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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Ollie,

11/1

Please provide the  
attached papers to Green  
or Nemmy and tell them  
we would like to discuss  
in London.

J

Jane 11/1 |  
Florence,

Make copies of  
Tabs I and II  
and send to Ollie  
with my note.

Put file in trip  
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SITUATION ROOM NOTE - RE: SHIAS

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SITUATION ROOM NOTE

October 23, 1984

~~SECRET~~Iran Reportedly Expanding Terrorist Capability

B2 Our [REDACTED] in Beirut has procured a document which his source claims to be an outline of discussion points made during a June meeting in Iran that was attended by Iranian military, religious and revolutionary guard leaders. According to the document, Minister of Guidance Mohamed Khatemi called the meeting, in the name of Khomeini, to announce the formation of a brigade-size military strike force to carry out terrorist attacks against anti-Islamic regimes. Khatemi added that some units have already been formed and have started operations in Lebanon.

- o The force is to have an overall strength of 1,000-1,500, but will be composed of suicide units of 10-20 men.
- o With the assistance of the Iranian military and foreign ministry, the force is to have the ability to conduct operations on land, sea or in the air.
- o The force will be directed against Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, the Emirates, Jordan, France, and other countries opposing the Iranian revolution.

B2 Our [REDACTED] comments that if this document is genuine, Iran obviously plans to expand its terrorist operations. (S)

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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November 7, 1984

MEMORANDUM

TO: NSC - Rear Admiral John Poindexter

FROM: M/CTP - Robert B. Oakley *RO*

SUBJECT: Trip to London and Paris

The principal purpose of the trip to London is to continue the contacts you have already made and reinforce the cooperation between our two governments in the struggle against terrorism. Several USG agencies, most notably the CIA, have provided papers and expertise with which you can demonstrate concretely our desire and our ability to more than hold up our side of this long-term cooperative endeavor. The same holds true for the visit to Paris, although it will be mainly an exploratory mission to see whether your high-level discussions can unblock the way for more fruitful, systematic cooperation, particularly between our intelligence services.

For the UK, we have prepared several papers on topics of special interest to them: Iranian Terrorism, Middle East/Palestinian Terrorism and the Threat to the UK, Terrorist Arms Supplies and Suppliers, Soviet Involvement in Terrorism, Dangers of Terrorist Attack from the Air, and the IRA (separate papers by FBI, Treasury, and CIA). In addition, a four-man technical team arrives on November 13 for three-days of talks on long-delay bombs. We also have an additional item for future technical exchanges, a warning against air attacks (RAID). Advance copies of these papers will be made available to the UK Embassy here on November 9, so that your interlocutors can scan them on November 12, or we can hold them for you to present personally on November 13. The UK may also wish to discuss with you the possibilities for broader multinational cooperation and will want to settle the outstanding question of Western European sanctions against Afghan Ariana Airways and discuss ways to revitalize the Bonn Declaration on hijacking. The schedule and agenda for London is at Tab A.

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For France, we have revised versions of some of the papers prepared for the UK, with a special French plant. You should give these papers personally to Saulnier on November 14. The French will be much more interested in what at least appears to be bilateral, exclusive cooperation on a very discrete basis, with us taking due account of their special sensitivities. Embassy Paris has sent a cable with a schedule which is at Tab B. A suggested agenda for Paris is at Tab C. A background paper on French policies and attitudes is attached at Tab D.

I have prepared some suggested talking points on specific topics for London and Paris. They are at Tab E.

Attachment:

- Tab A - Schedule and Agenda for London
- Tab B - Schedule for Paris
- Tab C - Suggested Agenda for Paris
- Tab D - French Policies and Attitudes
- Tab E - Suggested Talking Points

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E. O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
TAGS: UK, PTER, OVIP (POINDEXTER, OAKLEY, NORTH)  
SUBJECT: LONDON SCHEDULE FOR DEPUTY NATIONAL SECURITY  
ADVISOR

1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ ENTIRE TEXT.

2. HERE FOLLOWS LONDON SCHEDULE FOR ADMIRAL POINDEXTER,  
AMBASSADOR OAKLEY, AND LT COL NORTH:

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13  
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- 0905 ARRIVE HEATHROW ON PA 106. WILL BE MET  
- BY CONTROL OFFICER, POLOFF HUGH M.  
- NEIGHBOUR, TEL. 499-9000, EXT. 2143  
- (OFFICE), 286-7145 (HOME)

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- 1045 MEETING WITH DAVID GOODALL, DEPUTY UNDER  
- SECRETARY OF STATE, AND OTHERS, AT FCO  
- WHITEHALL
  
