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**PROGRAM REVIEW  
OF THE  
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ON COMBATTING TERRORISM**

**MARCH - APRIL 1987**

- CONTAINS BASIC RECORDS OF THE PROGRAM  
REVIEW, COMPLETED JUNE, 1987.

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Proposed Recommendation No. 2

SUBJECT: New NSC Policy Planning and Operations Coordinating Boards

Discussion: NSDD 207 promulgated several interagency groups to assist the lead agencies in the coordination of our national program to combat terrorism. These interagency groups are successfully drawing together the various elements of the national structure into an active mechanism which manages the national program to combat terrorism.

Ongoing non-crisis activities are worked within the Operations Sub-Group (OSG) of the Terrorist Incident Working Group. The OSG is chaired by a member of the NSC staff, cochaired by State, and has representatives from DOD, Justice, CIA, JCS, and FBI. The Interdepartmental Group on Terrorism (IG/T) chaired by the Ambassador-at-Large for Counterterrorism with representation from all departments and agencies supporting the national program, develops the overall U.S. policy on terrorism. Additionally, the Interagency Intelligence Committee on Terrorism (IICT) focuses and coordinates interagency intelligence efforts to counter international terrorists threats.

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PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION NO. 3

SUBJECT: Federal Jurisdiction in Terrorist Incidents

PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION: The Department of Justice should consider pursuing legislation which provides for discretionary exercise of exclusive Federal jurisdiction. The decision to assert this jurisdiction should be predicated on facts and circumstances reasonably indicating that the matter involves terrorism.

STATUS: The Department has consulted with Department of Justice and determined that this proposal remains under Department of Justice review. However, prospects for advancing such legislation are considered remote, in view of a number of constitutional (federalism) and practical concerns vis-a-vis state and local government authorities. Department of State would have further concerns should such legislation diminish the responsibility of state and local authorities to provide the maximum protection of diplomatic, consular and other international missions throughout the United States.

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PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION NO. 4 (SUBMITTED BY USIA)

Subject: Private Sector Data Base ~~(U)~~

Discussion: The problem remains unresolved. The USIA and others wishing to prepare materials on terrorism find no centralized, authoritative source of unclassified information on terrorism. ~~(U)~~

Much of the information desired is available in unclassified form. DOD, State and CIA all prepare unclassified publications on terrorism, but use differing criteria for their publications and assign varying priorities to the work. The products thus suffer problems of timeliness and overlap, while other questions are unaddressed. ~~(C/NF)~~

Status: Several academic and private sector groups are attempting to build data banks and chronologies on terrorism, but they are encountering the same problems as USIA. There is no single point in the U.S. Government where they can come for assistance. ~~(U)~~

Recommendation: That the resources currently devoted to preparation of unclassified material be consolidated in the Office of the Ambassador-at-Large for Counterterrorism, which now has a deputy (on detail from USIA) in charge of public diplomacy. It seems unlikely that a private sector data bank will be able to provide comprehensive, reliable, unclassified information on terrorism until the U.S. Government can do so. ~~(C/NF)~~

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Proposed Recommendation No. 5

SUBJECT: Anti-Terrorism Assistance Training Program

The ATA program has continued to expand. The requested funding level pending before Congress for Fiscal 1988 is \$9.8 million, the same approved for fiscal 1987, thus bringing the amount to nearly the \$20 million target for a two year period.

Congress last year also approved an amendment allowing the Administration to use up to 25 per cent of the funds for purchases of equipment for participating nations. Already about 4,000 officials from 44 countries have taken part in the program, including 11 new ones. The program, under a legislative amendment passed in 1985, also provides the ATA program with a coordinating mechanism for related training activities by other agencies.

