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(BEI-6) BEIRUT, LEBANON, JUNE. 14 (AP)—RESTING—A Woman passenger, her daughter lying on the sofa, rest at Beirut airport lounge Friday after being released from the hijacked American Trans World Airlines plane on an Athens-Rome flight and diverted to Bierut Airport. The woman and her child are among 19 passengers rleased here before the plane took off with the remaining 124 passengers to Algeria after refueling. (AP WIREPHIO)

(zs61340Gmt/Manoukian/Str) 1985



(BEI-7) BEIRUT, LEBANON, JUE. 14 (AP)—ESCORTING PASSENGERS RELEASED—Lebanese Army soldiers carrying their automatic rifles escort released woman and children passengers at Beirut Airport Friday from the hijacked US Trans World Airlines plane. Gunmen took over the plane while on an Athens-Rome flight, diverted it to Beirut for refueling and then took off to Algeria with 124 passengers after releasing 19 of the passengers. (AP WIREPHOTO) (zs61400Gmt/Manoukian/Str) 1985



(BEI-8) BEIRUT, LEBANON, JUNE. 14 (AP)—HIJACKERS BEAT US—AN elderly American woman sitting between two others explains to reporters upon their release at Beirut airport Friday how the hijackers beat up the passengers on their necks. The three were among 19 passengers released in Beirut before the hijacked US Trans World airlines plane refueled and took off with the remaining 124 passengers on board to Algeria. (AP WIREPHOTO)
(zs61415Gmt/Manoukian/Str) 1985



BEIRUT, LEBANON, JUNE. 14 (AP)—FREED PASSENGERS—Three American passengers talk to airport security an at Beirut Airport after been freed from the US Trans World jetliner hijacked on an Athens-Rome flight and diverted to Beirut with 145 passengers and eight members on board. Friday. (AP WIREPHOTO) (Zs61230gmt/Saiidi/Str) 1985



(BEI-9) BEIRUT, LEBANON, JUNE. 14 (AP)—NEW DESTINATION—The released passengers of the American Trans World airlines, escorted by a Lebanese Army soldier, are transported in an airline bus to another plane to fly to a new destination. Cyprus. They are among the 19 women and children freed by the two hijackers of the boeing 727 seized on an Athens-Rome flight and diverted to Beirut Friday. (AP WIREPHOTO) (zs6150Gmt/Asakir/Str) 1985



(BEI-10) BEIRUT, LEBANON, JUNE. 14 (AP)—SLIDE DOWN—Some of the 19 freed women and children slide down an escape chute at the front door of the hijacked American Trans world airlines jet at Beirut International Airport Friday. The boeing 727 with 145 passensgers was seized by two hijackers on an Athens-Rome flight and diverted to Beirut. The plane later arrived Algeria airport. (AP WIREPHOTO) (zs61515Gwt/Saiidi/Str) 1985



(BEI-1) BEIRUT, LEBANON, JUNE. 14 (AP)—US PLANE HIJACKED—The hijacked US Airlines Boeing 727 plane upon arrival at Beirut Airport Friday with 145 passengers eight crew members on board. The plane, hijacked on an Athens-Rome flight Beirut, refueled and took off to Algeria. (AP WIREPHOTO) (zs1045Gmt/Ammar/Str 1985



(BEI-2) BEIRUT, LEBANON, JUNE. 14 (AP)—HIJACKED PLANE FUELED—Two Lebanese gas workers refueling the hijacked US Trans World Airlines boeing 727 plane at Beirut International Airport Friday. The plane, hijacked on an Athens-Rome flight diverted to Beirut with 145 passengers and eight crew member. (AP WIREPHOTO) (Zs61120/Merliac/Stf 1985



(BEI-3) BEIRUT, LEBANON, JUNE. 14 (AP)—RELEASED PASSENGERS—Elderly American Tourist passengers released from the hijacked US Trans World Airlines, escorted by Lebanese Airport security Friday at Beirut International airport. The plane, hijacked on an Athens-Rome flight diverted to Beirut with 145 passengers and eight crew member onboard, refueled and took off to Algeria. (AP WIREPHOTO) (zs61215Gmt/Saiddi/Str) 1985



(ALG -5) ALGIERS, June 15-(AP)-ARRIVES FROM ATHENS-Ali Atwa who was arrested in Athens Friday after two hijackers took control of the TWA Boeing 727 plane sits in a police car at Algiers airport Saturday after his arrival from Athens. The hijackers demanded that Atwa be flown to Algiers in exchange for Greek passengers aboard the plane.

