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<del>2. Memo</del>	<del>For the Record, re: Proposed Liberty Bell Access Procedures, 2 p.</del>	<del>10/7/85</del>	<del>P1/F1</del>
3. List	<i>R 4/13/06 NLSF97-108/1 #184</i> <del>EUCOM Medical Evacuation Conference, 1 p.</del>	<i>D 8/19/02 NLSF97-108/1 #185 R 1/18/06</i> n.d.	<del>P6/F6/F7 B6/B7</del> <i>PO4-005 #185</i>
<del>4. Memo</del>	<del>Robert Oakley to Deputy Secretary, re: Hostage Release, 1 p.</del>	<del>11/21/85</del>	<del>P1/F1</del>
5. Tab A	<i>R 8/19/02 NLSF97-108/1 #186</i> <del>List of EUCOM Medical Evacuation Conference, 2 p.</del>	n.d.	<del>P6/F6/F7 B6/B7</del>
6. Tab B	Memo: Oakley to IG/T, re: Proposed Interagency Plan for Receiving/Debriefing U.S....., 2 p.	10/2/85	<del>P1/F1</del> <i>B1</i>
7. Paper	<i>D 8/19/02 NLSF97-108/1 #187 PART</i> <del>Interagency Proposal For an Overt Reception &amp; Debriefing of U.S. Hostages Held in Lebanon, 3 p.</del>	<i>1/18/06</i> n.d.	<del>P1/F1</del> <i>B1</i> <i>PO4-003 #187</i>
<del>8. Paper (Tab C)</del>	<del>Liberty Bell Execution Checklist, 7 p.</del>	<del>n.d.</del>	<del>P1/F1</del>
9. Paper	<i>D 5/19/02 NLSF97-108/1 #189 R 1/18/06</i> <del>Interagency Agreement for Receiving and Debriefing Released U.S. Hostages, 3 p.</del>	12/18/85	<del>P1/F1</del> <i>B1</i> <i>PO4-003 #189</i>
<del>10. Memo</del>	<del>John Poindexter to VP, re: Meeting with Lebanon Hostage Families, 1 p.</del>	<del>1/17/86</del>	<del>P1/F1</del>
<del>11. Talking Pts</del>	<i>R 4/13/06 " #191</i> <del>Talking Points for VP Meeting with Lebanon....., 1 p.</del>	n.d.	<del>P1/F1</del>
12. Memo	<i>R " #192</i> <del>Oliver North to Poindexter, re: Meeting with Hostage Families, 2 p.</del>	1/14/86	<del>P1/F1</del> <i>B1</i> <i>PART " #193</i>

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<del>14. Talking Pts.</del>	For John Poindexter, Meeting with Lebanon Hostage Families, 1 p. <i>R 4/13/06 " #195</i>	n.d.	<del>P1/F1</del>
<del>15. Memo</del>	North to Poindexter, re: Interagency Plan for Receiving and Debriefing Released U.S. Hostages, 1 p. <i>R " " #196</i>	1/21/86	<del>P1/F1</del> →
<del>16. Memo</del>	To Shultz, Weinberger, et al., re: Interagency Plan....., 1 p. <i>R " " #197</i>	n.d.	<del>P1/F1</del> →
17. Paper	Interagency Agreement for Receiving and Debriefing Released U.S. Hostages, 4 p. <i>PART. 1/20/04 NLSF97-108/1 #198</i>	1/21/86	<del>P1/F1</del> B1
18. List	Beirut Hostage Families, 1 p.	1/21/86	<del>P6/F6</del> B6
<del>19. Memo</del>	Poindexter to Shultz, Weinberger, et al., re: Interagency Plan for Receiving and Debriefing..., 1 p. <i>R 4/13/06 " #199</i>	2/10/86	<del>P1/F1</del> →
20. Paper	Interagency Plan for Receiving and Debriefing Released U.S. Hostages, 4 p. <i>PART. 1/20/04 NLSF97-108/1 #200</i>	2/3/86	<del>P1/F1</del> B1
<del>21. Memo</del>	North to Poindexter, re: Interagency Plan for Receiving and Debriefing Released..., 1 p. <i>R 4/13/06 " #201</i>	2/5/86	<del>P1/F1</del> →
22. List	Summary of Hostages Still in Captivity..., 2 p. <i>D " " #202</i>	n.d.	<del>P1/F1</del> B1, B3

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE GEORGE P. SHULTZ  
The Secretary of State

THE HONORABLE CASPAR W. WEINBERGER  
The Secretary of Defense

THE HONORABLE EDWIN MEESE, III  
The Attorney General

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CASEY  
The Director of Central Intelligence

GENERAL JOHN W. VESSEY, JR.  
The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

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SUBJECT: Coordinated USG Follow-up to Recent Terrorist  
Attacks ~~(S)~~

We are hopeful that the hostage situation in Beirut will come to a successful close in the very near future. If it does, a coordinated interagency effort must be conducted to receive and debrief our citizens as they are repatriated. ~~(S)~~

-- The Department of State will take the lead in coordinating an interagency effort to receive and debrief U.S. hostages currently being held in Beirut. The FBI will have the lead in directing the debriefing process. The Departments of State, DoD and the CIA will provide assistance as necessary in the debriefings. The Department of Defense shall provide requisite facilities, aircraft and ground transportation support for this effort. As lead agency, the Department of State will prepare and coordinate appropriate press guidance and Congressional notification/briefings. (C)

*Robert C. McFarlane*  
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by J. Carter  
30-429/85*

October 7, 1985

MEMORANDUM OF RECORD

SUBJECT: Proposed Liberty Bell Access Procedures

The unclassified name for the USG reception and debriefing of the remaining U.S. hostages held in Beirut is Liberty Bell. Because of the delicate relationships with the families and the political sensitivities commonly associated with such releases, access to Liberty Bell information will be strictly controlled on a need-to-know basis. There will be three levels of access to this operation with an approval authority for each.

Level #1.

Level #1 will include those cognizant of the overt USG plans to receive and debrief the freed hostages in Wiesbaden. Level #1 will primarily include supervisory personnel, members of the debriefing team and essential support personnel. The designated Liberty Bell Working Group member is authorized to approve level #1 access for his agency and will keep a current roster of those given access.

Level #2.

Level #2 will include knowledge of the above plus the existence of alternate plans, if circumstances warrant, to secretly debrief the hostages at a site other than Wiesbaden. A Wiesbaden debriefing will serve as the cover for the secret alternatives which will be planned separately, primarily by EUCOM. Approval to grant access to level #2 should be limited to a single individual in each agency, Ambassador Oakley (DOS), General Lawson (EUCOM), VADM Moreau (DOD), Wayne Gilbert (FBI), Charles Allen (CIA) and Oliver North (NSC). The designated Working Group member should maintain a current level #2 access roster for his agency.