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**Terrorism Program Review Questions and Areas of Investigation**

**1. National Security Council Staff Organization**

**2. TIWG organization**

**Are members assigned by name?**

**Is there a regular meeting place?**

**Who is the Executive Director?**

**Is there a back-up Executive Director?**

**Are there working manuals containing the NSDDs, check-off lists, etc. pre-positioned for each member when the TIWG convenes?**

**3. Does the White House Press Office have copies of the NSDD or the terrorism public relations policy statements? (A brief meeting with Marlin Fitzwater would be useful to discuss this area.)**

### Approach to Terrorism Program Review

1. The main objective of the Terrorism Program Review is to assess the status of implementation of NSDD 207 in terms of the effectiveness of the actions taken in response to the directive. A second objective is to elicit any new issues or concerns which may be raised by the task force members and, through the task force review process, evaluate their validity. If appropriate, additional recommendations could be proposed to the President for incorporation in the program for combating terrorism.
2. To develop the assessment, meetings will be held with the task force members or their principal staff assistants in the terrorism area, to solicit their views as to the effectiveness of the implementation of those recommendations for which their agency has been given either direct or collateral responsibility. From these discussions, and from the written reports submitted in response to NSDD 207, the status of each recommendation will be evaluated.
3. The original recommendations will be reorganized into three categories: Critical, Important and Routine.  
- Critical recommendations are those which failure to effectively implement could seriously jeopardize

our ability to respond to a terrorist incident.

- The Important category are those recommendations which are considered necessary for an orderly and effective program to implement our policy for combating terrorism over the long term.

- Routine recommendations are those which lack the high visibility of the first two categories but which nevertheless are necessary elements in an overall program. Some of the routine category will be long term objectives for which early accomplishment may not be reasonable, but which require continuing attention as a matter of principle to demonstrate policy or to achieve results in the long term.

4. Progress of the Program Review will be indicated on a status chart, listing the recommendations by categorization, plus any additional recommendations generated by the review. The status of each recommendation will be indicated by a letter code.

"A": Action completed.

"B": Status satisfactory. (This could mean an open-ended recommendation requiring continuing action, or a long-term recommendation in which progress toward ultimate resolution is satisfactory.)

"C": Status marginally satisfactory. Some corrective action required.

"D": Situation not satisfactory; requires attention.

"F": Status totally unsatisfactory, and a major rethinking of the issue is required.

5. The organization of the program review will consist of:

Working Group

Admiral G. L. Holloway, III - Executive Director

Mr. Ted McNamara - Deputy

Colonel Richard Porter

LTC Douglas Menarchik

Jeffrey Lynn Hughes

Senior Review Group

The Senior Review Group that was constituted for the initial Task Force on Combating Terrorism, made up of assistant secretaries who have major responsibilities to the task force principals in the area of terrorism programs, will be reconvened to review and make recommendations concerning the draft Task Force report.

Task Force Principals

The individuals listed by name in the directive appointing the Task Force on Combating Terrorism. A new directive will be drafted setting forth the membership of the Task Force on Combatting Terrorism (the offices as in the original Task Force).

Schedule of Task Force activity

30 March-3 April. The working group will conduct visits and calls to task force principals or their

representatives to elicit views as to the implementation of the original task force recommendations and any comments or thoughts on emergent issues.

6-10 April: The Working Group will categorize the issues as to critical, important and routine in nature and evaluate the degree of implementation in each case. A brief one page summary statement will be prepared as back up to that judgment. If new issues raised, new conclusions and associated recommendations will be framed. At the end of this week a draft report will be prepared consisting of general conclusions appraising the overall status of the program, a status chart of the evaluation of the individual recommendations, the backup statements for the justification for the evaluations and a list of any new conclusions and recommendations. This draft report will be circulated to the Senior Review Group.

20 April - Senior Review Group meets to discuss draft report. Vice President will attend.

20-24 April: The Working Group will confer with individual members of the SRG as necessary to resolve differences emanating from the SRG review and meeting. The objective is to develop a report which has the full concurrence of the SRG members. At the conclusion of these negotiations with the SRG, a draft final report will be prepared and circulated to the SRG who will refer it to their principals.

27-30 April - Final report drafted.


1 May - Draft final report to Vice President.

11 May - Principals meet and are briefed on the report and if required make decisions to resolve any areas in contention.

