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- 2. SOUHEIL RACHED, VISNEWS AND NBC REPRESENTATIVE. STOPPED BY AT DCM'S RESIDENCE MARCH 15 TO FLOAT A SUGGESTION FOR PLO (ABU LYAD) EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE U.S. HOSTAGES AND TO REPORT HIS IMMINENT DEPARTURE FOR BEIRUT.
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HIZBALLAH, CLOSE TO THE LEADERSHIP AND WITH LONG-STANDING TIES TO ABU LYAD, HAD EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN BREAKING THE IMPASSE ON THE U.S. HOSTAGES. THEY (NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED) WERE LOOKING FOR A FORMULA AND HAD SUGGESTED WORKING THROUGH ABU IYAD. LATTER WAS WILLING TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE. IN VIEW OF HIGH-LEVEL CONNECTIONS IN KUWAIT. ABU IYAD COULD EXERT EFFORTS WITH THE GOK TO OBTAIN RELEASE OF THE DA' WA PRISONERS. HE WOULD ALSO BE WILLING TO PASS ON ANY INFORMATION HE WAS ABLE TO OBTAIN ON WELFARE OF THE HOSTAGES, ACCORDING TO RACHED. COMMENTED THAT USG WOULD DOUBTLESS HAVE SEVERE PROBLEMS WITH (A) DEALINGS WITH PLO AND (B) PRESSURES ON GOK TO RELEASE DA'WA PRISONERS. RACHED ADDED THAT U.S. CONTACTS WITH ABU IYAD COULD BE KEPT FULLY CONFIDENTIAL. AND ALLUDED TO "RUMORS OF PRE-VIOUS CONTACTS." ABU IYAD WOULD BE IN KUWAIT WEEK OF MARCH 17 AND COULD BE CONTACTED AT HIS HOUSE THERE.

- 4. RACHED PLANNED TO DEPART AGAIN FOR BEIRUT WITHOUT DELAY. HE NOTED HE HAD ARRANGED FOR THE RECENT VIDEO TAPE OF FRENCH HOSTAGES. HE WOULD AGAIN TRY FOR ACCESS TO THE AMERICANS. HE COMPLAINED, HOWEVER, THAT ACCESS HAD BECOME MUCH MORE PROBLEMATICAL, IN VIEW OF THE PRECEDENT OF "MONEY HAVING CHANGED HANDS." NOT ONLY HAD THE PLO PAID MONEY FOR THE SOVIET HOSTAGES, BUT CNN HAD PROVIDED A LARGE SUM FOR THE RELEASE OF LEVIN. "MONEY COULD WORK FOR THE AMERICANS," HE COMMENTED. DCM NOTED USG OPPOSED BRIBES, WHICH INTER ALIA WOULD LIKELY LEAD TO FURTHER KIDNAPPING BY HIZBALLAH.
- 5. ASKED WHETHER THERE WERE ANY FURTHER INDICATIONS AS TO WHEREABOUTS OF U.S. HOSTAGES AND WHETHER THEY

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MIGHT HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO IRAN (REFTEL A), RACHED SAID HE HAD NO RPT NO NEW INFORMATION.

ON OTHER SUBJECTS, RACHED SAID HIS PROJECTED INTERVIEW WITH ABU ABBAS WAS PRETTY WELL SET AND HE CONTEMPLATED GOING TO BAGHDAD SOON FOR THAT PURPOSE. HE THOUGHT ABU ABBAS WOULD RESUME "MILITARY ACTIVITY" IN THE NEAR FUTURE. MEANWHILE. AN INTERVIEW WITH ABU NIDHAL WAS PROVING MORE DIFFICULT. (SEE SEPTEL ON RACHED'S PROBLEMS WITH INS ON ENTERING THE U.S. RECENTLY - REFTEL B)

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SUBJECT: HOSTAGES: MEETING WITH DR. RA' AD