(AP WIREPHOTO) (gk 72240APS) 1985



(PAR-8) ALGIERS, ALGERIA, June 15th-(AP)-TAKING A BREAK-Two hijackers enjoy a few minutes of fresh air on the ground next to the rear stairway of the Trans World Airline Boeing 727 jetliner on a runway of the Algiers Houari Boumediene airport Saturday. The TWA jetliner was hijacked Friday during a regular Athens Rome flight with 145 passengers aboard, most of whom were later released in Beirut and Algiers. (AP WIREPHOTO) (ad72217) - Photo Michel Lipchitz) 1985



(PAR-4) ALGIERS, ALGERIA, JUNE 15 - (AP)-BLOOD-Close view of the nose of the Trans World Airline Boeing 727 which was hijacked Friday during a regular Athens-Rome flight with 145 passengers aboard, here on a runway of the Algiers Houari Boumediene airport Saturday morning. Visible on the left, the pilot in the cockpit, and at right, traces of blood under the door, probably due to the killing of one of the passengers early Saturday during the second stopover of the plane in Beirut. 44 passengers were freed during the stopovers in Beirut and Algiers, and there still are 98 passengers aboard with the eight crew members and the four hijackers. (AP WIREPHOTO) (ad71700-Photo Michel Lipchitz) 1985



BEIRUT - In BEIRUT, LEBANON, JUNE 15 (AP)—AMERICAN KILLED—The Body of man identified by hospital official in Beirut as the victim of the hijackers US Trans World jetliner in the morgue of the American University hospital Saturday hours after he was shot in the left temple and tossed to the airport tarmac by the sky pirates. The red cross had volunteered to fly the body to the United States, but authorization has been denied by Shiite AMAL MILITARIANS. (AP WIREPHOTO) (zs71640Gmt/Str) 1985



(PAR-3) ALGIERS, ALGERIA, June 15th-(AP)-HIJACKED--Two women stand near the limits of the Algiers Houari Boumedienne airport Saturday with visible on the background the hijacked Trans World Airline Boeing 727. With still 98 passengers aboard, eight crew members and the two hijackers plus two other hijackers who boarded in Beirut, the plane is currently still in Algiers. This plane was hijacked Friday during a regular flight between Athens and Rome with 145 passengers. 44 passengers were freed during the stopovers in Beirut and Algiers and one was killed in the Lebanese airport. (AP WIREPHOTO)-(ad 71652-Michel Lipschitz) 1985



(BEI-1) BEIRUT, LEBANON, JUNE 16 (AP)—THIRD LAND IN THREE DAYS—The hijacked American Trans World jetliner taxis past of the wreckage Royal Jordanian plane after it lands for the third time at Beirut International airport three days Sunday. The Shiite Moslem hijackers renewed their threat to blow it up unless Israeli government freed 50 Shiite Moslem prisoners. (AP WIREPHOTO) (zall322Gut/Merliac/Stf) 1985



(BEI-4) BEIRUT, LEBANON, JUNE. 16 (AP)—BELIEVED SECURITY—Four Lebanese men believed to be security officers approach the US Trans World plane shortly after landing at Beirut airport Sunday for the third time in three days. The TWA jet was hijacked on a regular Athens-Rome flight last Friday by Shiite Moslem sky pirates. The hijackers renewed their threat to blow up the plane if Israeli government does not free Lebanese Shiite prisoners jailed in Israel. (AP WIREPHOTO) (zs11546Gut/Merliac/Stf) 1985



(BEI-5) BEIRUT, LEBANON, JUNE. 16 (AP)—FREED SICK MAN—Robert Peels, 58, American sick man of Hutchinson, Kansas, who was brought out of the hijacked US Trans World jetliner and drive by a Red Cross Ambulance to the American University hospital in West Beirut Sunday. Peel, told reporters that he had broken his ribs while on a sailing holiday in Greece. (AP WIREPHOTO) (zsl1927 Gnt/Ammar/Str) 1985



(BEI-6) BEIRUT, LEBANON, JUNE. 16 (AP)--POLICE THE PLANE--An armed hijacker walks outside the hijacked US Trans World jetliner at Beirut International airport Sunday shortly after landing here for the third time in three days. The sky pirate police the plane from any military action against them. (AP WIREPHOTO) (zsl1932Gmt/Saiidi/Str) 1985