12 May - Report forwarded to the President by the Vice President.

March 26, 1987  
9:00 a.m.

MEETINGS FOR ADMIRAL HOLLOWAY

<u>NSC</u>	<u>PHONE NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Carlucci/Powell (Kay)		30Mar	3:00-3:30 (F)
<u>STATE</u>			
POC: George Shultz Jerry Bremer Al Adams Clay McManaway	(working a time) 647-9892/5230	30MAR	10:00-11:15 (F)
<u>CIA</u>			
POC: Bob Gates Dewey Clarridge Clair George Richard Kerr		30MAR	2:15-2:30 12:15-2:30 (F)
<u>DOD/JCS</u>			
POC: (requesting Weinberger or Taft Mtg) Richard Armitage John Moellering Tom Kelly Larry Ropka	695-4351/2188	31MAR	10:00- 12:00 (F)
<u>JUSTICE/FBI</u>			
POC: Buck Revell (Kathy)	324-3333/5302	1 Apr	10:00-12:00 (F)
	LUNCH	1 Apr	12:00-1:00 (T)
POC: Ed Meese (appt confirmed) Ann Rondeau	633-4969	1 Apr	2:00-4:00 (F)
<u>TRANSPORTATION</u>			
POC: Phil Haseltine (Loretta)	366-4540	3 Apr	10:00-12:00 (F)
<u>OMB</u>			
POC: L. Wayne Army (Marty)	X6190/7340	2 Apr	2:00-4:00 (F)
<u>TREASURY</u>			
Gerald Hilsher (Dee)	566-5054	3 Apr	1:00-2:00 (F)

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MEMORANDUM FOR FRANK C. CARLUCCI

FROM BARRY KELLY

SUBJECT: Admiral Holloway's Terrorism Program Review

Ted McNamara met with Admiral James Holloway March 12 to discuss the timing and manner of the Admiral's review of the Vice President's Task Force Report on Terrorism. Holloway envisages about two weeks of full-time work followed by about two more weeks of consultations before wrapping up the review at a meeting of the full Task Force at the end of April. We have consulted with the Vice President's office and a letter from you (Tab I) requesting the Admiral to undertake the review would be the appropriate way to start the process.

The following is a outline schedule:

March 30- April 6: Holloway begins one week of intensive meetings with senior officials, beginning with a call on you. To facilitate these calls he would like you to send a memo to agency and department heads announcing his mission (Tab II). He is requesting a meeting with the Vice President directly through the Vice President's staff.

April 6-13: Any remaining meetings take place and the draft review document is completed and circulated for comments.

April 20 or 21: The Senior Review Group (SRG) is convened to comment on the draft report. You are a member of the SRG (see chart at Tab III).

April 27 or 28: The revised draft is submitted to the Task Force for approval.

Early May: The Vice President submits the report to the President.

During this period Ted McNamara should serve as the Admiral's deputy and work closely with him in all aspects of the review. We are providing office space and the Vice President's

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Dear Admiral Holloway:

A year has now passed since you completed your excellent work on the Vice President's Terrorism Task Force Report. As a result, this country has made great strides in improving its capabilities in combatting terrorism. Much, however, remains to be done, and as the President said in his March 4 address to the nation he would like the Task Force to review our terrorist policy in light of the events that have occurred.

In this regard the President wishes you to return this month to conduct a review and to present it to the Task Force for its consideration and approval. He would like you to review the policy recommendations made, evaluate where we are now, determine how well the Task Force Report has been implemented, and recommend where we should focus our attention in the months ahead. He has great personal interest in maintaining a robust capability to handle the terrorism threat. You will have his full support in conducting the review.

My staff and that of the Vice President are prepared to offer you the assistance you will need to complete your work. I look forward to discussing this matter with you and to reading the results of your review.