Level #3

Level #3 access will include knowledge of the above plus the decision to conduct a secret debriefing and the location of the site to be used. The decision for such a debriefing

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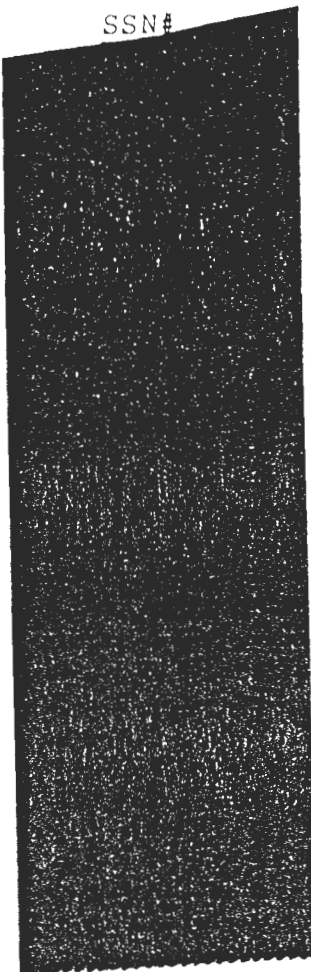
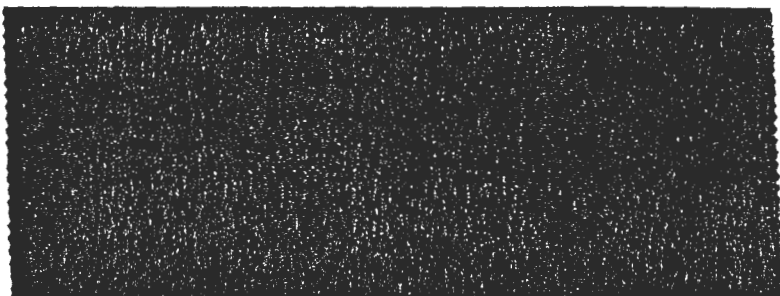
and the location of the site should be with-held until the last possible moment. In Washington, knowledge of the site's location will be extremely limited, a handful of senior officials. In EUCOM, knowledge will be limited to those essential to planning and supporting the operation. There is no need for the interagency debriefing team to know that they will conduct a secret debriefing or the location of the site until after they arrive in theater. Approval authority for level #3 access will reside with General Lawson and the White House.

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EUCOM Medical Evacuation Conference  
Interagency Conferees

Session #1

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organ</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>SSN#</u>
Richard E. Porter	DOS	O-6	
Michael I. Austrian	DOS	FS-1	
Steven R. Gleason	DOS	FS-3	



Ed Naylor	GM-15	FBI	
Robert A. Blum	DOS	SCS-3	
David Alex	DOS	GS-14	
Julius S. Christensen	DOD	O-4	
Gregg F. Prewitt	DOD	GS-11	
Lonnie R. Birstol	DOD	E5	

Session Transport:

#1 Washdc to conference site for 14 people and 1000 lbs of equipment.

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

## INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

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S/S

November 21, 1985

TO: The Deputy Secretary

FROM: S/CT - Robert B. Oakley *RO*

SUBJECT: Hostage Release

As described in the November 19 memo to the Secretary, medical, debriefing and family reunion preparations for a possible hostage release are proceeding. The most likely release date--if there is a release--appears to be the evening of November 22 in Beirut. Based upon this assumption, the debriefing team plans to leave tonight in order to make advance preparations. (Tab A, page 1) This movement will be described as a EUCOM Medical Evacuation Conference, Session #1. There will be no publicity and we should be able to avoid public knowledge. The actual debriefing, etc. will take place at Wiesbaden in accordance with the plan at Tab B and the checklist at Tab C.

Should the release actually take place, we assume Ambassador Bartholomew will be contacted, as he was with the release of Reverend Weir. As soon as he is contacted, he will at once act to move those released to his residence and to notify the State Department of the release. We will notify DOD and the NSC, and the hostage families. The concept of operations for the overt debriefing (Tab D) will be activated, with the helicopters taking the hostages from Beirut to meet the EUCOM Medivac plane at Akrotiri. The families will be invited to assemble right away in Washington for a special flight to Wiesbaden where they will be reunited with the hostages. Those accompanying the families are listed at Tab A, page 2.

There should be a small working group established of designated officers from S/CT, NEA, CA and PA, starting as of 1300 November 22 unless we hear that the release has slipped or fallen through. They will be on call by the SWO and come to the Department as soon as any word is received on the release of hostages.

## Attachments:

- Tab A - Interagency Debriefing Team
- Tab B - Proposed Interagency Plan
- Tab C - Execution Checklist
- Tab D - Concept of Operations

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EUCOM Medical Evacuation Conference  
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Michael I. Austrian	DOS	FS-1
Steven R. Gleason	DOS	FS-3
John H. Adams	DOS	FS-1

Lester S Duffin	DOS	GS-13
Robert A. Blum	DOS	SCS-3
Julius S. Christensen	DOD	O-4
Paul M. Hanasin	DOD	GS-14
Gregg F. Prewitt	DOD	GS-11
Robert W. Kitrinias	DOD	O-4
David G. Thomas	DOD	GS-11

Session #2

Robert B. Oakley	DOS	AMB
Douglas H. Jones	DOS	FS-1
Jacqueline Ratner	FS-3	DOS
Lois K Barnam	DOS	GS-12
James W. Bullard	DOS	GS-15

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Session Transport:

#1 Washdc to conference site for 18 people and 300 lbs of equipment.

#2 Washdc to conference site for five DOS plus 15-20 additional conferees to be identified later.



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

TAB B

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October 2, 1985

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members Of The Interdepartmental Group On Terrorism  
(IG/T)

FROM: M/CTP - Ambassador Robert Oakley *RO*

SUBJECT: Proposed Interagency Plan For Receiving/Debriefing  
U.S. Hostages Held In Lebanon

The proposal attached is similar to the one forwarded to the NSC on September 15. It has been modified, however, to clarify JSOC's participation and to provide for a simultaneous release of one to six hostages. The proposal represent the basic format for any debriefing effort. It can be done either overtly as in the Iranian and TWA 847 experiences, or secretly as in Dr. Weir's case. A secret briefing requires a different type of planning in order to disguise mission purpose and site location. For example, the "pre-release" actions outlined in the attachment for an overt debriefing would be significantly altered and selectively implemented in the interest of operational security.

Based upon the experience of past debriefings and a long conversation last week with General Lawson of EUCOM, I am convinced that the USAF hospital at Weisbaden is the optimum site for an overt debriefing, and that another U.S. military facility on land in the EUCOM theater would be best for a secret debriefing, in terms of hostage care and morale, hospitality for families and operational security.

Since pre-planning is a key to success, the NSC should approve going ahead with the "pre-release" actions listed in the attachment. A copy of this proposal should be forwarded to supporting field agencies such as EUCOM with appropriate explanation even though the NSC anticipates secret debriefings of the remaining hostages. This would permit pre-planning to begin for an overt debriefing in Wiesbaden as well as provide excellent cover for a secret debriefing at another EUCOM location. If some of the hostages are publicly released or all are released at once, the overt debriefing would appear to be the best option. Planning for a secret debriefing should also begin immediately, but should be completely separate from the overt effort.

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Planning for a secret debriefing should be accomplished by a small designated planning cell, comprised of a single officer each from [REDACTED]. This group would be responsible for developing necessary cover stories and deceptions to support the overall planning and implementation effort. I believe with EUCOM's support, it would be possible to plan and execute a secret debriefing along the lines of the attached proposal such that less than a dozen people beyond the planning cell would know that a debriefing will be conducted at a specified site prior to initiation of the operation. Once the operation is initiated, it can be kept secret if family cooperation is obtained.

In preparing for a secret debriefing, there are several important considerations. First, there should be a single authority for approving participation in or knowledge of the planning and reception effort. This should be in the White House, and no one should be added to the access roster without its specific approval. Second, a chief planner and a small planning cell should be appointed immediately. Advanced planning and on-site surveys (under appropriate cover) are essential to ensure a smooth operation and tight security throughout. Finally, the USG must provide transportation and accommodations to returnees, their families and debriefing team members in order to make the cover stories and deception efforts hold up, preserve operational security and reduce pressures from the media.

