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~~(S)~~ PAKISTAN: PAN AM 73 Hijackers' Trial. ~~(S)~~

~~(S)~~ Trial proceedings are nearing an end for five Abu Nidal Organization terrorists who attempted the September 1986 hijacking of PAN AM Flight 73 in Pakistan. More than 20 people were killed and 50 wounded during the incident.

~~(S)~~ Prosecution witnesses identified each of the five terrorists, one of whom admitted killing a US citizen soon after the assault began. Witnesses also tentatively linked the group's ring leader, Sulayman al Turki, to the four terrorists who seized the aircraft in Karachi. The police testified that Sulayman al Turki led them to arms caches linking him to the hijacking attempt. In addition, the prosecution established that neither ground crew personnel nor fleeing passengers saw security forces near the aircraft during or immediately following the final volley of fire and grenade explosions that caused the casualties.

~~(S)~~ Defense attorneys made the following points during summation: technically, no hijacking occurred within the definition of Pakistani law; the chain of custody for the murder weapons was incomplete; forensic evidence is nearly nonexistent because only cursory autopsies of the dead were conducted; and passenger deaths were caused by the fire of government forces as they assaulted the aircraft.

~~(S)~~ COMMENT: ~~(C/NF)~~ A quick verdict is not expected. Nonetheless, four of the five will probably be found guilty and sentenced to hang. The fifth man, Sulayman al Turki, stands a somewhat better chance of acquittal on the hijacking charge. Evidence against him on that charge is partly circumstantial, but evidence against the other four is believed to be very strong.

~~(S)~~ ~~(C/NF)~~ If any defendant is sentenced to death, the appeals process may take years. A number of Sikhs are in jail in Pakistan under sentence of death as the result of a July 1984 Air India hijacking, which ended in Lahore. Should the PAN AM 73 defendants be found guilty, sentenced and executed, New Delhi will question Islamabad's intentions toward the Sikh prisoners. (DECL OADR)

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19th November 1986

Mr. Ronald Reagan
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington

Dear Mr. President;

Thank you very much for your kind letter of October 9, 1986.

It was our great honor to serve President of the United States of America and the First Lady during Tokyo Summit Meeting in May, 1986.

Your kind note has been conveyed to my staff and they were very much encouraged.

May I take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation for your kind patronage and looking forward to having the pleasure of serving you again in near future.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Mikio Sunada
Director
Catering Department
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C. Edward Acker
Chairman of the Board

October 30, 1986

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of all of the employees of Pan Am, and especially those directly connected to the September hijacking of Clipper 73 in Karachi, I wish to extend my personal thanks for your kind letter of October 8th recognizing the valiant actions of the Pan Am crew and ground staff.

I shared the contents of your letter with all Pan Am employees through our daily Newswire, transmitted electronically to every Pan Am station and office around the world. I can assure you that their response was most enthusiastic.

The Karachi incident was emotionally difficult for all of us, and we sincerely appreciate your kind words and support. You may rest assured that all of us at Pan Am join you in the redoubling of efforts to combat such senseless acts of violence against innocent people of all nations. Such an effort, as you concluded in your letter, is the best memorial we can provide to Neerja and Meherjee.

Sincerely yours,

C. Edward Acker