Sincerely,

Admiral James L. Holloway  
The Council of American-Flag  
Ship Operators  
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Washington, D.C. 20006

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

THE HONORABLE JAMES A. BAKER III  
The Secretary of the Treasury

THE HONORABLE CASPAR W. WEINBERGER  
The Secretary of Defense

THE HONORABLE EDWIN MEESE III  
The Attorney General

THE HONORABLE ELIZABETH H. DOLE  
The Secretary of Transportation

THE HONORABLE JAMES C. MILLER III  
The Director, Office of Management  
and Budget

THE HONORABLE ROBERT M. GATES  
The Director (Acting) 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: Admiral Holloway's Terrorism Program Review (U)

On March 4 the President requested the Vice President's Task Force to review our terrorism policy in the light of recent events. To this end he has asked Admiral James Holloway to return and undertake a review to be submitted to the Task Force for its consideration. An approved report will then be submitted to the President by the Vice President as chairman of the Task Force. (S)

Admiral Holloway will return on about March 30 and spend about two weeks conducting an evaluation. The Admiral will review the policy recommendatons contained in the original Task Force report,

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evaluate where we are now, determine how well the Task Force Report has been implemented, and recommend where we should focus our attention in the months ahead. ~~(S)~~

To enable Admiral Holloway to do this very important work the President wants him to have every assistance. Therefore, you and your staffs are requested to facilitate the Admiral's efforts to the maximum extent. Beginning on March 30 he will be available to call on you and will be in contact with members of your staffs for assistance. Within two weeks we expect him to complete a draft review document for consideration by the Senior Review Group of the Task Force. Before the end of the month of April we plan for the Task Force to meet to consider this document and to approve a report which the Vice President will submit to the President. ~~(S)~~

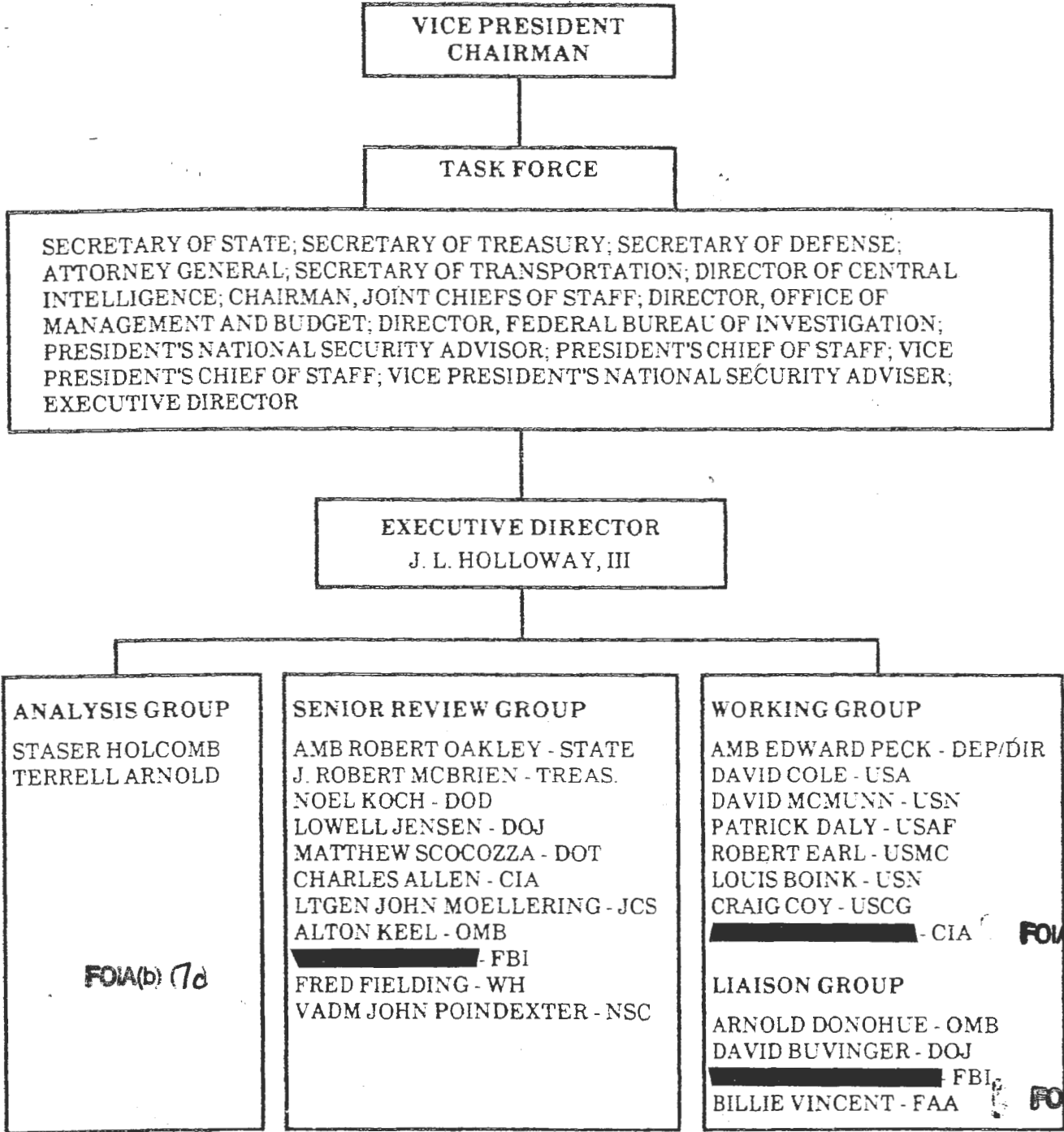
I have detailed Ted McNamara from my staff to work with Admiral Holloway as his deputy on all aspects of this effort. He can be reached on 395-5066. ~~(U)~~