Attachment:

Interagency Proposal To Debrief  
the U.S. Hostages - Lebanon (C)

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INTERAGENCY PROPOSAL  
FOR  
AN OVERT RECEPTION & DEBRIEFING  
6 U.S. HOSTAGES HELD IN LEBANON

PROPOSAL SUMMARY

The Department of State will coordinate the overall reception and debriefing effort of American hostages being held in Lebanon. The FBI will coordinate the interagency effort to debrief the hostages and disseminate the information to all interested USG agencies. If possible, all overt receptions and debriefings should be held at the Air Force Hospital in Wiesbaden and along the lines of the Iranian and TWA 847 hostage debriefings - medical examinations, psychological screenings and formal debriefings. To improve on the TWA experience, the reception effort should be extended to a minimum of three days. This would permit more detailed debriefings and provide the individuals more time to transition from captivity to freedom.

In concert with the Reverend Weir and Jeremy Levin precedents and the need to be sensitive to family interests, the USG should provide free transportation to appropriate family members (two or three adult relatives - any combination of spouse, parents or siblings) from Washington to Frankfurt. To foster closer coordination with and support from the families, the USG should provide housing for them at the reception site such as Amelia Earhart Hotel in Wiesbaden. Finally, the USG should provide transportation for the individual hostages and appropriate family members back to the U.S. after the debriefings.

The reception site and debriefing team require at least 24 - 48 hours to properly prepare for the arrival of the hostages and their family members. The interagency debriefing team should therefore be dispatched at the earliest opportunity once it is certain that there will be a debriefing. Upon release, freed hostages should be flown by military air from the point of release to the pre-selected reception site. A psychiatrist and a doctor should accompany the hostages from the release point to the reception site. If a tactical debriefing by JSOC is warranted prior to arrival at the reception site, it should not begin until government physicians and psychiatrists have had an opportunity to examine each released captive.

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State should ensure that family members are escorted to the reception site, briefed on the reception/debriefing program and provided sufficient opportunity to visit with their loved ones. State should also coordinate the USG relations with the media at the debriefing site.

The FBI should coordinate the interagency debriefing effort along the guidelines used for the TWA 847 effort. If JSOC conducts a preliminary debriefing, it should immediately provide the formal debriefing team an interim written report of its interview. The FBI should also ensure that interim reports of the debriefing are disseminated as quickly as possible and that a detailed final report is made available to other agencies after a suitable length of time. Follow-up debriefings by the individual agencies are encouraged, but should be coordinated with State and the FBI.

#### PRE-RELEASE ACTIONS

The interagency working group, upon approval from the NSC, should accomplish the following pre-release actions:

Provide appropriate overseas diplomatic posts, theater commanders and other governmental agencies the tentative USG plan for receiving/debriefing U.S. hostages to permit them to pre-plan their own support effort.

Determine interagency team leadership and composition to receive/debrief single and multiple releases of the U.S. hostages.

- Identify personnel from each agency and develop necessary alert and deployment rosters.
- For a single release, 12-14 members - DOS/5, FBI/4, [REDACTED] DIA/1, (JSOC/1), and (NSC/1).
- For a double release, 17-19 members - DOS/6, FBI/6, [REDACTED] DIA/1, (JSOC/1) and (NSC/1).
- For the release of six, 19-21 members - DOS/6, FBI/8, [REDACTED] DIA/1, (JSOC/1) and (NSC/1).

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Forward to DOD likely administrative and personnel support requirements - office space, billeting, communications, security, etc.

Coordinate in advance the interagency strategy and individual agency responsibilities for handling the media.

Develop an interagency debriefing plan which meets the needs of USG agencies and includes a coordinated list of questions.

Develop a plan for notifying families of hostages being released of the USG plans for:

- Receiving and debriefing of freed family members in Wiesbaden.
- For escorting selected hostage family members to and from Wiesbaden
- For hosting both released hostages and family members during the debriefings.

#### RELEASE ACTIONS

Notify concerned Washington agencies and implement pre-coordinated notification messages (which include support requirements) to appropriate overseas diplomatic posts and military commands.

Formalize size and composition of reception and debriefing team and appropriately notify individuals.

Formalize transportation requirements for debriefing team, freed hostage and family members with DOD.

Formalize procedures for notifying family members and escorting them to the reception site.

Dispatch an advance element or the entire debriefing team as appropriate.

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EXECUTION CHECKLISTRelease Possible

- 1 Review overt and covert debriefing options
  - 2 (concerns include number of hostages released, conditions of release, expected family cooperation, publicity expected, publicity desired, church cooperation, employer cooperation and potential compromise)
- 3 Alert IG/T (Chairman and Select Members)
- 4 Alert Interagency Debriefing Working Group (IDWG)
  - 5 Up-date team rosters and documentation
  - 6 Up-date alerting rosters and procedures
  - 7 Up-date interagency debriefing questions
  - 8 Project probable airlift, communications, security and administrative support requirements
- 9 Alert EUCOM (DCINC or J-3)
  - 10 Review potential debriefing sites
  - 11 Identify and alert a physician and psychiatrist
  - 12 Identify potential theater airlift support
- 13 Alert JCS to potential airlift support for debriefing team and families
- 14 Review alternatives for family notification and participation
- 15 Determine the need for an "early" JSOC tactical debriefing
- 16 Prepare press release for premature public announcement
- 17 Select - Overt (Atch A) or Covert Option (Atch B)

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OVERT EXECUTION CHECKSLIST

- 18 Release Probable (72-96 Hours)
  - 19 Finalize concept of operations and identify reception/debriefing site(s)
  - 20 Designate individual responsible for overall USG effort at reception site
  - 21 For overseas sites, notify appropriate governments
  - 22 Develop strategy for notifying and handling families
    - 23 Notification procedures
    - 24 Number of escorts (consular personnel and psychiatrists)
    - 25 Criteria for USG sponsored family travel
    - 26 WASHDC travel and reception instructions
  - 27 Alert interagency debriefing team
    - 28 Finalize team leadership and composition
    - 29 Finalize administration, communication, and security support requirements
    - 30 Tabulate airlift requirements - personnel and equipment
    - 31 Put team on 2 hour alert if appropriate - UNLESS PUT ON ALERT, ASSEMBLY TIME OF TEAM COULD EXCEED SIX HOURS
  - 32 Coordinate inter and intra theater airlift
    - 33 Ensure operational security
    - 34 Provide airlift for hostages, debriefing team and families
    - 35 Ensure proper timing and sequence

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Attachment A

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- 36 Direct reception site to prepare for reception of hostages, interagency debriefing team and families
  - 37 Provide security for entire operation
  - 38 Provide required administration, communication transportation, messing and billeting support
  - 39 Provide medical and psychiatric examinations for hostages
- 40 Dispatch interagency debriefing team to theater
  - 41 Determine departure time and dispatch team to theater so as to arrive at least 12 hours prior to hostages
  - 42 Forward departure status report to EUCOM
- 43 Notify and brief families of release and plans for debriefing
  - 44 Determine family requirements for USG airlift and billeting - FORWARD TO JCS AND EUCOM
  - 45 Instruct families to bring one suitcase of the hostage's personal clothes
- 46 Dispatch aircraft to pick-up hostages at re-entry point
  - 47 Include EUCOM element (team leader, communicator, physician and psychiatrist)
  - 48 Designate individual responsible for coordinating all media relations at reception site
- 49 Schedule organizational meeting 2 hours after arrival (All participants)
  - 50 Coordinate agenda for entire operation - medical examinations, psychological screening, debriefing and reporting
- 51 Receive hostages and brief on overall program
- 52 Execute reception and debriefing program

