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1. memo (8504865)	Oliver North to Robert McFarlane re: Presidential Phone Call, 2p	6/17/85	P1/F1 P5

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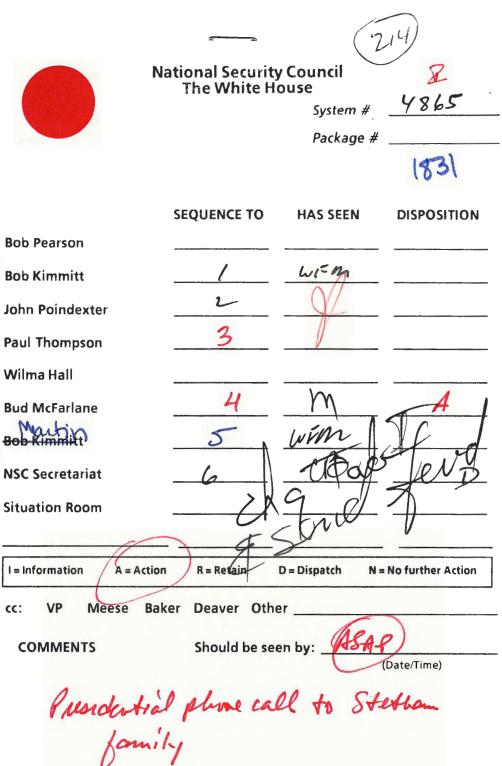
KEYWORDS:	HIJACKING	TERRORISM	STETHEM,	ROBERT D
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SUBJECT: PRES PHONE CALL TO FAMILY OF SW~2 STETHEM / NAVY SEAL KILLED BY HIJACKERS OF TWA FLIGHT #847

ACTION: FWD TO PRES FOR INFO DUE: 19 JUN 85 STATUS C FILES PA FOR ACTION FOR CONCURRENCE FOR INFO MCFARLANE

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### WASHINGTON

June 18, 1985

# 125 JUN 18 AV 11:52 RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO:

Richard (Father), Patricia (Mother), Sherri (Sister), Kenneth and Patrick (Brothers) Stethem (301) 843-1265

DATE: Tuesday, June 18, 1985

RECOMMENDED BY: Robert C. McFarlane RCM

PURPOSE: To express condolences to the parents of Petty Officer Second Class Robert Stethem, USN, who was murdered by the terrorists aboard TWA Flight #847 on Friday, June 14, 1985.

BACKGROUND: Stethem was apparently beaten and kicked to death by the terrorists who hijacked TWA #847. There is some, as yet unconfirmed information, that Stethem may have attempted to intervene during the initial stages of the takeover and was, therefore, singled out by the hijackers. Stethem's remains will arrive at Andrews AFB June 18, at 7:00 p.m. A brief summary of Petty Officer Stethem's military career is attached at Tab A.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

1. I am calling to express my sincere condolences at your loss. The tragic death of your son at the hands of these terrorists is indeed a loss to our nation.

2. It is young men like Robert who give of themselves in the service of their country that have make this nation what it is.

3. I am told that your son was returning from work on a construction project in Greece. He well served our country and we are poorer for losing him.

4. I have also ordered that Robert be officially promoted to the rank of Petty Officer Second Class.

5. Please know that you and your family are in our prayers. God bless you.

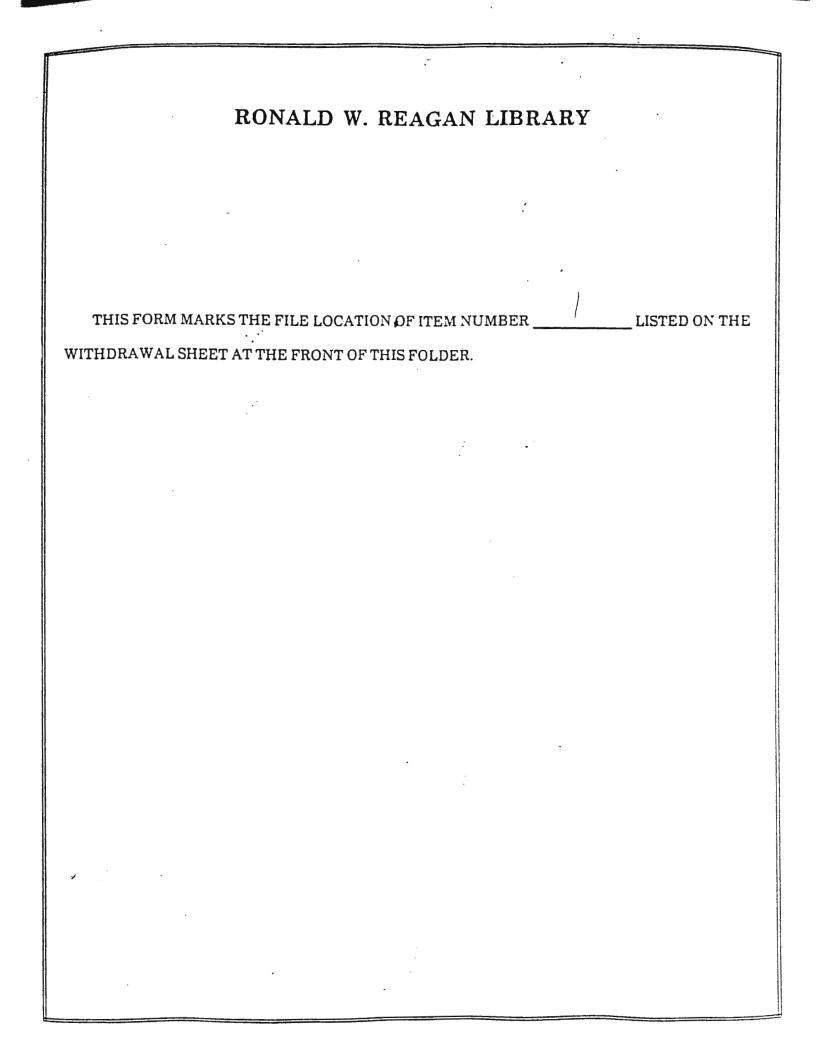
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### SUMMARY OF SW-2 ROBERT STETHEM'S MILITARY CAREER

Robert D. Stethem (Steel Worker (SW) SW-3, Frocked SW-2) Age: 24 17 Nov 61 Birth Date: Race: Caucasian Martial Status: Single Awards: Two markmenship awards for M-16 rifles 10 Sep 84 - 14 June 85 Underwater Construction Team 1 (UCT-1) Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek Norfolk, VA 23521 (There are two Underwater Construction Teams--one on the west coast and one on the east. UCT-1 services the Atlantic, Mediterranean, South Atlantic, and Caribbean. Stethem was part of a detachment detailed to Greece for work on a construction project at our naval communications facility at Nea Makri. 11 May 84 - 06 Jul 84 Naval Construction Training Center Port Hueneme, CA (Basic training for underwater construction technician) Naval Amphibious Base 18 Jan 84 - 04 May 84 Coronado, CA (Basic diver's training. Navy Enlisted Classification NEC-5343 (same as MOS)) 29 May 83 - 13 Jan 84 NMBC-62 Detachment Diego Garcia Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 23 Sep 81 - 28 May 83 (NMBC-62), Gulfport, Mississippi Basic Training, Great Lakes, Michigan 04 May 81 - 1 Jul 81



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