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508  
March 13, 1987

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR GRANT S. GREEN, JR.

FROM: BARRY KELLY *[Handwritten signature]*

SUBJECT: Admiral Holloway's Terrorism Program Review

Attached at Tab I is a memo from you to your counterparts in the departments and agencies involved in our terrorism efforts. This tasking is necessary to prepare for Admiral Holloway's arrival. I would appreciate your sending this as soon as possible to facilitate getting responses back by the deadline of Thursday, March 19.

Prepared by: Ted McNamara *[Handwritten initials]*

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo at Tab I.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Attachment  
Tab I Green Memo to Counterparts

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White House Guidelines, August 28, 1997  
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March 14, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MELVYN LEVITSKY  
Executive Secretary  
Department of State

MR. ROBERT B. ZOELLICK  
Executive Secretary  
Department of Treasury

COLONEL JAMES F. LEMON  
Executive Secretary  
Department of Defense

MR. JOHN N. RICHARDSON  
Assistant to the Attorney General  
and Chief of Staff  
Department of Justice

MS. RUTH KNOUSE  
Director, Executive Secretariat  
Department of Transportation

MR. H. LAWRENCE SANDALL  
Executive Secretary  
Central Intelligence Agency

CAPTAIN JOSEPH C. STRASSER  
Executive Assistant to the Chairman  
Joint Chiefs of Staff

MR. JAMES GEER  
Assistant Director of the  
Intelligence Division  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

SUBJECT: Admiral Holloway's Terrorism Program Review (U)

The President has requested that the Vice President's Task Force on Terrorism review its report in light of the events that have occurred since the report was issued in December, 1985. Admiral James Holloway, the Executive Director of the Task Force, is being asked to conduct this review. He will begin his work on March 30. All concerned departments and agencies are requested to provide every assistance to Admiral Holloway in his work.

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To prepare the Admiral for his review you are requested to submit the papers listed below to the NSC staff by COB March 19 with all necessary clearances from other agencies obtained. (U)

Ted McNamara of the NSC staff will be the primary point of contact on the NSC staff and all matters related to the preparation and conduct of the review should be directed to him. He has the authority to task other papers and actions as may be necessary to facilitate Admiral Holloway's work. (C)

STATUS OF RECOMMENDATIONS (REF: NSDD 207):

As indicated below each agency should submit a paper detailing the status of action taken to implement the forty-two Task Force recommendations. Each paper should be about one page long, and in no case should any exceed two pages. The papers should reflect the responses to NSDD-207 (January 20, 1986). (C)

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Executive Secretary

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## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

March 19, 1987

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR GRANT S. GREEN, JR.