REF: A) GLASPIE-WINN TELECON 3/22, B) STATE 89159

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2. SUMMARY: DR. RA'AD IS CERTAIN THAT AT LEAST TWO
U.S. HOSTAGES ARE BEING HELD IN PRIVATE HOMES IN BIQA'
VILLAGE OF BRITAL (BELOW, PARA 8). HE SAID THAT HE
WAS SENT ON HIS MISSION WITH SPECIFIC NEGOTIATING VILIAGE OF BRITAL (BELOW, PARA 8). HE SAID THAT HE WAS SENT ON HIS MISSION WITH SPECIFIC NEGOTIATING POINTS BY THE GOF BUT WAS SABOTAGED BY THE SOCIALISTS FOR POLITICAL REASONS. HOSTAGE CAPTORS ARE DEMANDING THE RELEASE OF KUWAIT DAWA PRISONERS FOR U.S. HOSTAGES, AND BELIEVE U.S. HAS INFLUENCE WITH KUWAITIS. CAPTORS DO NOT, HOWEVER, EXPECT U.S. TO PRESS KUWAITIS, AND IN GENERAL APPEAR TO HAVE LOST MUCH OF THEIR ANTI-AMERICAN ZEAL, PARTICULARLY WITH THE CURRENT FOCUS BEING ON THE ERENCH. RA'AD CAUTIONS AGAINST NEGOTIATING, WITH THE ONLY POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS BEING EITHER A COMMANDO RAID OR, MORE PRODUCTIVELY, "HUMANITARIAN" AID (OR SIMPLE CASH) TO BUY OFF" THE CAPTORS. HE OBSERVED THE BEGINNINGS OF A RIFT BETWEEN FANATIC MULLAHS AND THE MORE MODERATE "COMMON PEOPLE" WHO MAY BE TIRING OF HOSTAGE AFFAIR. HE CLAIMS TO HAVE CEASED HIS INVOLVEMENT IN HOSTAGE CRISIS. WE TAKE MANY OF HIS REMARKS TO BE SELF-SERVING, BUT RESERVE JUDGMENT AS TO HIS FUTURE UTILITY, SINCE HE IS A MEMBER OF CHIRAC'S RPR AND COULD BE ASKED TO SERVE IN A FUTURE HOSTAGE—RELATED TASK. END SUMMARY.

DR. RAZAH RA' AD AND WIFE LUNCHED EN FAMILLE AT HOME OF EMBOFF MARCH 22, APPARENTLY HAVING MADE THE 240 MILE ROUND-TRIP DRIVE TO PARIS SOLELY FOR THE MEETING. ALTHOUGH REFTEL B WAS NOT BROUGHT TO EMBOFF'S ATTENTION UNTIL MARCH 24, REF TELECON WAS

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4. RA AD IMMEDIATELY LAUNCHED INTO A DENUNCIATION OF GOF, PARTICULARLY THE SOCIALISTS, FOR HAVING "USED" HIM+-IN THE END, UNDERMINING HIS CREDIBILITY AND BRINGING THREATS UPON HIS FAMILY. HE HAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE WHOLE AFFAIR. (COMMENT: UNLIKELY, ALTHOUGH HE PROBABLY WILL NOT RETURN TO LEBANON SOON. RA'AD IS TOO MUCH OF A PUBLICITY SEEKER. WE NOTE THAT ON MARCH 23 HE RECEIVED THE KAUFFMAN FAMILY AT HIS HOME.) BEFORE GOING TO BEIRUT, HE HAD BEEN ASKED BY GOF TO PRESENT SPECIFIC TERMS TO THE CAPTORS. DUMAS PERSONALLY OUTLINED THESE TO RA'AD AS 1) RELEASE OF BAKHTIARCIDE LEADER ANIS NACACHE IMMEDIATELY (I.E., BEFORE THE ELECTIONS) ON MEDICAL GROUNDS (WHICH RA'AD TERMED PHONY), FOLLOWED BY 2) RELEASE OF THE OTHER BAKHTIARCIDES OVER A TWO-YEAR PERIOD, WITH ALL TO BE GUARANTEED BY THE SYRIANS. RA'AD SAID THAT DUMAS HAD CAUTIONED HIM NOT TO REVEAL THESE TERMS IN HIS DISCUSSION WITH QUAI DEPUTY SYG BOIDEVAIX BEFORE TRAVELLING TO DAMASCUS--APPARENTLY, SAID RA'AD, BECAUSE OF POLITICAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SOCIALIST DUMAS AND THE CHIRAC SUPPORTER BOIDEVAIX.