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- 53 Prepare for family reception and briefings at reunion site
- 54 Reception of hostage families in WASHDC
  - 55 Movement and briefings - from airports to assembly place
  - 56 Movement to Andrews AFB for departure
    - 57 Confirm flight meals and baggage handling
  - 58 Forward departure status report to EUCOM
  - 59 Consular support to hostages and families - passport, visa, etc.
- 60 Coordinate airlift of hostages, interagency team and families to States
- 61 Coordinate CONUS homecoming
  - 62 White House desires for official welcoming
    - 63 Families' attitude toward USG
- 64 Finalize departure plans for leaving reception site
- 65 Identify stay-behind personnel if required
- 66 Publish and disseminate hostage debriefings

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COVERT EXECUTION CHECKLIST

67 Release Probable (72-96 Hours)

68 Finalize concept of operations and identify reception/debriefing site(s)

69 For the use of overseas sites, NOTIFY APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENTS

70 Alert interagency debriefing team - TEAM SHOULD NOT KNOW DEBRIEFING LOCATIONS UNTIL ARRIVAL IN THEATER

71 Finalize team leadership and composition

72 Finalize administration, communication, and security support requirements

73 Tabulate airlift requirements - personnel and equipment

74 Put team on 2 hour alert if appropriate - UNLESS PUT ON ALERT, ASSEMBLY TIME OF TEAM COULD EXCEED SIX HOURS

75 Coordinate inter and intra theater airlift

76 Ensure operational security - use deception and absolute-need-to-know to hide purpose of operation and locations to be used

77 Provide airlift for hostages, debriefing team and families

78 Ensure proper timing and sequence

79 Finalize guidelines for notifying and handling families

80 Notification procedures - FAMILIES MUST NOT KNOW LOCATION WHERE REUNION WILL BE HELD

81 WASHDC arrival, assembly and departure must be covert

82 Secure assembly and departure arrangements at Andrews AFB

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- 83 Designate individual responsible for overall USG effort at reception site
- 84 Prepare initial and follow on covert sites for interagency team, hostages and families
  - 85 EUCOM notify installation commander and coordinate/implement cover story and operational security procedures for initial debriefing location
  - 86 Plan for medical and psychiatric examinations for hostages at initial site
  - 87 EUCOM or FBI set-up follow-on debriefing site in accordance with criteria above
  - 88 Coordinate covert reception of team
- 89 Dispatch small interagency debriefing team to theater - TEAM SHOULD NOT KNOW LOCATIONS OF DEBRIEFING SITES UNTIL ARRIVAL IN THEATER
  - 90 Team should arrive at least 12 hours prior to hostages
  - 91 Forward departure status report to EUCOM
- 92 Dispatch aircraft to pick-up hostages if appropriate
  - 93 Include EUCOM element (team leader, communicator, physician and psychiatrist)
- 94 Meet interagency team and covertly transport to quarters
- 95 Schedule organizational meeting 2 hours after arrival (all participants)
  - 96 Coordinate agenda for initial location - medical examination, psychological screening and one debriefing session
- 97 Receive hostages and brief on overall program to include reunion with select family members

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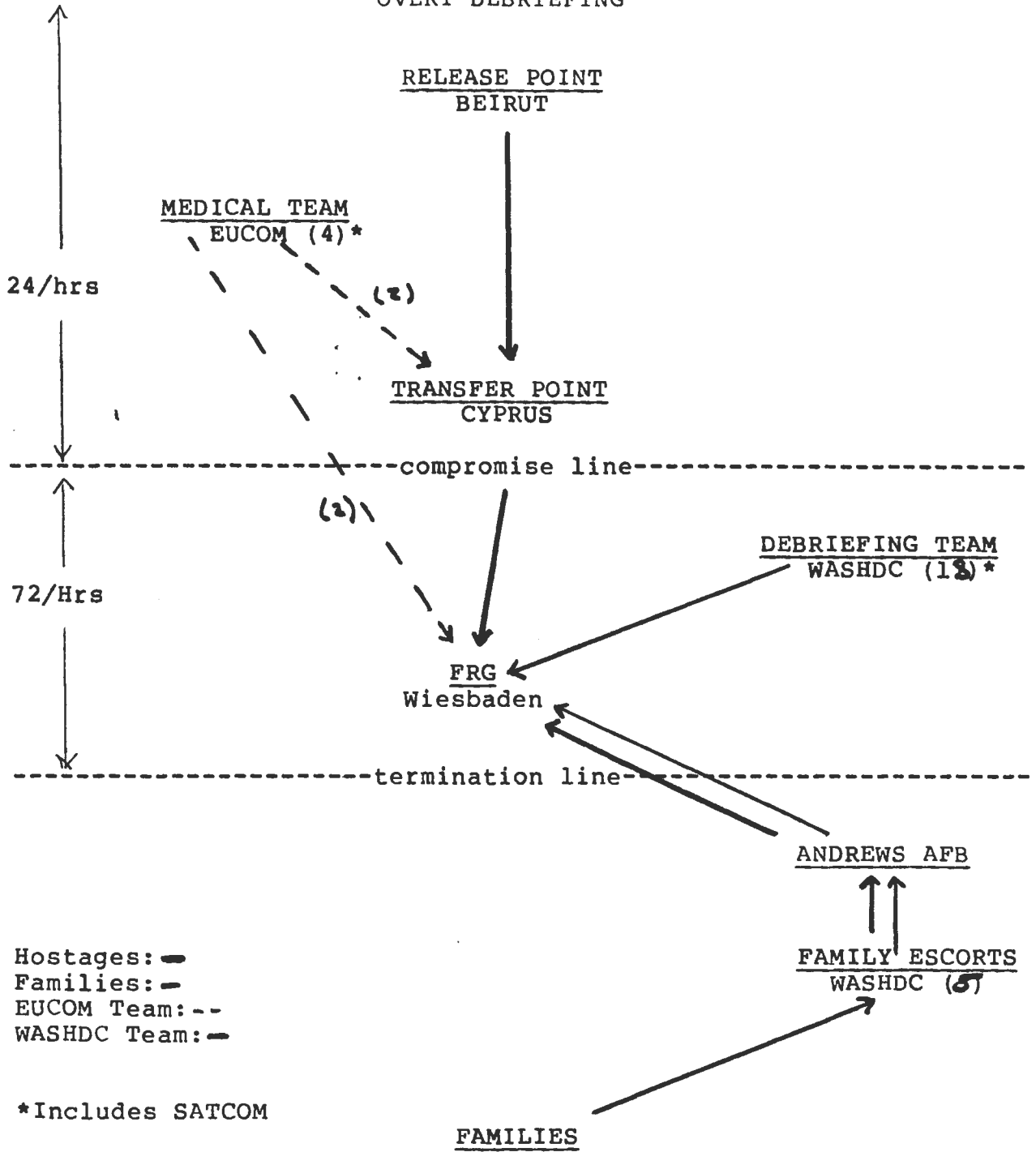
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- 98 Execute reception and debriefing for initial location
  - 99 Hostage release through completion of first debriefing should not exceed 24 hours
- 100 Coordinate airlift of hostages and interagency team to second location for reunion with families and further debriefings
- 101 Arrange covert reception and transport to quarters of hostages, interagency team and EUCOM element at second debriefing site
  - 102 Should precede arrival of families by several hours but not if it requires visibly stalling the movement of the families
- 103 Coordinate family reunion with un-completed medical and debriefing requirements
  - 104 Consular support to hostages and families - passport, visa, etc.
- 105 Coordinate airlift of hostages, interagency team and families to States
- 106 Coordinate possible public announcement and homecoming
  - 107 White House desires and plans for reception
    - 108 Attitude of families toward USG
- 109 Finalize departure plans for leaving reception site
- 110 Identify stay-behind personnel, if required
- 111 Publish and disseminate hostage debriefings

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CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS  
OVERT DEBRIEFING



Hostages: —  
 Families: —  
 EUCOM Team: - -  
 WASHDC Team: —

\*Includes SATCOM

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Washington, D.C. 20520

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December 18, 1985

SUBJECT: INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT FOR RECEIVING AND DEBRIEFING  
RELEASED U.S. HOSTAGES

PLAN SUMMARY

The Department of State will coordinate the overall reception and debriefing effort of American hostages being held in Lebanon. The FBI will coordinate the interagency effort to debrief the hostages and disseminate the information to all interested USG agencies. If possible, receptions and debriefings for hostages from the Middle East will be held at the Air Force Hospital in Wiesbaden along the lines of the TWA 847 hostage debriefings - medical examinations, psychological screenings and formal debriefings. Other sites to serve returnees from other areas of the world need to be identified and surveyed. To improve on the TWA experience, the reception effort will be extended to a minimum of three days, assuming the hostages do not object. This will permit more detailed debriefings and provide the individuals more time to transition from captivity to freedom.