FROM: TED <sup>R. J. M.</sup>McNAMARA

SUBJECT: Press Guidance on Terrorism Task Force Review

Attached at Tab I is a memo from you to Marvin Fitzwater forwarding proposed Q&As for use during Admiral Holloway's Terrorism Task Force Review.

RECOMMENDATION

That you initial and forward the memo at Tab I.

Approve 6

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

## Attachments

Tab I Green Memo to Fitzwater

Tab A Proposed Q&amp;As dated March 19, 1987

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

McNAMARA

March 26, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR MARLIN FITZWATER

FROM: GRANT S. GREEN, 

SUBJECT: Press Guidance on Terrorism Task Force Review

Attached at Tab A is a memo from Admiral Holloway forwarding proposed press guidance on the Terrorism Task Force Review.

Attachment

Tab A Holloway Memo w/Q&As dated March 19, 1987

cc: David Chew

## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

March 19, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR MARLIN FITZWATER

FROM: JAMES L. HOLLOWAY III *JLH*  
SUBJECT: Press Guidance on Terrorism Task Force Review

Undoubtedly the press will at some point ask questions about my return to conduct the review of the Vice President's Task Force Report. At Tab I is the appropriate press line which has been agreed with by the Vice President's office. I will depend on you to make this available to, and to coordinate as necessary with, other agencies.

The guiding principle will be that the conduct of the review should be kept as low key as possible. For this reason I do not propose to make a press statement at the start or conclusion of my work.

Don Gregg *DG*, Dan Howard *DH* and Ted McNamara *TM* concur.

Attachment

Tab I Proposed Q&amp;As (is asked)

PROPOSED QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

TERRORISM TASK FORCE REVIEW

(if asked)

Q. Has the Vice President's Task Force on Terrorism been reconvened as the President indicated in his March 4 address to the nation?

A. The President has asked Admiral James L. Holloway III to return to conduct a review of the Vice President's Task Force report. Admiral Holloway was the Executive Director of the Task Force which drew up the original report. As part of that review the Task Force will be reconvened to consider the Admiral's findings which will be forwarded to the President by the Vice President as the Chairman of the Task Force.

Q. When will all this take place?

A. The necessary preparatory work is being (has been) done and the review itself will begin (began) on about March 30. The final document should be ready in May.

Q. How extensive will this review be?

A. The Admiral has full authority to examine all aspects of our terrorism policy. Particular attention will be paid to reviewing the recommendations of the task force to determine how well they have been implemented.



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 20, 1986

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National Security  
Decision Directive Number 207

THE NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR COMBATting TERRORISM ~~TOP SECRET~~

The Vice President's Task Force on Combatting Terrorism has completed an in-depth review of our current policies, capabilities, and resources for dealing with the terrorist threat. I have reviewed the Task Force Report and accompanying recommendations and concluded that our strategy is sound. I have determined that we must enhance our ability to confront this threat and to do so without compromising our basic democratic and human values. ~~TOP SECRET~~

Terrorists undertake criminal acts that involve the use or threat of violence against innocent persons. These acts are premeditated, intended to achieve a political objective through coercion or intimidation of an audience beyond the immediate victims. U.S. citizens and installations, especially abroad, are increasingly being targeted for terrorist acts. Our policy, programs and responses must be effective in ameliorating this threat to our people, property and interests. ~~TOP SECRET~~

Policy

U.S. policy on terrorism is unequivocal: firm opposition to terrorism in all its forms whether it is domestic terrorism perpetrated within U.S. territory, or international terrorism conducted inside or outside U.S. territory by foreign nationals or groups. The policy is based upon the conviction that to accede to terrorist demands places more American citizens at risk. This no-concessions policy is the best way of protecting the greatest number of people and ensuring their safety. At the same time, every available resource will be used to gain the safe return of American citizens who are held hostage by terrorists. ~~TOP SECRET~~

