell you how committed they were to winning your freedom, how full of caring and concern they were. I know that they're proud of you -- and I know from personal experience that you should be very proud of them.

All of America was concerned about you; many prayers were said for your safe release. In the days that you were away, our attention was never once distracted from your plight, and we would not rest until you returned to us, safe and whole.

None of you were held prisoner because of any personal wrong any of you had done to anyone. You were held simply because you were Americans. In the minds of your captors you represented us.

Whatever the presumed grievance or political motive that caused these actions, let there be no confusion: a crime was

committed against you. Hijacking is a crime; kidnapping is a crime; murder is a crime; holding our people prisoner is a crime. When cruelty is inflicted on innocent people, it discredits whatever cause in whose name it is done. And those who commit such deeds are enemies of peace -- literally enemies of the peace.

Now you are returned to us, and we heave a deep-felt sigh of relief. But there are ^{THREE THINGS WE MUST NOT FORGET.} [promises to be kept.]

The day your plane was hijacked, the terrorists focused their brutality on a brave young man who was a member of the Armed Forces of the United States. They beat Robbie Stethem without mercy and shot him to death.

Our joy at your return is substantial; but so is our pain at what was done to that son of America. I know you care deeply about Bobby Stethem and what was done to him. We will not forget what was done to him -- there will be no forgetting. His murderers must be brought to justice.

Nor will we forget the seven Americans who were taken captive before you, and who are captive still. They must be released. The homecoming won't be complete until ^{THEY} ~~we~~ have all come home.

we cannot forget that Beirut Airport, where you suffered so much, is a pirates haven. The civilized world must act to ^{make} ~~put~~ this airport "off limits" as long as it is a terrorist sanctuary.

~~The day your plane was hijacked,~~ ^{YOUR PLANE} when we heard ~~it~~ was headed for Beirut, our hearts sank. That airport has become a vipers' pit, a sanctuary for terrorists, a base from which the most unspeakable operations are launched with impunity. In fact, some 15% of all the world's hijackings have involved flights that either began ^{transit} or ended up at Beirut International Airport. Your experience underscores the manace it represents for innocent air travel.

For now, we rejoice at your return. Nancy and I prayed for your safety. We prayed for your speedy return. We were not alone -- our prayers were only two among millions.

We felt a great national anguish when you were taken, and it is a truly national joy that greets your return.

You are back in the free land of America, safe and sound. You withstood your ordeal with extraordinary composure and coolness. Your friends are waiting for you now, and your families, all your loved ones.

~~So let the rejoicing begin.~~ ^{WELCOME HOME} It's great to have you back where you belong.

Thank you, all of you. God bless you all.

BRIEF PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS

ABOARD AIRCRAFT

- Before we go outside and meet with all your friends and loved ones, I wanted to privately, on behalf of the American people, welcome you back to the United States of America.
- In a few moments, we'll be going out of this aircraft to set foot on our sacred soil after a harrowing ordeal. I want you to know how glad we all are that you are home and safe.
- I will be making a few brief remarks in welcoming you back. In those remarks, I will ask our people to remember Navy man Stethem and our other seven Americans who are still being held hostage.
- I want you to know that this in no way detracts from the joy we feel for your return. But I also believe it to be important that we not forget those who perpetrated these acts and those who still suffer.
- It's good to have you home again. God Bless you all!



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

July 2, 1985

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Likely Views of Former Hostages

As you requested, we attach a paper prepared by the Department of State element with the former hostages in Germany. It sums up their attitudes on the day of their return to the United States.

NP

Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary.

Attachment
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SUBJECT: What the President is likely to hear from the former hostages

At White House request, we asked the party with the ex-hostages to give us a sense of the main themes the President is likely to hear in his July 2 meeting with them at Andrews.

The following report represents the views of the officials with the party, as called in by NEA Public Affairs Adviser Mike Austrian.

While each of the 39 returning Americans has a different story, there are a number of attitudes that the majority share:

- Gratitude and pride towards the United States and the President for the responsibility and patience shown throughout the crisis.
- Gratitude towards Syria and Amal. A number of the ex-hostages developed a bond with their captors, and there is some sympathy for the Shi'ite cause. Some may press for the return of the Atlit prisoners.

Growing hostility among many towards the media, and a sense that they are being exploited. They want to meet the President and thank him, but they want the meeting to be private.

- Concern that the U.S. may be planning indiscriminate retaliation. Some may want to know what the President will do now; others are likely to stress the need to protect the lives of those involved in hijacking incidents.
- Above all, a universal relief that the ordeal is over and a desire to get home. In this connection, some may be concerned about missing their connection in Washington.

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(Noonan/BE)
July 1, 1985
5:00 p.m.