There are a number of precedents which argue strongly for the Administration to provide free transportation for two or three close family members to the debriefing site and back to the United States (with the released hostages), particularly in high-profile hostage cases. This is an important consideration which must be kept in mind so that timely decisions can be made at the time of a hostage release.

The reception site and debriefing team require at least 24 - 48 hours to properly prepare for the arrival of the hostages and their family members. The interagency debriefing team, therefore, needs to be dispatched at the earliest opportunity, once it is certain that there will be a debriefing. Upon release, freed hostages should be flown by military air from the point of release to the pre-selected reception site. A psychiatrist and a doctor should accompany the hostages from the release point to the reception site. If a tactical debriefing by JCS is warranted prior to arrival at the reception site, it should not begin until government physicians and psychiatrists have had an opportunity to examine each released captive. State

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will ensure that family members are escorted to the reception site, briefed on the reception/debriefing program and provided sufficient opportunity to visit with their loved ones. State will also coordinate all USG relations with the media at the debriefing site.

The FBI will coordinate the interagency debriefing effort along the guidelines used for the TWA 847 effort. If JCS conducts a preliminary debriefing, it will immediately provide the formal debriefing team an interim written report of its interview. The FBI will also ensure that preliminary reports of the debriefing are disseminated as quickly as possible and that a detailed final report is made available to other agencies after a suitable length of time. Follow-up debriefings by the individual agencies are encouraged, but should be coordinated with State and the FBI.

#### PRE-RELEASE ACTIONS

The IG/T and/or permanent interagency working group, upon approval from the NSC, will accomplish the following pre-release actions:

Provide appropriate overseas diplomatic posts, theater commanders and other governmental agencies the tentative USG plan for receiving/debriefing U.S. hostages to permit them to pre-plan their own support effort.

Determine interagency team leadership and composition to receive/debrief single and multiple releases of the U.S. hostages.

- Identify personnel from each agency and develop necessary alert and deployment rosters.

- (b)(1)  
(b)(3) - For a single release, 16-18 members - DOS/5, FBI/4, [REDACTED] DIA/1, (JCS/1), Theater CINC/4 and (NSC/1).
- For a double release, 22-24 members - DOS/6, FBI/6, [REDACTED] DIA/2, (JCS/1), Theater CINC/4 and (NSC/1).

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- (b)(1) - For the release of six, 28-30 members -  
(b)(3) DOS/6, FBI/8, [REDACTED] DIA/6, (JCS/1), Theater  
CINC/4 and (NSC/1).

Forward to DOD likely administrative and personnel support requirements - office space, billeting, communications, security, etc.

Coordinate in advance the interagency strategy and individual agency responsibilities for handling the media.

Develop an interagency debriefing plan which meets the needs of USG agencies and includes a coordinated list of questions.

Develop a plan for notifying families of hostages being released of the USG plans for:

- Receiving and debriefing of freed family members.
- For escorting selected hostage family members to and from the reception site.
- For hosting both released hostages and family members during the debriefings.

#### RELEASE ACTIONS

Notify concerned Washington agencies and implement pre-coordinated alerting procedures (which include support requirements) to appropriate overseas diplomatic posts and military commands.

Formalize size and composition of reception and debriefing team and appropriately notify individuals.

Formalize transportation requirements for debriefing team, freed hostage and family members with DOD.

Formalize procedures for notifying family members and escorting them to the reception site.

Dispatch an advance element or the entire debriefing team as appropriate.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 17, 1986

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: JOHN M. POINDEXTER *of Indrap*

SUBJECT: Meeting with Lebanon Hostage Families

The Lebanon hostage families will be in Washington on January 20-21, and have formally requested a meeting with you on January 21.

The meeting with the families would be brief and ceremonial, serving as an opportunity for Peggy Say (sister of Terry Anderson) to pass to you a yellow ribbon with approximately 10,000-12,000 signatures commemorating the hostages.

The State Department's new program for providing near day-to-day contact has helped to relieve many of the anxieties previously expressed by the families and their animosity toward the Administration and our efforts. Obviously the families remain unhappy with the situation, and the probable release of the French hostages could significantly increase frustrations once again. The exchange made by the French of Iranian prisoners for the French hostages will not be well received in light of our refusal to approach the Kuwaitis on release of the Da'wa prisoners. Ambassador Oakley and I will also be meeting with the families in hopes that we can pre-empt tensions when news of the French hostage release comes.

Brief talking points (Tab A) have been prepared for your use should you be able to meet with the hostage families.

RECOMMENDATION

That you agree to a brief meeting (15 minutes) with the Lebanon hostage families using the talking points attached at Tab A.

Approve _____	Disapprove _____
Time _____	Place _____

Attachment  
Tab A - Talking Points

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TALKING POINTS FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

MEETING WITH THE LEBANON HOSTAGE FAMILIES

- I am glad to be able to meet with you again. I know that this ordeal must weigh heavily on all of you, especially during the holidays.
- As a result of our meeting on September 20 and your meeting with the President on October 28, we took action to improve our coordination and communications with you. I am told that there has been an improvement and we owe Ambassador Oakley and Secretary Shultz thanks for this effort.
- Ambassador Borg advises that you have an update on our current efforts regarding your loved ones and I would like you to know privately that we are working very closely but quietly to assist in any way we can the efforts by the Archbishop of Canterbury and his emissary Terry Waite.
- As you know, the situation in Beirut has been very unstable recently but we are hopeful that Terry Waite will soon be able to return in furtherance of his mission.
- (After presentation by Eric Jacobsen of recording commemorating hostages.)  
  
I hope that this will indeed be helpful in defraying the financial burdens you have incurred as a result of the Lebanon hostage situation.
- With the grace of the good Lord, this new year will reunite you with your loved ones.

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January 14, 1986

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MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN M. POINDEXTER

SIGNED

FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH

SUBJECT: Meeting with Hostage Families

Attached at Tab I is a memo from you to the Vice President recommending that he agree to a meeting with the Lebanon hostage families on January 21, 1986. As indicated in the State memo at Tab II, they will be in Washington on January 20-21 and have formally requested two meetings -- one with the Vice President and another with yourself and Ambassador Bob Oakley.

The Vice President's meeting would be brief and largely ceremonial, serving as an opportunity for Peggy Say (sister of Terry Anderson) to pass a yellow ribbon with approximately 10,000-12,000 signatures commemorating the hostages to the Vice President. (Note: This a change from the State memo at Tab II which indicates that Eric Jacobsen will pass a recorded song to the Vice President.)