(BEI-7) BEIRUT, LEBANON, JUNE. 16 (AP)—CARRYING ON STRETCHER—Red Cross workers carry on a stretcher the sick American, Robert Peel, 58, into the American University Hospital in West Beirut. Peel was brought out of the hijacked US Trans World jetliner Sunday, six hours after it landed at Beirut International Airport for the third time since Shiite Moslem Sky pirates took over the aircraft three days ago. (AP WIREPHOTO) (zsl2039Gmt/Saiidi/Str) 1985



(BEI-8) BEIRUT, LEBANON, JUNE. 16 (AP)—CALLING HIS HOME—Robert Peel, 58, an American sick man of Hutchinson, Kansas, tries to call his relative in the United States after being treated at the American University hospital in West Beirut Sunday. The man was brought out of the US hijacked Trans World plane, six hours after landing at Beirut Airport for the third time since Shiite Moslem sky pirates seized the aircraft three days ago. (AP WIREPHOTO)

(zs12104Gmt/Merliac/Stf) 1985

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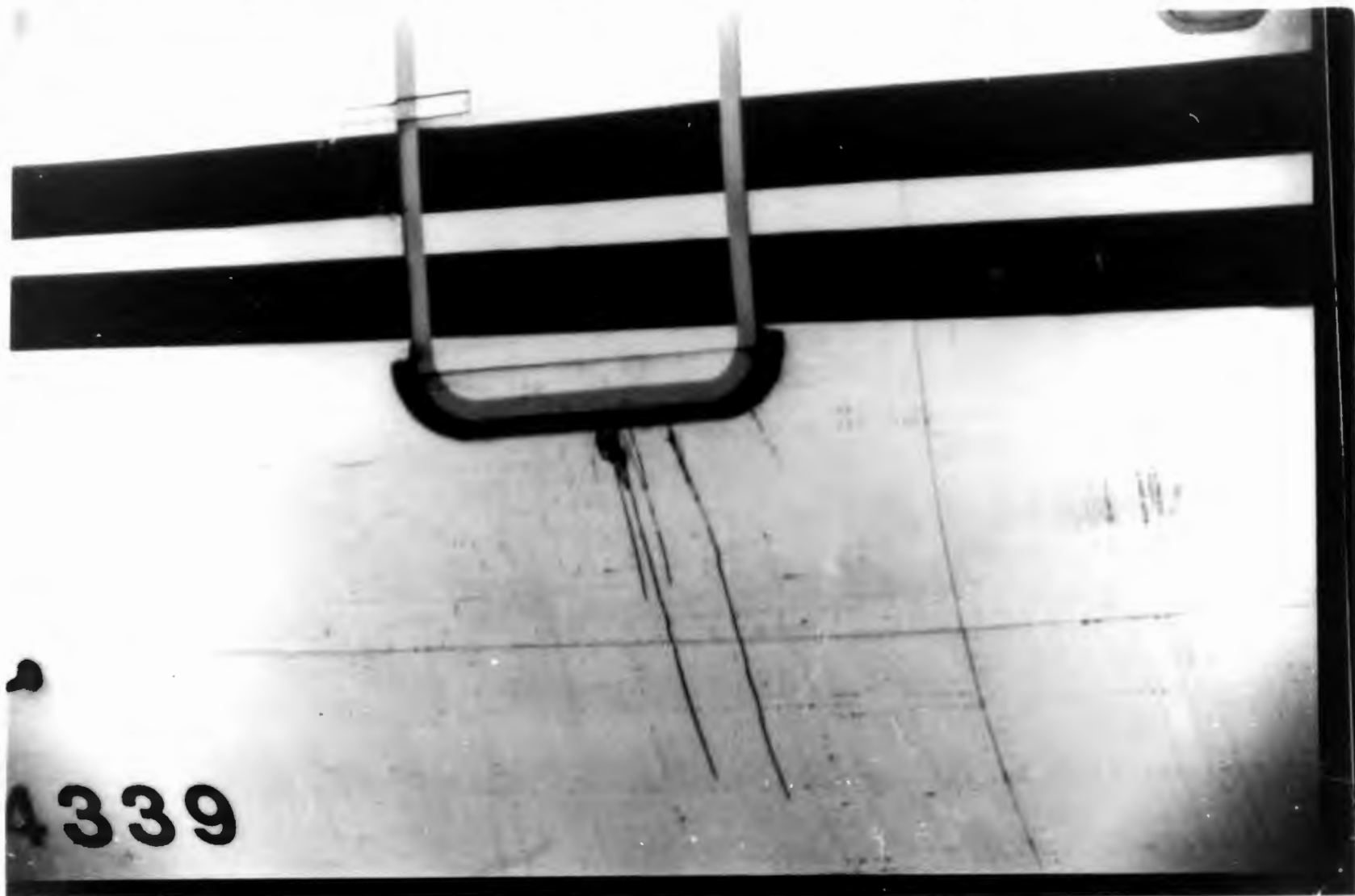
(BEI-9) BEIRUT, LEBANON, JUNE. 16 (AP)—HOSTAGES/LETTER—A Photograph of the American hostages' letter sent to the American President Ronald Reagan from aboard the hijacker Trans World Airline boeing 727 after landing at Beirut airport for the third time since Shiite Moslem sky pirates seized the plane three days ago. (AP WIREPHOTO)

