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E.O. 12356: NA  
TAGS: PTER, CASC, EAIR, LE  
SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATION IN SUPPORT OF HIJACKERS

REF: FOULON/TASK FORCE TACSAT TELCON 6/21

1. JUNE 22 BEIRUT PRESS OFFERS FURTHER DETAILS ON JUNE 21 AIRPORT DEMONSTRATION BY SHIA YOUTHS IN SUPPORT OF TWA HIJACKERS. ACCORDING TO THESE REPORTS, A CROWD ESTIMATED AT BETWEEN 700 "DAILY STAR" AND 5,000 ("AS-SAFIR") MARCHED AT 1530 LOCAL FROM THE PROPHET'S MOSQUE IN THE SOUTHERN SUBURBS TO THE AIRPORT. UP TO HALF THE MARCHERS WERE ESCORTED BY THREE CARLOADS OF GUNMEN TO WITHIN 600 METERS OF THE AIRCRAFT. OTHER GUNMEN SEALED OFF THE AIRCRAFT FROM THE CROWD. THREE HOODED HIJACKERS AND A NUMBER OF SHIA CLERIC'S MOUNTED AN IMPROVISED STAGE, AND AT LEAST ONE HIJACKER AND ONE CLERIC HARANGUED THE CROWD FOR APPROX THIRTY MINUTES. THE CROWD THEN DISPERSED TO THE SOUTHERN SUBURBS.

2. THE CROWD, CARRYING SIGNS, BANNERS, AND POSTERS OF KHOMEINI, REPORTEDLY CHANTED "DEATH TO AMERICA, DEATH TO REAGAN, DEATH TO ISRAEL." A PHOTO IN THE "DAILY STAR" SHOWS A SIGN READING "WE ARE SEEKING MARTYRDOM WELCOME AMERICA." DEMONSTRATORS ALSO REPORTEDLY BURNED AN AMERICAN FLAG. ONE HIJACKER AND ONE CLERGYMAN (REPORTEDLY SHAYKH ZUHAIR KINJAH) HARANGUED THE CROWD WITH INFLAMMATORY ANTI-AMERICAN

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RHETORIC FOR THIRTY MINUTES, ELICITING RESPONSES OF  
"ALLAHU AKBAR," BEFORE THE CROWD DISPERSED.

3. THE DEMONSTRATION TOOK PLACE DURING A PERIOD  
WITHOUT HEAVILY SCHEDULED AIRPORT TRAFFIC. AS A  
RESULT, AIRPORT ASSISTANT MANAGER REPORTED, AIRPORT  
OPERATIONS WERE NOT SERIOUSLY HAMPERED.

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TAGS: CASC, PTER, EAIR, FR, SA  
EUBJECT: ASSISTANCE FOR PASEENGERS ON HIJACKED  
TWA 847 FLIGHT - SAMMIE D. PALMER

REF: (A) PARIS 25611 (B) DHAHRAN 1393  
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1. POST WISHES TG THANK PARIS FOR REF A. WE ARE  
ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT SAUDI MARCO USING THE TELEPHONE  
NUMBER PROVIDED. EDDY  
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E.O. 12356: N/A  
TAGS: CASC, EAIR, PTER, PREL, US, GR  
SUBJECT: GOG OFFICIAL ASSERTS WEAPONS USED IN  
- TWA HIJACKING WERE PRE-POSITIONED  
- ON PLANE

1. SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC ORDER COSTAS TSIMAS REPORTEDLY TOLD HIS EC COLLEAGUES IN ROME JUNE 21 THAT THE PISTOL AND HAND GRENADES USED BY THE HIJACKERS OF TWA 847 WERE ALREADY ON THE PLANE WHEN THEY BOARDED. ACCORDING TO THE SEMI-OFFICIAL "ATHENS NEWS AGENCY" (ANA), TSIMAS, IN ROME FOR A MEETING OF EC JUSTICE AND INTERIOR MINISTERS, SAID THAT THE ARMS WERE HIDDEN IN MEAL CONTAINERS, IMPLYING THEY HAD BEEN SMUGGLED ABOARD IN CAIRO. THE ANA NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT TSIMAS DID NOT BLAME EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES.

2. THE TWA STATEMENT FROM NEW YORK JUNE 21 THAT IT WOULD CONTINUE ITS FLIGHTS TO ATHENS AND THAT IT BELIEVED SECURITY MEASURES IN GREECE CONFORM TO U.S. SPECIFICATIONS WAS WIDELY

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