The State Department's new program for providing near day-to-day contact has helped to relieve many of the anxieties previously expressed by the families and their anomosity towards the Administration and our efforts. Obviously the families remain unhappy with the situation, and the probable release of the French hostages could significantly increase their frustrations once again. The exchange made by the French of Iranian prisoners for the French hostages will not be well received in light of our refusal to approach the Kuwait on release of the Da'wa prisoners. Your meeting with Amb Oakley and the families will serve as an update and help to ease tensions when news of the French hostage release comes.

Talking points have been prepared for you (Tab III) and the Vice President (Tab A). Please note that Charlie Allen should attend this meeting

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[REDACTED] State (Amb Borg) agrees that Charlie should attend. Clearance lists will be forwarded once attendees (family members) are confirmed.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That you sign and forward the memo at Tab I with Tab A attached.

Approve



Disapprove

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2. That you choose a time when you and Amb. Oakley can meet with the families and review the talking points attached at Tab III prior to the meeting.

Time

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Place

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Attachments

- Tab I - Poindexter Memo to the Vice President
- Tab A - Talking Points for the Vice President
- Tab II - Platt Memo to Poindexter of January 13, 1986
- Tab III - JMP Talking Points

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January 13, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR VADM JOHN M. POINDEXTER  
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Appointments with Hostages Families

We are informed that members of the Lebanon hostage families are planning to be in Washington on January 20-21. Since January 20 is a government holiday, the Department is facilitating appointments with Chiefs of Mission of Lebanon, Syria and Algeria for the families. On January 21, the families have expressed the desire to have two meetings at the White House, one with the Vice President and one with you with Ambassador Oakley in attendance.

The meeting with the Vice President would be very brief and ceremonial, essentially a photo opportunity. One of the family members, Eric Jacobsen, has recorded a song commemorating the hostages and wants to give it to the Vice President. The families hope that proceeds from the sale of the record can help defray the costs being incurred by them as a result of the hostage situation.

As you know, the French hostages are expected to be released at any time. Part of the terms, exchanging them for Iranian prisoners convicted in an assassination attempt in Paris, are counter to our policies and are almost certain to increase the frustrations of our hostage families over the USG refusal to approach Kuwait on release of the Da'wa prisoners. The meeting with you and Oakley is for an update, and there will no doubt be unhappiness, but the families do not appear to have an ax to grind as they have had in the past. The State Department has been in almost daily contact with each family. Because of these factors, the State Department supports scheduling both meetings.

Nicholas Platt  
Executive Secretary

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TALKING POINTS FOR JOHN POINDEXTER

MEETING WITH THE LEBABON HOSTAGE FAMILIES

- Welcome this opportunity to meet with you again. This time in my new capacity.
- I want to assure you that the departure of Bud McFarlane has in no way changed the emphasis that we place on the safe return of your loved ones.
- Since your last meeting with the President on October 28, we have taken several steps to improve our efforts:
  - We now have a 24-hour a day Task Force dedicated to this endeavor. Charlie Allen of the State Department heads this team and has our full confidence.
  - The State Department has reorganized its family contact office which is intended to maintain closer coordination and communication with you.
  - We have had several very private meetings with the Archbishop of Canterbury's emissary, Terry Waite, and representatives of the Catholic Church in order to provide whatever discreet support we can to their efforts.
  - We have intensified our diplomatic efforts with those who have influence in the area -- both countries and organizations. The International Red Cross (IRC) and the Secretary General of the United Nations have both privately been trying to help.
- I know that the burden is heavy, but we remain hopeful that your loved ones will soon be returned.

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January 21, 1986

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MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN M. POINDEXTER

FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH

SUBJECT: Interagency Plan for Receiving and Debriefing  
Released U.S. Hostages

Upon the release of any of our U.S. citizens in Beirut, we need to ensure the necessary arrangements for the receiving, debriefing, and reuniting the hostages and their families.

Attached at Tab I is a memo from you to the affected departments and agencies forwarding a copy of the interagency plan (Tab A) as approved by both the OSG-TIWG and the IG/T. Your memo and the plan it covers direct DOD to provide facilities to receive and debrief the hostages; and to provide a designated aircraft to transport both the interagency debriefing team and, at a later time, the hostage families. The FBI will lead the debriefing process with assistance from State, Defense, and CIA. State will coordinate press and Congressional notification and briefings.

RECOMMENDATION

That you hold the memo at Tab I for signature upon notification of the hostage(s) release.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Attachments

- Tab I - Poindexter Memo to Departments/Agencies
- Tab A - Interagency Plan for Receiving and Debriefing Released U.S. Hostages

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WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE GEORGE P. SHULTZ  
The Secretary of State

THE HONORABLE CASPAR W. WEINBERGER  
The Secretary of Defense

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CASEY  
The Director of Central Intelligence

ADMIRAL WILLIAM J. CROWE, JR.  
The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM H. WEBSTER  
The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

SUBJECT: Interagency Plan for Hostage Release ~~(TS)~~

Recent information indicates that one or more American hostages may be released in the very near future. If so, a coordinated interagency effort must be conducted to receive, debrief, and reunite our citizens as they are repatriated. ~~(TS)~~

- The Department of State has taken the lead through the Interagency Group on Terrorism (IG/T) to receive and reunite those released. An interagency approved plan has been formulated to facilitate the process (Tab A). ~~(TS)~~
- The FBI will have the lead in directing the debriefing process with the Departments of State and Defense, and the CIA providing assistance as necessary. ~~(C)~~
- The Department of Defense will provide requisite facilities, aircraft and ground transportation for the debriefing team and the hostage families in support of this effort. ~~(S)~~
- As lead agency, the Department of State, will prepare and coordinate appropriate press and Congressional notification/briefings. ~~(C)~~

cc: Donald Regan  
Richard Riley

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Attachment

Tab A - Interagency Plan for Receiving and Debriefing  
Released U.S. Hostages

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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January 21, 1986

SUBJECT: INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT FOR RECEIVING AND DEBRIEFING  
RELEASED U.S. HOSTAGES

PLAN SUMMARY

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There are a number of precedents which argue strongly for the Administration to provide free transportation for two or three close family members to the debriefing site and back to the United States (with the released hostages), particularly in high-profile hostage cases. This is an important consideration which must be kept in mind so that timely decisions can be made at the time of a hostage release. For groups of ten or more family members, this would require a White House designated air mission from Washington DC to the reception site. For groups less than ten, the use of commercial transportation will normally be the preferred alternative. In all cases, the family members could return to Washington DC on the USG aircraft returning the freed hostage(s) and the interagency hostage debriefing team.

The reception site and debriefing team require at least 24 - 48 hours to properly prepare for the arrival of the hostages and their family members. The interagency debriefing team, therefore, needs to be dispatched at the earliest opportunity, once it is certain that there will be

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a debriefing. To respond quickly and ensure that the team's deployment is kept secret, requires a White House designated air mission from Washington DC to the reception site for the debriefing team and its equipment. Upon release, freed hostages should be flown by military air from the point of release to the pre-selected reception site. A psychiatrist and a doctor should accompany the hostages from the release point to the reception site. If a tactical debriefing by JCS is warranted prior to arrival at the reception site, it should not begin until government physicians and psychiatrists have had an opportunity to examine each released captive. State will ensure that family members are escorted to the reception site, briefed on the reception/debriefing program and provided sufficient opportunity to visit with their loved ones. State will also coordinate all USG relations with the media at the debriefing site.

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#### PRE-RELEASE ACTIONS

The IG/T and/or permanent interagency working group, upon approval from the NSC, will accomplish the following pre-release actions:

Provide appropriate overseas diplomatic posts, theater commanders and other governmental agencies the tentative USG plan for receiving/debriefing U.S. hostages to permit them to pre-plan their own support effort.