5. RA' AD SAID THAT SUCH ELECTORAL CONSIDERATIONS LAY BEHIND THE CONFUSION OF HIS MISSION. THUS, PUBLIC ACCUSATIONS BY SYRIAN 'UMRAN ADHAM THAT RA' AD WAS NOT ACTING AT THE BEHEST OF THE GOF IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH CAPTORS WERE ORCHESTRATED BY THE SOCIALISTS--AT THE SAME TIME, SAID RA' AD, AS FRENCH OFFICIALS FROM PARIS AND FRENCH EMBASSY DAMASCUS WERE IN AND OUT OF RA' AD'S HOTEL ROOM GOING OVER EACH DETAIL OF HIS NEGOTIATING BRIEF. IN THIS CONTEXT, RA' AD EXPRESSED DISMAY THAT FORMER FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN DAMASCUS HENRI SERVANT, NOW A ROVING AMBASSADOR AT THE QUAI FOR

THE MIDDLE EAST, WILL HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE HOSTAGE DOSSIER, SINCE, SAID RA'AD, SERVANT IS HOPELESSLY ENAMOURED OF THE FALSE THEORY THAT CONTINUED

NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CAPTORS, THROUGH THE SYRIANS AND IRANIANS, WILL LEAD TO A RELEASE. (COMMENT: RA'AD IS HIMSELF A CHIRAC/RPR SUPPORTER, AND HIS CLAIMS OF POLITICAL MANIPULATION, WHILE PLAUSIBLE, ARE PROBABLY EXAGGERATED.)

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6. IN THE EVENT, SAID RA'AD, THE CAPTORS ACCEPTED THE FRENCH TERMS IN PRINCIPLE, BUT INSISTED THAT A SYRIAN GUARANTEE BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN IRANIAN ONE. RA'AD ADDED THAT HE HAD NO IDEA HOW FAR GOF EMISSARY ERIC ROULEAU HAD GOTTEN ALONG THESE LINES IN TEHRAN, BUT HE ASSUMED THAT ROULEAU HAD FAILED. IN ANY CASE, WHOLE NOTION OF NEGOTIATING IS DOOMED TO FAILURE, SINCE CAPTORS ARE INTERESTED ONLY IN UPPING THE ANTE EACH TIME. IN THIS REGARD, SAID RA'AD THE U.S. APPROACH OF NOT NEGOTIATING IS THE ONLY POSSIBLE ONE. OTHER SOLUTIONS TO THE HOSTAGE AFFAIR CAN ONLY LIE WITH A MILITARY COMMANDO-TYPE OPERATION, OR BUYING OFF THE CAPTORS WITH "HUMANITARIAN" AID OR HARD CASH. ASKED DIRECTLY, RA'AD SAID THAT CONTRARY TO FRENCH BELIEF, THE SYRIANS CANNOT DICTATE TO THE CAPTORS, "BUT THE IRANIANS CAN."

7. ASKED, IF HE BELIEVED THIS, WHY HE HAD AGREED TO ACT AS A GO-BETWEEN (PARTICULARLY SINCE IN HIS JANUARY CONVERSATION HE HAD EXPRESSED UNWILLINGNESS TO APPEAR AS AN OFFICIAL INTERMEDIARY), RA'AD REPLIED ONLY THAT HE HAD DONE SO RELUCTANTLY AS A PATRIOTIC DUTY. HIS MISGIVINGS HAD BEEN BORNE OUT. HE HOPED THAT THE CHIRAC PEOPLE WILL BE FIRMER.