The U.S. Government considers the practice of terrorism by any person or group a potential threat to our national security and will resist the use of terrorism by all legal means available. The United States is opposed to domestic and international terrorism and is prepared to act in concert with other nations or unilaterally when necessary to prevent or respond to terrorist acts. ~~TOP SECRET~~

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States that practice terrorism or actively support it, will not be allowed to do so without consequence. Whenever we have evidence that a state is mounting or intends to conduct an act of terrorism against us, we have a responsibility to take measures to protect our citizens, property, and interests. The USG will pay no ransoms, nor permit releases of prisoners or agree to other conditions that could serve to encourage additional terrorism. We will make no changes in our policy because of terrorist threats or acts. The United States is determined to act against terrorists without surrendering basic freedoms or endangering democratic principles. We oppose asylum, sanctuary, or safehaven for terrorists and will make every legal effort to extradite and prosecute terrorists. The USG encourages other governments to take similar strong stands against terrorism. (S)

### The National Program

The national program to combat terrorism is designed to provide coordinated action before, during, and after terrorist incidents. Our program includes measures to deter, resolve and, when necessary, respond proportionately to terrorist attacks. The implementation of this strategy requires an organization compatible with the overall structure of the U.S. Government, and relies on the authorities and responsibilities of the various departments and agencies. (S)

The coordination of the Federal response to terrorist incidents will normally be the responsibility of the Lead Agency. The Lead Agency will be that agency with the most direct operational role in and responsibility for dealing with the particular terrorist incident at hand. The Lead Agency will coordinate all operational aspects of the incident, including press and intelligence. The Lead Agency will normally be designated as follows:

- The Department of State for international terrorist incidents that take place outside of U.S. territory. (S)
- The Department of Justice for terrorist incidents that take place within U.S. territory. Unless otherwise specified by the Attorney General, the FBI will be the Lead Agency within the Department of Justice for operational response to such incidents. (S)
- The FAA for aircraft hijackings within the special jurisdiction of the United States. (S)

The Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs will resolve any uncertainty on the designation of the Lead Agency or on agency responsibilities. (S)

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The entire range of diplomatic, economic, legal, military, paramilitary, covert action, and informational assets at our disposal must be brought to bear against terrorism. To ensure that these measures are fully integrated and mutually supportive, the following interagency groups will assist the Lead Agencies in the coordination of our national program to combat terrorism. ~~(S)~~

1. The Terrorist Incident Working Group (TIWG). To support the Special Situation Group (SSG -- see NSDD-3 and NSDD-30) during a terrorist incident, a Terrorist Incident Working Group has been established. This group consists of representatives from State, Treasury, DOD, Justice, CIA, JCS, FBI, the Office of the Vice President, and the NSC staff, with augmentation from other agencies as required. The TIWG will be activated by the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs or at the request of any of the members. The NSC staff will provide a senior representative to chair the TIWG, and a staff member to serve as the Executive Director of the TIWG and chair the Operations Sub-Group (OSG) of the TIWG to review ongoing non-crisis operations/activities. The TIWG will normally remain convened for the duration of a terrorist incident. The Ambassador-at-Large for Counter-Terrorism will serve as the Vice Chairman of the TIWG. ~~(S)~~

2. The Interdepartmental Group on Terrorism (IG/T). The Interdepartmental Group on Terrorism, chaired by the Ambassador-at-Large for Counter-Terrorism, is responsible for the development of overall U.S. policy on terrorism, including, inter alia, policy directives, organizational issues, legislative initiatives, interagency training activities, coordinated budget/programs, and policy direction of the Anti-Terrorism Assistance Program. Membership will include all departments and agencies supporting the national program to combat terrorism. Vice Chairmen of the IG/T will be the Department of Justice and the Executive Director of the TIWG. ~~(S)~~

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