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Determine interagency team leadership and composition to receive/debrief single and multiple releases of the U.S. hostages.

- Identify personnel from each agency and develop necessary alert and deployment rosters.
  - For a single release, 16-18 members - DOS/5, FBI/4, [REDACTED] DIA/1, (JCS/1), Theater CINC/4 and (NSC/1).
  - (b)(1)  
(b)(3) - For a double release, 22-24 members - DOS/6, FBI/6, [REDACTED] DIA/2, (JCS/1), Theater CINC/4 and (NSC/1).
  - For the release of six, 28-30 members - DOS/6, FBI/8, [REDACTED] DIA/6, (JCS/1), Theater CINC/4 and (NSC/1).

Forward to DOD likely administrative and personnel support requirements - office space, billeting, communications, security, etc.

Coordinate in advance the interagency strategy and individual agency responsibilities for handling the media.

Develop an interagency debriefing plan which meets the needs of USG agencies and includes a coordinated list of questions.

Develop a plan for notifying families of hostages being released of the USG plans for:

- Receiving and debriefing of freed family members.
- For escorting selected hostage family members to and from the reception site.
- For hosting both released hostages and family members during the debriefings.

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RELEASE ACTIONS

Notify concerned Washington agencies and implement pre-coordinated alerting procedures (which include support requirements) to appropriate overseas diplomatic posts and military commands.

Formalize size and composition of reception and debriefing team and appropriately notify individuals.

Formalize transportation requirements for debriefing team, freed hostage and family members with DOD.

Formalize procedures for notifying family members and escorting them to the reception site.

Dispatch an advance element or the entire debriefing team as appropriate.

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21 January 1986

BEIRUT HOSTAGE FAMILIES

1. William Buckley 16 Mar 1984
2. Benjamin Weir 8 May 1984
3. Father Lawrence Jenco 8 Jan 1985  
Joe Jenco (brother) [REDACTED] 2 Feb 36  
Sue Franceschini (sister) [REDACTED] 22 May 38  
Mae Mihelich (sister) [REDACTED] 14 Aug 29  
Andrew L. Mihelich (nephew) [REDACTED] 4 Sep 51
4. Terry Anderson 16 Mar 1985  
Peggy Say (sister) [REDACTED] 15 Feb 41  
Edward Langendorfer (Say step-son) [REDACTED] 5 Apr 63  
Thomas G. Anderson (nephew) [REDACTED] 23 Jun 44  
Susanne C. Anderson (wife of Tom) [REDACTED] 8 May 46
5. David Jacobson 28 May 1985  
Eric Jacobson (son) [REDACTED] 3 Jul 56
6. Thomas Sutherland 10 Jun 1985  
Joan Sutherland [REDACTED] 2 Jul 64
7. Peter Kilburn Nov 1984?  
Patty Little (niece) [REDACTED] 5 Oct 57  
Tim Kilburn (nephew) [REDACTED] 26 May 50

1/22/86 - Poindexter - Hostage Families

- meet personally with you
- heavily involved behind scenes
- successful if quiet
- last couple of week 1% time on issue
- "cautiously optimistic"
- several tracks at same time
- Organization

24 hour Tech Force - Charlie Allen

State - reorganized Family Contact

- Terry Waite contacts

Red Cross, UN Sec GEN, + other

Jenco - Lebanese Embassy req for visa  
to go live TV - ask Poindexter

JP - may not be safe - stability

Cable to Barthoumaw ask report



Sutherland - mother over there at University

Status of captives and prisoners?

Yes - w/ Kuwait

If White fails - then what?

other parts of plan and replace Terry

will always talk - not negotiate

Andy Logistics w/ families how do link up

w/ Father Jenco

not of Mr Yost - Sen McMathins

Syria, S.A, Jordan, Kuwait

- asked them to prepare letter to Assad

- letters to SA, Jordan? Yes

3<sup>rd</sup> Petar held by separate group - separate effort

Bradley - probably dead

Yellow Ribbon 900' - 7200 names

See My, her . Long Mahat

dimmy Xmas trees 1/10s - Thank you

+ letter from M + card from VP

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE GEORGE P. SHULTZ  
The Secretary of State

THE HONORABLE CASPAR W. WEINBERGER  
The Secretary of Defense

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CASEY  
The Director of Central Intelligence

ADMIRAL WILLIAM J. CROWE, JR.  
The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM H. WEBSTER  
The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

SUBJECT: Interagency Plan for Receiving and Debriefing  
Released U.S. Hostages ~~(TS)~~

Following the release of the TWA-847 passengers and later Reverend Weir, plans and procedures were established to coordinate the interagency effort to receive, debrief, and reunite our citizens as they were repatriated. ~~(TS)~~

The Interagency Group on Terrorism (IG/T), in coordination with the Operations Sub Group-Terrorist Incident Working Group (OSG-TIWG), has formulated the attached interagency plan (Tab A). Upon notification that American hostages are to be released, the plan at Tab A shall be implemented as indicated. ~~(TS)~~

- The Department of State will take the lead through the IG/T to receive and reunite those Americans released. ~~(C)~~
- The Department of Defense will provide requisite facilities, aircraft, and ground transportation for the debriefing team and the hostage families in support of this effort. ~~(S)~~
- The FBI will have the lead in directing the debriefing process with the Departments of State, Defense, and the CIA providing assistance as necessary. ~~(C)~~
- As lead agency, the Department of State will prepare and coordinate appropriate press and Congressional notification/briefings, as required. ~~(C)~~

cc: Donald Regan  
Richard Riley

*John M. Poindexter*  
John M. Poindexter

Attachment

Tab A - Interagency Plan for Receiving and Debriefing  
Released U.S. Hostages

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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February 3, 1986

SUBJECT: INTERAGENCY PLAN FOR RECEIVING AND DEBRIEFING  
RELEASED U.S. HOSTAGES

PLAN SUMMARY

The Department of State will coordinate the overall reception and debriefing effort of American hostages being held in Lebanon. The FBI will coordinate the interagency effort to debrief the hostages and disseminate the information to all interested USG agencies. If possible, receptions and debriefings for hostages from the Middle East will be held at the Air Force Hospital in Wiesbaden along the lines of the TWA 847 hostage debriefings - medical examinations, psychological screenings and formal debriefings. Other sites to serve returnees from other areas of the world need to be identified and surveyed. To improve on the TWA experience, the reception effort will be extended to a minimum of three days, assuming the hostages do not object. This will permit more detailed debriefings and provide the individuals more time to transition from captivity to freedom.

There are a number of precedents which argue strongly for the Administration to provide free transportation for two or three close family members to the debriefing site and back to the United States (with the released hostages), particularly in high-profile hostage cases. This is an important consideration which must be kept in mind so that timely decisions can be made at the time of a hostage release. For groups of ten or more family members, this would require a White House designated air mission from Washington DC to the reception site. For groups less than ten, the use of commercial transportation will normally be the preferred alternative. In all cases, the family members could return to Washington DC on the USG aircraft returning the freed hostage(s) and the interagency hostage debriefing team.

The reception site and debriefing team require at least 24 - 48 hours to properly prepare for the arrival of the hostages and their family members. The interagency debriefing team, therefore, needs to be dispatched at the earliest opportunity, once it is certain that there will be

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a debriefing. To respond quickly and ensure that the team's deployment is kept secret, requires a White House designated air mission from Washington DC to the reception site for the debriefing team and its equipment. Upon release, freed hostages should be flown by military air from the point of release to the pre-selected reception site. A psychiatrist and a doctor should accompany the hostages from the release point to the reception site. If a tactical debriefing by JCS is warranted prior to arrival at the reception site, it should not begin until government physicians and psychiatrists have had an opportunity to examine each released captive. State will ensure that family members are escorted to the reception site, briefed on the reception/debriefing program and provided sufficient opportunity to visit with their loved ones. State will also coordinate all USG relations with the media at the debriefing site.