AMERICANS: LOCATIONS AND CAPTORS' ATTITUDES

8. RA'AD SAID AT LEAST TWO AMERICANS ARE IN VILLAGE OF BRITAL. HE HAD GONE THERE ON HIS LATEST VISIT, AND HAD BEEN TOLD BY "THE SCHOOL MISTRESS" THAT HER STUDENTS HAD OFTEN TOLD HER THAT TWO FOREIGNERS, WHICH SHE TOOK TO BE AMERICANS FOR REASONS UNCLEAR, WERE BEING HELD IN VARIOUS PRIVATE HOMES. RA'AD SAID THAT THE CITIZENS OF BRITAL HAD SENT A PETITION TO FADLALLAH EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR HIS MISSION AND URGING RELEASE OF HOSTAGES. RA'AD ALSO CORRECTED HIS EARLIER ACCOUNT OF A SHAYKH WHOSE SON WAS IN PRISON IN NEW YORK ON DRUG CHARGES BY POINTING OUT THAT THE

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PRISONER IS THE SON OF A PROMINENT MERCHANT NAMED TAMER (ACCENT ON SECOND SYLLABLE). ASKED WHY HE DID NOT PURSUE ISSUE WITH TAMER IN LIGHT OF US INTEREST, RA'AD SAID THAT "TOO MANY PEOPLE" WERE CONSTANTLY AROUND HIM (RA'AD) TO TALK PRIVATELY. HE WAS LUCKY, HE SAID, TO GET THE TIP FROM THE SCHOOL MISTRESS. RA'AD SAID HE THOUGHT THAT THE OTHER TWO U.S. HOSTAGES WERE BEING TRANFERRED BETWEEN THE BEIRUT SUBURBS AT.D THE BIQA'--POSSIBLY NABSHIT, MUSAWI'S HOME VILLAGE. IN ANY CASE, HE SAID, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE PEOPLE OF BRITAL HAVE HAD ENOUGH OF THE AFFAIR, "AND CAN BE BOUGHT."

- 9. RA'AD OBSERVED THAT THE CAPTORS' ATTITUDES TOWARD THE U.S. HAD BECOME LESS VIRULENT: EXCORIATIONS AGAINST THE AMERICANS AND ISRAELIS HAD NOW BECOME RITUAL INCANTATIONS WITH LITTLE EMOTION. COMMON PEOPLE IN THE BEIRUT SUBURBS, FOR EXAMPLE, CLAPPED HIM ON THE BACK AND WISHED HIM SUCCESS ON HIS MISSION OF GAINING HOSTAGES' RELEASE. (NOTE: WE TAKE THIS ASSERTION WITH A GRAIN A SALT.) THE CAPTORS THEMSELVES HAVE REALIZED THAT THE U.S. WILL NOT DEAL, AND HAVE NOT ADDED TO THEIR DEMAND FOR RELEASE OF KUWAIT PRISONERS--ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE VIRTUALLY NO HOPE THAT THIS DEMAND WILL BE MET. CAPTORS BELIEVE THAT U.S. HAS INFLUENCE WITH KUWAITIS. BUT WILL NOT USE IT. BASICALLY, HOWEVER, CAPTORS' INTEREST REVOLVED AROUND THE FRENCH HOSTAGES, "SINCE THEY SMELL BLOOD WITH THE FRENCH."
- 10. RA'AD PHILOSOPHIZED THAT THE FRENCH DO NOT UNDERSTAND THAT THEY ARE DEALING WITH "ANIMALS" WHO

HAVE NO REAL INTEREST IN THEIR DEMANDS BEING MET. THE GOAL IS TO HUMILIATE. THEY WERE STILL LAUGHING ABOUT HAVING GOTTEN MONEY FROM TERRY WAITE. BUT THEY "ARE GETTING TIRED"--PERHAPS UNDER SYRIAN PRESSURE, PERHAPS BECAUSE OF LACK OF MONEY. EVEN THE MULLAHS ARE FEELING THE HEAT; ONE HEARS CONDEMNATIONS OF HOSTAGE-TAKING IN THE FRIDAY PRAYERS. UNLIKE BEFORE, RA'AD'S INTERLOCUTORS DENIED THAT THEY WERE ACTUALLY HOLDING THE HOSTAGES, BUT RATHER, CLAIMED TO BE IN CONTACT WITH THOSE WHO WERE (SUGGESTING, SAID RA'AD, SOME EMBARRASSMENT ABOUT BEING LABELED A CAPTOR).

