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TO PRESIDENT

FROM SHULTZ, G

DOCDATE 15 JUN 85

KEYWORDS: TERRORISM ALGERIA
HIJACKING AVIATION
AGENDA

SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT ON TWA HIJACKING

ACTION: APPROPRIATE ACTION DUE: STATUS S FILES SII

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- 6/15 McFarlane approved her msg

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Bud,
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state suggestions. Tx,
Bob

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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June 15, 1985 -

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

From: George P. Shultz *GPS*

Subject: Status Report on the TWA Hijacking

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F47-046#17
MSP *5/23/00*

The Situation on the Ground

The hijacked TWA aircraft returned to Algiers early this morning from Beirut, where more terrorists joined the hijackers and one still unidentified American was shot through the back of the head. A late report (unconfirmed) indicates that there may now be more than ten heavily armed terrorists aboard the aircraft. Forty two passengers have been released, but there are still over 100 passengers aboard the plane, most of them Americans, in addition to the eight crew members.

Demands and Threats

Although we still do not know what group, if any, these terrorists are associated with, they clearly have the support of the Hizballah, and Amal has been unwilling to take action contrary to their wishes. Their demands are:

-- the withdrawal of all Israeli and Israeli-supported forces from Lebanon;

-- the release of all Arab prisoners in Israel;

-- condemnation of bombings in the Arab world allegedly committed by the U.S., and

-- the release of four specific prisoners, including a comrade of the terrorists who was arrested at Athens airport following the hijacking, a prisoner the hijackers believe is still in Cypriot custody, and two prisoners allegedly held in Israel. The GOA and the ICRC are now in touch concerning these latter two.

The hijackers continue to threaten that they will kill all the passengers unless their demands are met. In particular, the terrorists have threatened to kill all the Greek passengers' on the aircraft unless their comrade is flown from Athens to Algiers today. The Greek Government has decided to meet this demand and the prisoner is now on a flight to Algiers. We also learned this morning that the prisoner formerly held in Cyprus was released on May 30, but we have not yet publicly acknowledged this.

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WASHINGTON

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June 15, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

From: George P. Shultz *GPS*

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Subject: Status Report on the TWA Hijacking - No. 2

The Situation on the Ground

The hijacked TWA aircraft remains on the ground in Algiers. Of the original 153 persons (including crew) on board, a total of 102 have now been released, leaving 50 unaccounted for, in addition to the passenger killed yesterday. There are an increasing number of reports that as many as 10 passengers may have been removed in Beirut. According to passenger and crew reports, the hijackers are well-organized and are now heavily armed.

In Beirut, the as-yet unidentified body of the American who was shot yesterday has been turned over to the Lebanese Red Cross, for transfer of the remains to East Beirut to a military hospital there. The Embassy has made arrangements for a U.S. military helicopter to transport the remains to Cyprus tomorrow and then on to Frankfurt. It is unlikely that identification can be made prior to arrival in Frankfurt.

Demands and Threats

The TWA team in Algiers reports that the hijackers are requesting \$10-15 million, the release of 700 prisoners in Israel (presumably including those transferred from Ansar when the Israelis withdrew). They are also pressing for the release of the Lebanese hijacker jailed in Cyprus. We have passed along to the Algerians Cypriot government assurances that the prisoner in question was released May 30 into Amal custody.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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Admiral Poindexter wants this
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Shultz from McFarlane for his
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