- 1300 LUNCHEON HOSTED BY GOODALL AT TRAVELLERS  
- CLUB, PALL MALL
  
- 1515 MEETINGS AT CABINET OFFICES, CHAIRED BY  
- BRIAN CARTLEDGE
  
- 1715 MEETING WITH SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG,  
- SECRETARY TO THE CABINET, CABINET  
- OFFICES. EMBASSY DRIVER WILL BE  
- WAITING AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE CABINET  
- OFFICES OPPOSITE THE MOD
  
- 1800 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR CHARLES PRICE,  
- EMBASSY
- 1830 DEPART FOR AIRPORT
  
- 2040 DEPART FOR PARIS ON AF 821

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE WHITEHALL APPOINTMENTS HAVE BEEN CLEARED BETWEEN THE NSC AND M/CT AND THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

4. VADM M. STASER HOLCOMB, DEPUTY CINCUSNAVEUR, HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN A BRIEF MEETING WITH POINDEXTER AT THE US NAVY HEADQUARTERS ON GROSVENOR SQUARE. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF POINDEXTER'S TIGHT SCHEDULE, IT LOOKS IMPOSSIBLE TO ARRANGE.

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PASS NSC FOR POINDEXTER, STATE FOR M/CT DIRECTOR OAKLEY,  
- LONDON PASS TO POINDEXTER/OAKLEY UPON ARRIVAL

E. O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
TAGS: PREL, PTER, CJAN, FR, US  
SUBJECT: RAISING THE EXTRADITION ISSUE IN PARIS

REFS: (A) STATE 326299, (B) PARIS 42677

1. (S ENTIRE TEXT)

2. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT IN WAKE OF RECENT DIPLOMATIC  
NOTE BY THE USG TO THE FRENCH ON THE EXTRADITION TREATY  
ISSUE (REF A), IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR POINDEXTER AND  
OAKLEY TO BRIEFLY RAISE THAT SUBJECT WHEN THEY MEET WITH  
QUAI SECRETARY GENERAL GUTMANN ON NOVEMBER 14. THIS  
WOULD UNDERLINE HIGH-LEVEL USG INTEREST IN MOVING THE EX-

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TRADITION TREATY NEGOTIATIONS TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION.  
EMBASSY HAS THIS WEEK SENT NOTE TO QUAI AND A HIGH-LEVEL  
REMINDER OF OUR INTEREST IN A PROMPT REPLY WOULD BE  
APPROPRIATE. IT COULD BE STATED THAT, INTER ALIA, THE  
LACK OF A MODERN EXTRADITION TREATY HAS AT TIMES BEEN  
EXPLOITED BY TERRORISTS AND COMMON CRIMINALS TO THE  
DETRIMENT OF BOTH OUR COUNTRIES. SUGGEST "L" (MCGOVERN)  
PROVIDE POINDEXTER PARTY WITH NECESSARY BACKGROUND  
MATERIAL ON NEGOTIATIONS. GALBRAITH  
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SUBJECT: POINDEXTER/OAKLEY TALKS WITH FRENCH ON  
TERRORISM.

REF: STATE 309658

1. (~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. SUMMARY: THE CONSTRUCTIVE NOVEMBER 14 MEETINGS OF  
RADM POINDEXTER AND AMBASSADOR OAKLEY WITH FRENCH  
OFFICIALS ALLOWED THE TWO SIDES TO COMPARE NOTES ON  
TERRORIST THREATS AND ENHANCE THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF

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GOVERNMENTS' ATTITUDES TOWARD THE PROBLEM. FRENCH OFFICIALS WERE, HOWEVER, MORE WILLING TO EXPLAIN THAN TO DEBATE THEIR GOVERNMENT'S CONCEPTION OF TERRORISM. ALTHOUGH THEY REGARD THE LEVEL OF TERRORIST ACTIONS AGAINST FRENCH INTERESTS AS SERIOUS, THEY GAVE NO INDICATION THAT THEY VIEWED THE PROBLEM AS SEVERE ENOUGH TO REQUIRE A NEW POLICY LINE. NOR DID THEY GIVE GROUND IN THEIR CONCEPTION OF TERRORISM AS A SET OF DISTINCT -- AND ULTIMATELY POLITICAL -- PROBLEMS. DESPITE STATISTICAL DATA CITED BY POINDEXTER, GOF OFFICIALS APPEARED UNSWAYED IN THEIR BELIEF THAT FRANCE IS LESS THREATENED THAN THE US BY TERRORISM.