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11. RA' AD SAID HE DEALT DIRECTLY WITH HUSSEIN AL-AMINE AND ZUHAIR AL-KANJ IN BIR AL-'ABID, WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS RELIGIOUS LEADERS, AND WITH HASSAN (?) NASRALLAH, A MUCH MORE POWERFUL MILITARY HIZBALLAH CHIEF. THESE. AND OTHERS, WERE "THE SAME ONES" HE DEALT WITH ON PREVIOUS VISITS. RA'AD NOTED THAT THE SECURITY TYPES LIKE NASRALLAH SEEMED TO BE ABLE TO INTIMIDATE THE RELIGIOUS FIGURES. HE ALSO VISITED FADLALLAH, WHO AS USUAL RITUALLY DENIED INVOLVEMENT IN HOSTAGE AFFAIR. (RA' AD, HOWEVER, IS CERTAIN THAT FADLALLAH IS FULLY INVOLVED IN HOLDING THE HOSTAGES.)

- 12. IN BA'LABAKK, RA'AD SPOKE WITH HUSSAYN MUSAWI AND SUBHI TUFAYLI. MUSAWI, "AN OBVIOUS MENTAL CASE," IS A TRUE FANATIC--BY HIS OWN ACCOUNT, INDIFFERENT TO THE NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO DIE IN SUICIDE ATTACKS, "SINCE HAVE LARGE FAMILY, AND WHAT ARE FOUR OR FIVE DEAD?" "SINCE I MUSAWI SHOWED RA'AD A BAG FULL OF PETITIONS ALLEGEDLY MAILED TO HIM FROM AMERICAN SCHOOL CHILDREN SEEKING HIS HELP IN THE HOSTAGE AFFAIR. HE DESCRIBED TUFAYLI, EYES HIDDEN BEHIND OPAQUE GLASSES, AS THE MOST FRIGHTENING CHARACTER HE HAS ENCOUNTERED IN LEBANON. (RA' AD CITED THESE TYPES AS EVIDENCE OF A GROWING RIFT BETWEEN AN INCREASINGLY DERANGED EXTREMIST LEADERSHIP, AND A BROADER SHIA POPULATION WHICH IS COMPARATIVELY MODERATE AND QUIETLY SEEKING A SOLUTION.)
- 13. QUESTIONED REPEATEDLY, RA'AD COULD PROVIDE NO FURTHER DETAILS. HE NOTED THAT HE WAS IN LEBANON ONLY A SHORT TIME ON HIS LATEST VISIT.
- "INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION" FOR THE HOSTAGES
- 14. RA'AD SPENT MUCH TIME URGING THE CREATION OF SOME SORT OF NEUTRAL ORGANIZATION WHICH COULD INTERVENE IN

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A HUMANITARIAN MANNER ON BEHALF OF THE HOSTAGES. ONLY IN THIS WAY, HE SAID, CAN "THE PEOPLE" BE SEPARATED FROM THE FANATICS.

OTHER POINTS

15. -- RA'AD IS CONVINCED THAT THE SYRIANS PICKED UP THE ANTENNE 2 TV CREW, IN ORDER LATER TO RELEASE THEM AND THEREBY DEMONSTRATE THEIR INFLUENCE IN LEBANON. HIS INTERLOCUTORS IN BEIRUT ALSO HELD TO THIS THEORY. HE SAID THAT HIZBALLAH WOULD NOT HAVE CAPTURED THE TEAM NEAR THE CITE SPORTIF, AND THAT ONLY A SYRIAN-SPONSORED GROUP COULD HAVE DONE SO.