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All of America was concerned about you; many prayers were said for your safe release. In the days that you were away, our attention was never once distracted from your plight, and we would not rest until you returned to us, safe and whole.

None of you were held prisoner because of any personal wrong any of you had done to anyone. You were held simply because you were Americans. In the minds of your captors you represented us. And so you suffered for us, and in our name.

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

July 1, 1985

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH
HOWARD R. TEICHER
JAMES P. COVEY

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SIGNED
[Signature]

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks upon Greeting Hostages at Andrew AFB on July 2, 1985

Attached at Tab I is a memo from Bill Martin to David Chew forwarding NSC changes/recommendations to Presidential remarks prepared for greeting the hostages upon their return at Andrews AFB on July 2, 1985.

Attached at Tab II is a brief statement for the President to use aboard the aircraft during his private "welcome back" before they disembark and meet their families and the media.

At Tab III is a proposed Presidential message for use by Amb Bob Oakley in Germany.

Karna Small concurs.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That you authorize Bill Martin to sign and forward the memo at Tab I.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

2. That you approve the brief Presidential remarks for use aboard the aircraft (Tab II).

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

3. That you approve the Presidential message at Tab III and authorize State to pass same to Amb Bob Oakley for his use in Germany.

Approve mm **OBE** Disapprove _____

Attachments

- Tab I - Martin Memo to Chew w/attachment
- Tab II - Brief Presidential Remarks for Use Aboard Aircraft
- Tab III - Presidential Message for use by Amb Bob Oakley

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U.S.-SOVIETS SIGN UNDERSTANDING ON NUCLEAR TERRORISM

GENEVA, JULY 3, REUTER - THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION HAVE SIGNED A FORMAL "UNDERSTANDING" ON JOINT ACTION IF TERRORISTS THREATEN TO USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS; MEMBERS OF A U.S. SENATE ARMS CONTROL OBSERVERS GROUP SAID TODAY.

THE UNDERSTANDING "AMPLIFIED AND STRENGTHENED" A 1971 U.S.-SOVIET AGREEMENT ON NUCLEAR ARMS SAFEGUARDS; EXTENDING THAT DOCUMENT TO COVER NUCLEAR TERRORISM EITHER BY AN EXTREMIST GROUP OR A THIRD WORLD COUNTRY; SEN. SAM NUNN TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE.

THE GEORGIA DEMOCRAT SAID VICE PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH WAS REFERRING TO THE UNDERSTANDING WHEN HE SAID RECENTLY THAT THE SUPERPOWERS WERE SEEKING A "CONSENSUS THAT TERRORISTS WHO USE OR THREATEN TO USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS BE DEALT WITH JOINTLY AND SWIFTLY."

BUSH MADE THE STATEMENT AT A GENEVA COLLOQUIUM ON NUCLEAR ARMS LAST SATURDAY.

NUNN NOTED THAT THE UNDERSTANDING, SIGNED ON JUNE 14, WAS A CLASSIFIED DOCUMENT BUT HE FELT THAT THE BUSH STATEMENT MADE IT A PUBLIC MATTER.

HE TOLD REUTERS THE DOCUMENT WAS SEVERAL PAGES LONG AND WAS CLASSIFIED AT THE REQUEST OF THE RUSSIANS. "I SEE NO REASON WHY THIS SHOULD NOT BE MADE PUBLIC AND HAVE SAID SO," HE ADDED.

THE UNDERSTANDING WAS SIGNED AT THE END OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE STANDING CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION (SCC), WHICH WAS FORMED IN 1972 TO PROMOTE THE OBJECTIVES OF SUPERPOWER ARMS AGREEMENTS; SEN. ALBERT GORE, D-TENN., TOLD THE NEWS CONFERENCE.

THE U.S. MISSION IN GENEVA SAID AT THE TIME THAT THE SUPERPOWERS SIGNED TWO "COMMON UNDERSTANDINGS" ON EXISTING ARMS AGREEMENTS, WHICH COVER LIMITING ANTI-BALLISTIC MISSILE SYSTEMS AND NOTIFICATION TO REDUCE THE RISK OF NUCLEAR WAR.

THE STATEMENT SAID THE UNDERSTANDING ON LIMITING THE RISK OF NUCLEAR WAR "IN NO WAY CHANGES OR EXPANDS THE AGREEMENT ON MEASURES (TO PREVENT ACCIDENTAL OR UNAUTHORIZED USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS); IT MERELY RECORDS THE PARTIES' UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER IT."

U.S. AND SOVIET SPOKESMEN HAVE REFUSED TO MAKE ANY FURTHER COMMENT ON THE STATEMENT.

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