The FBI will coordinate the interagency debriefing effort along the guidelines used for the TWA 847 effort. If JCS conducts a preliminary debriefing, it will immediately provide the formal debriefing team an interim written report of its interview. The FBI will also ensure that preliminary reports of the debriefing are disseminated as quickly as possible and that a detailed final report is made available to other agencies after a suitable length of time. Follow-up debriefings by the individual agencies are encouraged, but should be coordinated with State and the FBI.

#### PRE-RELEASE ACTIONS

The IG/T and/or permanent interagency working group, upon approval from the NSC, will accomplish the following pre-release actions:

Provide appropriate overseas diplomatic posts, theater commanders and other governmental agencies the tentative USG plan for receiving/debriefing U.S. hostages to permit them to pre-plan their own support effort.

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Determine interagency team leadership and composition to receive/debrief single and multiple releases of the U.S. hostages.

- Identify personnel from each agency (HLTF included in CIA numbers) and develop necessary alert and deployment rosters.
  - For a single release, 17-19 members - DOS/5, FBI/4, [REDACTED] DIA/1, (JCS/1), Theater CINC/4 and (NSC/1).
  - (b)(1)  
(b)(3) - For a double release, 23-25 members - DOS/6, FBI/6, [REDACTED] DIA/2, (JCS/1), Theater CINC/4 and (NSC/1).
  - For the release of six, 30-32 members - DOS/6, FBI/8, [REDACTED] DIA/6, (JCS/1), Theater CINC/4 and (NSC/1).

Forward to DOD likely administrative and personnel support requirements - office space, billeting, communications, security, etc.

Coordinate in advance the interagency strategy and individual agency responsibilities for handling the media.

Develop an interagency debriefing plan which meets the needs of USG agencies and includes a coordinated list of questions.

Develop a plan for notifying families of hostages being released of the USG plans for:

- Receiving and debriefing of freed family members.
- For escorting selected hostage family members to and from the reception site.
- For hosting both released hostages and family members during the debriefings.

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RELEASE ACTIONS

Notify concerned Washington agencies and implement pre-coordinated alerting procedures (which include support requirements) to appropriate overseas diplomatic posts and military commands.

Formalize size and composition of reception and debriefing team and appropriately notify individuals.

Formalize transportation requirements for debriefing team, freed hostage and family members with DOD.

Formalize procedures for notifying family members and escorting them to the reception site.

Dispatch an advance element or the entire debriefing team as appropriate.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

February 5, 1986

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MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN M. POINDEXTER

FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH

SIGNED

SUBJECT: Interagency Plan for Receiving and Debriefing  
Released U.S. Hostages

Arrangements for the receiving, debriefing, and reuniting of American hostages with their families have previously been conducted on an ad hoc basis. Over the past several months, the IG/T has been formulating and staffing a proposed interagency plan for such receiving, debriefing, and reuniting.

Attached at Tab I is a memo from you to the affected government departments and agencies forwarding a copy of the interagency plan (Tab A) as approved by both the OSG-TIWG and the IG/T. This permanent plan supersedes the interim memo and plan (SYSTEM II 90045) forwarded to you on a contingency basis on January 21, 1986.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign and forward the memo at Tab I and destroy the January 21, 1986 memo (SYSTEM II 90045).

Approve                     

Disapprove                     

Attachments

Tab I - Poindexter Memo to Departments/Agencies

Tab A - Interagency Plan for Receiving and  
Debriefing Released U.S. Hostages

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Garbe <sup>meet</sup> w/ us in Paris

Father Noker ~~wrote~~ copy of letter to White  
↳ Middle Eastern account for O'Connor

express mail:

call Peggy Sog - 716-343-2175  
no connect

coming to DC Thursday (via Planity)

① appt w / FDG Embassy

② set up trip to M.E.  
thru Geneva to T.

or meet w/ Iran via Paramour

go next week

③ apply for visas

④ meet w/ OLN on Fri

T:

D: Fedallah

S: meet w/ Assad?

⑤ Loh in D.C. meeting

⑥ Spoke to T. Arnold on meetings East Western  
"no connect by White"

(11111)

① "Mr Baker" in context of Fedallah  
↳ Theft of a Nation: book  
↳ PD - 451 - 5773

- contacted by Hig: met w/ Fed.
- on day of holy's execution.
- met Hig w/ T.W
- ongoing talks w/ various countries
- going to verify health / welfare of hostages.

Your  
~~the work of people like you~~ help all of us  
keep our faith in God and our country.  
I hope that we will always have Americans  
like you to maintain the strength and fabric of  
our great nation.

Coy \_\_\_\_\_  
File: Hostage  
Families

3 June 1986

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: TELECON WITH PEGGY SAYE

At 1500 on Tuesday, 3 June Peggy Saye called for Ollie North. She reported that a Mr. William Baker, who has contacts with Iran, Syria, and Hizballah, wants to meet with Ollie to discuss release of the U.S. hostages in Lebanon.

Baker is the author of a 1982 book, Theft of a Nation, published by Defenders Publications of Las Vegas. He claims that Syrian Defense Minister Tlass thought so much of the book (apparently about a Palestinian homeland) that he had it translated into Arabic and published in 1984 in Syria.

According to Peggy, Baker claims to have a tape recording of a meeting he had with Hizballah spiritual leader Fadlallah. Baker sent a letter dated 20 May to Peggy, and supposedly has offered to trade himself for Terry Anderson (Peggy's brother). Fadlallah was "offended" by the offer of money for the hostages -- Peggy "guessed" that this might have been an offer from Ross Perot. Fadlallah is further described as being "disillusioned" with Terry Waite (who is "insincere"...) )

Baker wants to talk on the phone first with North and then meet with him alone. He wants to deal with a single person who has the authority to decide/act. He wants answers to his questions (not further identified). Baker has not met with the hostages.

Peggy was apparently surprised when Terry Arnold asked her recently about her contact with Fadlallah. She surmised that "the Terry Waite initiative is apparently dead now...?" North answered no, that he hoped it wasn't. North explained that there are numerous factions involved, and that it is possible that Waite is on the edge of something that will eventually yield results.

On Thursday, 5 June at 1100 Peggy has a meeting at the German Embassy here in D.C. The Germans have questions concerning "her letter." Apparently, she had forwarded a letter to Iran via the Swiss, Algerian, Japanese, and German Embassies. The Germans have wanted to ensure that the State Department is aware of the letter. Peggy had talked to Bud McFarlane and made reference to him in this letter. She now admits to probably having "overreached" Bud's guidance/charter to her.... North suggested that she call Mr. McFarlane to reconcile this.

Mr. Baker's phone number in Las Vegas is 702-451-5773. He wants to meet with North on Friday. (Baker's wife works for the airlines....) According to Peggy, Baker is "paranoid" about

Jewish/Israeli attempts to "get" him. For example, he claims that the FBI twice intervened to prevent his assassination at public dinners.

The 15-minute telephone call finished up with generalized descriptions of the humanitarian appeal that she would be making to Tlass, Fadlallah, the Germans, et. al. She wants to travel to Lebanon to see her brother, even if only for 10 minutes. She claims to be prepared for some rather rough treatment (blindfolded, placed in a coffin, etc. to be driven to the meeting). Finally, she wanted to thank Mr. Olmstead for providing the aircraft to transport her sick/dying brother-in-law.