THE BELIEVES THAT THE FRENCH HOSTAGES ARE IN THE BIQA', SINCE WHEN IN BEIRUT HE WOULD REQUEST A LETTER OR PHOTO, HE COULD HEAR HIS INTERLOCUTORS ARGUING AMONG THEMSELVES THAT THIS WOULD REQUIRE A THREE-HOUR DRIVE. ALEX COLLETTE IS IN THE SOUTH, HELD BY PALESTINIANS.

-- MRS. SEURAT'S FIRST HUSBAND WAS PALESTINIAN.
THIS, COMBINED WITH SEURAT'S KNOWLEDGE OF THINGS ARAB,
MADE HIM SUSPECT, AND LED TO HIS KILLING. MRS. SEURAT
KNOWS "A SISTER OR COUSIN" OF IMAD MUGHNIYAH
PERSONALLY, AS SHE POINTED OUT IN A LETTER (WHICH
RA'AD SOMEHOW SAW) WHICH SHE MANAGED TO PASS TO HER
HUSBAND.

-- RA'AD ESTIMATES THE HIZBALLAH SECURITY FORCE AT AROUND 700 PERSONS. --RA'AD LOOKED BLANK WHEN ASKED ABOUT NAMES OF GUARDS WHO WANTED TO STUDY IN EUROPE, AND EVEN DENIED THAT HE HAD MENTIONED THEM IN TV INTERVIEWS.

16. COMMENT: RA' AD WAS IRRITATINGLY MORE CONCERNED ABOUT HIS OWN POOR SHOWING IN THE WHOLE HOSTAGE AFFAIR THAN WITH PROVIDING USEFUL INFORMATION ON THE U.S. HOSTAGES. WE BELIEVE THAT HE IS WELL-MEANING IN A VAGUE SENSE, BUT OBVIOUSLY HAS HIS EYE ON THE MAIN CHANCE. AS OF NOW, HE IS BURNED OUT, AND APPEARS SINCERE IN HIS DESIRE NOT TO RETURN TO LEBANON. GIVEN HIS CHIRAC/RPR TIES, HOWEVER, HE COULD BE CALLED UPON BY THE GOVERNMENT IN THE FUTURE. WE WILL THEREFORE BT

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BRITISH ENVOY MEETS SOUTH LEBANESE MOSLEM LEADER

SIDON, LEBANON, MARCH 30, REUTER - BRITAIN'S AMBASSADOR TO LEBANON, JOHN GRAY, HAS HAD TALKS WITH SOUTH LEBANESE SUNNI MOSLEM LEADER MUSTAFA SAAD ABOUT KIDNAPPED BRITISH JOURNALIST ALEC COLLETT, SOURCES CLOSE TO SAAD SAID TODAY.

THE BRITISH EMBASSY CONFIRMED A MEETING TOOK PLACE YESTERDAY BUT WOULD NOT COMMENT FURTHER.

A TELEPHONE CALLER TO AN INTERNATIONAL NEWS AGENCY IN BEIRUT, APPARENTLY REPRESENTING COLLETT'S CAPTORS, SAID ON TUESDAY THEY HAD ASKED SAAD TO GIVE GRAY TERMS FOR THE BRITON'S RELEASE.

THE CALLER, CLAIMING TO REPRESENT THE ""REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATION OF SOCIALIST MOSLEMS"", SAID COLLETT, A 64-YEAR-OLD DIABETIC, WAS ""DANGEROUSLY ILL"" WITH KIDNEY DISEASE.

THE GROUP HAS PREVIOUSLY SAID IT WILL EXCHANGE COLLETT FOR ARABS JAILED IN BRITAIN.

LAST WEEK'S CALLER SAID COLLETT'S ILLNESS WOULD BE ATTENDED TO IF BRITAIN SENT SUPPLIES FOR KIDNEY DISEASE TREATMENT TO LEBANON AND THEY WERE DISTRIBUTED TO HOSPITALS IN THE SOUTH.

COLLETT, ONE OF 18 FOREIGNERS MISSING AND BELIEVED KIDNAPPED IN LEBANON, WAS SEIZED BY GUNMEN NEAR BEIRUT A YEAR AGO WHILE ON A WRITING ASSIGNMENT FOR THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINIAN REFUGEES.

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