DEAR PRESIDENT REAGAN JUNE 16 1985
WE THE undersigned 32 American hostages aboard flight 847 ARE WRITING YOU FREELY, NOT UNDER DURESS. WE IMPLORER YOU NOT TO TAKE ANY DIRECT MILITARY ACTION ON OUR BEHALF. PLEASE NEGOTIATE QUICKLY OUR IMMEDIATE ~~RE~~ RELEASE BY CONVINCING THE ISRAELIS TO RELEASE THE SOC LEBONAI PRISONERS AS REQUESTED. NOW.

RESPECTFULLY,

- REV. JAMES W. T. ELOUGHLIN
BENEVA I
- THOMAS V.S. CULLINS
BURLINGTON VERMONT
- Charles E. M. TAYLOR
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Mason, W
- JIM HOSKINS
INDIANAPOLIS, IN
- POWELL HALL
SOMERDALE, WI
- RALF W. TRUGOTT 30 E. CLINTON
NOR LINDSBURY MASS. WE ARE
BEING TREATED VERY WELL!
- GRANT G. LLOYD
ALCONQUIN, WISCONSIN 53012
- Steve Willett The Woodport La
- Jimmy D. Palmer
- 411 W. Pine
- LITTLE ROCK ARK



(PAR-5) ALGIERS, ALGERIA, JUNE 15-(AP)-BLOOD-Close view of the front door of the hijacked Trans World Airline Boeing 727 with under it traces of blood, probably due to the killing of one of the passengersearly Saturday morning during the second stopover of the plane in Beirut. The plane currently is in Algiers Houari Boumedienne airport with 98 passengers aboard, eight crew member and te four hijackers. (AP WIREPHOTO) (ad71705-Photo Michel Lipchitz) 1985



(BEI-1) BEIRUT, ~~LEBANON~~, JUNE. 14 (AP)—HIJACKER PEERS OUT COCKPIT—A Shiite Moslem sky pirate peers out of a window in the cockpit of the hijacked trans world airlines Monday morning, shortly after the hijackers established their first contact with Beirut airport control tower, demanding that newspapers and sandwiches be sent to the aircraft. Some 40 hostages, mainly Americans, remain aboard the plane for a fourth day as hijackers demand therelease of 800 Lebanese prisoners in Israel. (AP WIREPHOTO) (zs20920Gmt/Merliac/Stf)



BEI-4) BEIRUT, LEBANON, JUNE. 17 (AP)—FREED PASSENGER—Robert Peel, 58, of Hutchinson, Kansas, on an airport tarmac as Lebanese army soldiers escort him to a flight bound for Larnaca, Cyprus. Peel was set free Sunday from the American Trans World Airlines jet which was hijacked on an Athens-Rome flight last Friday. About 40 mainly American hostages still aboard the seized aircraft by Shiite Moslem sky pirates. (AP WIREPHOTO) (zs21351Gwt/Azaki+/BTr)



(BEI-3) BEIRUT, LEBANON, JUNE. 17 (AP)—DELIVERING NEWSPAPERS—An Armed militiaman shakes hands with one of the sky pirates of the Trans World airlines jetliner Monday as he delivers newspapers and sandwiches to the 40 mainly American hostages Monday. The hostages have been aboard the white and red boeing 727 since Friday, when the aircraft was hijacked on an Athens-Rome flight. (AP WIREPHOTO) (zs21225Gmt/Saiddi/Str) 1985



