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SITUATION: HIJACK SUBJECT CATAGORY: TWA 847

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION: MESSAGE: HCE845 UTSD962 PP RUEHC DE RUFHGV #5746 1700812 ZNR UUUUU ZZH P 190811Z JUN 85 FM USMISSION GENEVA TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 6554 BT UNCLAS GENEVA 05746

E.O. 12356: N/A TAGS: PTER, AEMR SUBJECT: TWA HIJACKING: MESSAGE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS

1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING MESSAGE CONCERNING THE TWA HIJACKING FROM WILLIAM J. BUTLER, CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE GENEVA-BASED INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS (ICJ). FYI: BUTLER IS A NEW YORK ATTORNEY AND PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF THE ICJ. THE ICJ IS AN INTERNATIONAL, NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION OF LAWYERS CONCERNED WITH HUMAN RIGHTS. WE ARE TRANSMITTING THIS MESSAGE FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION.

BEGIN TEXT:

THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT THEY WILL FREE ITS SHIITE PRISONERS IF IT RECEIVES A REQUEST FROM THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO DO SO.

WE SUGGEST THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SHOULD MAKE THIS REQUEST, NOT TO PLACATE THE HIJACKERS, BUT BECAUSE THE PRISONERS ARE BEING HELD ILLEGALLY. THE TRANSFER OF THESE PRISONERS TO ISRAEL WAS A VIOLATION OF ARTICLES 49 AND 76 OF THE FOURTH GENEVA CONVENTION (SEE ICRC PRESS RELEASE NO. 1504 OF APRIL 4, 1985).

IN ORDER THAT IT BE NOT SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAELI GOVERNMENTS ARE YIELDING TO THE DEMANDS OF THE HIJACKERS, WE SUGGEST THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SHOULD ASK THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT TO STATE PUBLICLY THAT AT THE REQUEST OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IT WILL

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MESSAGE / ANNOTATION: RELEASE THE PRISONERS FORTHWITH UPON THE LIBERATION OF ALL THE PASSENGERS WHO WERE ON THE PLANE NOT YET RELEASED AND UPON THE SURRENDER OF THE PLANE UNDAMAGED.

END TEXT. (DRAFTED BY PERITO:HR)CARMEN BT #5746 NNNN

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MESSAGE / ANNOTATION: USIA

FOR: STATE/EA/J, STATE/PM; TREASURY/IMA; NSC; USIA FOR EA

E.O. 12356: N/A SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT, JUNE 19, 1985

(A) TWA HIJACKING INCIDENT

(B) TOKYO DAILIES GAVE PROMINENT INSIDE-PAGE COVERAGE WEDNESDAY MORNING TO CORRESPONDENT REPORTS ON THE TWA HIJACKING INCIDENT. THE REPORTS DEALT WITH THE MOVES OF THE SHIITE MUSLIMS WHO HAVE TAKEN CUSTODY OF THE AMERICAN HOSTAGES.

TV ALSO REPORTED IN THEIR NOON NEWS PROGRAMS ON THE HIJACKING INCIDENT WITH ATTENTION FOCUSING ON PRESIDENT REAGAN'S NEWS CONFERENCE.

(C) "SHIITE MUSLIMS EMPHASIZING IDENTITY" (YOMIURI)
"AMAL TRYING TO REGAIN PRESTIGE" (MAINICHI)
"ISRAEL FACING DIFFICULTIES" (ASAHI)

(D) 1. THE MODERATE YOMIURI'S CAIRO CORRESPONDENT FUJIMOTO SAID, "NABIN BERRI, WHO IS THE HEAD OF THE SHIITE AMAL MILITIA HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE TWA HOSTAGES ARE IN THE AMAL'S CUSTODY."

"IT COULD BE SAID THAT THE AIM OF THE AMAL IS TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR IDENTITY AND POWER OF THE SHIITE FACTION"..."

"IF THIS IS THE CASE, IT IS UNAVOIDABLE FOR SETTLEMENT OF THE HIJACKING INCIDENT TO BE PROLONGED"

2. THE LIBERAL MAINICHI'S CAIRO CORRESPONDENT KANDO REPORTED THAT "IN THE RECENT FIGHTING BETWEEN THE AMAL MILITIA AND THE PALESTINIANS IN LEBANON, LIBYA AND IRAN WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY SUPPORTED THE AMAL, SWITCHED TO CRITICISM OF THE SHIITE GROUP."

"FEELING A SENSE OF DANGER, THE AMAL RESORTED TO A BOLD STEP OF HIJACKING A U.S. PLANE."

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ISRAEL, IT SEEMS THAT THE AMAL PLANNED TO REGAIN THE GROUP'S INDEPENDENCE."

3. THE LIBERAL ASAHI'S CAIRO CORRESPONDENT KAWAKAMI SAID, "ISRAEL HAS BEEN PLACED IN A DIFFICULT POSITION BECAUSE IT IS CAUGHT BETWEEN THE HIJACKERS AND THE U.S."

"ISRAEL'S STAND IS NOT TO MOVE UNTIL IT RECEIVES WORD FROM THE U.S."

"BUT THE U.S. BELIEVES THAT THE RELEASE OF THE SHIITE PRISONERS SHOULD BE LEFT IN THE HANDS OF ISRAEL (ACCORDING TO PRESIDENT REAGAN)."

"ISRAEL HAS TAKEN A FIRM STAND IN THE PAST OF NOT MAKING ANY CONCESSIONS TO TERRORISTS. BUT IN THIS CASE, THE LIVES OF CITIZENS OF THE U.S. WHICH PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE IS AT STAKE." 4. NHK-TV, TBS-TV AND FUJI-TV GAVE MODERATE COVERAGE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN'S NEWS CONFERENCE.

FUJI-TV CORRESPONDENT TANAKA SAID, "THE QUESTIONS NATURALLY FOCUSED ON THE TWA HIJACKING INCIDENT." ALL NETWORKS EMPHASIZED THAT "THE PRESIDENT STATED THAT THE U.S. WILL NOT GIVE IN TO TERRORISTS AND THAT TOP BT #2499 NNNN PAGE 1 - 84

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E.O. 12356: N/A SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT, JUNE 19, 1985

PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE SAFE RETURN OF THE HOSTAGES."

NHK-TV CORRESPONDENT HIDAKA SAID, "PRESIDENT REAGAN INDICATED AMERICA'S BASIC STAND OF TAKING A STRONG POSTURE AGAINST TERRORISTS." THE CORRESPONDENT NOTED THAT REAGAN STATED THAT "THE U.S. IS MAKING UTMOST EFFORTS TO GATHER INFORMATION ON THE HOSTAGES AND HAS COLLECTED CONSIDERABLE EVIDENCE BUT THE PRESIDENT STATED HE COULD NOT GO BEYOND THAT POINT."

HIDAKA SAID, "THE PRESIDENT GAVE PRIORITY TO RESCUING THE HOSTAGES AND DID NOT CLARIFY RETALIATORY MEASURES AGAINST THE HIJACKERS."

BUT A SENIOR OFFICIAL OF THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION STATED THAT THE BASIC POSTURE OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S TOUGH STAND AGAINST TERRORISTS FACES A TEST AS A RESULT OF THE TWA INCIDENT." THE CORRESPONDENT SAID, "THE OFFICIAL INDICATED THAT "THE U.S. HAS BEEN DRIVEN INTO A CORNER ON CONSIDERING WHETHER SOME FORM OF MILITARY OR POLITICAL MEASURES SHOULD BE TAKEN TO RETAILIATE AGAINST TERRORISTS." INMAN, ACTING BT

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