(BEI-2) BEIRUT, ELBANON, JUNE. 17 (AP)—RUNS TWOARDS THE TWA—An armed militiaman runs twoards the hijacked Trans World Airlines jet Monday carrying newspapers to the hijackers on board of the beoing 727 tagied at Beirut International Airport with some 40 mainly American hostages. The hijackers are demanding the release of 800 Shiite Moslem from Israeli Jails (AP WIREPHOTO) (as21221Gmt/Azakir/Str) 1985



(BEI-1) BEIRUT, LEBANON, JUNE. 18 (AP)—ROUSSOS—Greek singer Demis Roussos and his American fiancée Pamela Smith stand next to Shiite Moslem Leader Nabih Berri (L) during a news conference held at Berri's house before both were released from the American Trans world Airlines jet hijacked by Shiite sky pirates on an Athens-Rome flight last Friday, Next to the lady is an Americanreleased hostage Arthur Targontsidis, 18, and the Greek Ambassador to Lebanon Avangelos Georgion. (AP WIREPHOTO) (zs31433Gmt/Azakir/Str) 1985



(BEI-3) BEIRUT, ELBANON, JUNE. 18 (AP)—PASSING SANDBAGS—Greek singer Demis Roussor and his American fiancée Pamela Smith walk out Berri's house pass sandbags on Tuesday. Roussos and two other American passport holders released today from the US Trnas World airlines jet hijacked by SHiite Moslem sky pirates on an Athens-Rome fight last Friday. (AP IWREPHOTO) (Zs31500Gmt/Merliac/Stf) 1985



(BEI-2) BEIRUT, LEBANON, JUNE. 18 (AP)—RELEASED HOSTGES—Greek Singer Demis Roussos flanked by his American fiancée Pamela Smith and Shiite Moslem Leader Babih Berri during a news conference Tuesday held at Berri's house before both were released from the American Trans World airlines jet hijacked last Friday by Shiite Moslem sky pirate. (AP WIREPHOTO) (zs31455Gmt/Azakir/Str) 1985



(BEI-4) BEIRUT, LEBANON, JUNE. 18 (AP)—FREED HOSTAGE—Pamela Smith, an American, sits during a news conference at Shiite Moslem Leader Nabih Berri's house after her release from the American Trans World Airlines jet which was hijacked by Shiite Moslem Sky pirates on an Athens-Rome Flight last Friday. Two American Passport holders and Greek singer Demis Roussos were released on the fifth day after the TWA plane was hijacked (AP WIREPHOTO)

(zs31515 Gnt/Azakir/Str) 1985



(BEI-6) BEIRUT, LEBANON, JUNE. 18 (AP)—GUARDING THE HIJACKED TWA—A Shiite Moslem militiamen armed with a Soviet-made AK-47 stands at the steps of the American Trans World airlines jetliner at Beirut Airport Tuesday. The TWA plane seized by Shiite Moslem sky pirates on an Athens-Rome flight still in hands of the hijackers.

(AP WIREPHOTO) (zs3155Gmt/Merliac/Stf) 1985



(BEI-6) BEIRUT, LEBANON, JUNE. 19 (AP)—HIJACKERS AT THE PLANE DOOR—A Shiite Moslem hijacker armed with a Soviet-made AK-47 rifle looks out of the door of the hijacked American Trans world airlines jet Wednesday, held at Beirut International Airport since last Sunday. The hijacker wore a white T-shirt with the drawing of the star of David and fist in the middle as a sign of the Shiite struggle against Israel. The plane was hijacked on an Athens-Rome flight last Friday and the sky pirates demanded the release of 700 Shiite Moslem jailed in Israel. (AP WIREPHOTO) (zs415Gmt/Merliac/Stf) 1985



(BEI-2) BEIRUT, ELBANON, JUNE. 1 (AP)—US TWA FIRST OFFICER—Philip G. Maresca, of Salt Lake City, Utah, first officer of the hijacked American Trans World Airlines jet talks to reporters from the cockpit of his plane on Wednesday. The aircraft was hijacked on an Athens-Rome flight last still at Beirut International Airport for the third straight day. (AP WIREPHOTO) (Zs4115Gnt/Ammar/Str) 1985



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