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3. EMBASSY NEVERTHELESS BELIEVES SUCH DIALOGUE WITH FRENCH OFFICIALS ON TERRORISM IS USEFUL AND NECESSARY BOTH TO INFLUENCE ATTITUDES OVER THE LONGER TERM AND TO ENHANCE THE POSSIBILITY OF CONVERGENT VIEWS IN SPECIFIC CRISIS SITUATIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, GOF OFFICIALS DID NOT RULE OUT PRE-EMPTIVE OR PUNITIVE ACTIONS AGAINST TERRORISTS IN CONCERT WITH THE USG IN SPECIFIC CASES, ALTHOUGH UNDOUBTEDLY THEIR STANDARDS OF PROOF AND SENSITIVITY TO POLITICAL CRITICISM WOULD BE HIGH. THE GOF ALSO WELCOMED COOPERATION AMONG COUNTER-TERRORISM EXPERTS ON BOTH SIDES, PARTICULARLY ON TECHNOLOGY TO COUNTER TERRORIST THREATS. WE WOULD WELCOME FURTHER HIGH-LEVEL USG DELEGATIONS IN PARIS TO DISCUSS THE TERRORISM PROBLEM WITH THE FRENCH, AS WELL AS OPPORTUNITIES FOR GOF OFFICIALS TO VISIT THE US FOR THE SAME PURPOSE. ACTION REQUESTED: SEE PARAS 16, 17 AND 18. (NOTE: DELEGATIONS DISCUSSION ON TERRORISM WITH GEN. SAULNIER OF THE ELYSEE WAS RECORDED SEPARATELY BY OLIVER NORTH OF THE NSC).  
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4. MEETING WITH QUAI SECGEN FRANCOIS GUTMANN

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US AND THE FRENCH TO KNOW HOW THE OTHER IS DEALING WITH THE TERRORISM PROBLEM. HE WONDERED WHAT FURTHER ACTIONS WE COULD TAKE TO TRACK TERRORIST GROUPS AS THEY MOVE FROM ONE COUNTRY TO ANOTHER. IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO KEEP BETTER TRACK OF TERRORISTS' IDENTITIES.  
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POINDEXTER ALSO NOTED THAT OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES ABOUT TERRORISM HAVE NOT ALWAYS SHOWN AGREEMENT ABOUT WHAT CAN BE DONE. HE CITED DISAGREEMENT ABOUT TREATMENT OF THE TERRORISM ISSUE AT THE LONDON SUMMIT.

7. MARTIN NOTED THAT FRANCE IS SOMETIMES UNHAPPY WITH TREATING SUCH ISSUES ON A MULTILATERAL BASIS. HE CITED AN EXAMPLE OF INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION ON THE MIDDLE EAST WHICH FRANCE HAD SHARED WITH THE US. SEVERAL DAYS LATER, DIFFERENT REPORTS ON THE SAME SUBJECT REACHED THE FRENCH FROM THE ITALIAN AND

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TURKISH GOVERNMENTS. THE SOURCE OF THIS "NEW" INFORMATION TURNED OUT TO HAVE BEEN THE ORIGINAL FRENCH REPORT, BY NOW MUCH DISTORTED. BUT IT TOOK THE FRENCH SEVERAL DAYS OF DIGGING -- PLUS MUCH TIME AND ENERGY -- TO DISCOVER THIS. GUTMANN SAID THAT IT WOULD MAKE MORE SENSE TO HAVE COORDINATION IN THE FIELD BETWEEN OUR INTELLIGENCE SERVICES (ON A BILATERAL BASIS) TO AVOID SUCH PROBLEMS. BUT FRANCE WAS NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT MEETINGS ON A POLITICAL LEVEL INVOLVING SEVERAL COUNTRIES TRYING TO COORDINATE THEIR ANTI-TERRORISM POLICIES.

8. POINDEXTER ASKED IF GUTMANN AND MARTIN HAD ANY ITS SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. GUTMANN REMARKED THAT FRANCE WAS PERHAPS THE ONLY COUNTRY AS BADLY PLACED AS THE US TO INFLUENCE IRAN. CERTAINLY LITTLE COULD BE DONE TO PREVENT IRAN'S PROSELYTIZING FOR AN ISLAMIC REVOLUTION. HE SAID HE WAS 90 PERCENT CONVINCED THAT THE RELIGIOUS REGIME WOULD ENDURE IN IRAN EVEN AFTER KHOMEINI WAS GONE. GUTMANN QUOTED A REMARK BY SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KORNIYENKO TO THE EFFECT THAT OUTSIDE COUNTRIES WOULD JUST HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL AN IRANIAN LEADER EMERGED WHO WAS CAPABLE OF COHERENT THOUGHT. THERE MAY BE OCCASIONAL CHANCES FOR PREVENTION OR DETERRENCE OF SPECIFIC TERRORIST ACTS, BUT THIS SHOULD BE DONE ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS RATHER THAN THROUGH A GENERALIZED PUBLIC POLICY. GUTMANN THEN MENTIONED TERRORIST TRAINING SITES IN IRAN AS THE KIND OF IDENTIFIABLE TARGET AGAINST WHICH WESTERN NATIONS MIGHT BE ABLE TO ACT. POINDEXTER WONDERED WHAT THE EFFECT WOULD BE OF AN AIR STRIKE AGAINST THESE CAMPS. BACKTRACKING A BIT, GUTMANN SAID THE QUESTION WAS WHETHER SUCH A STRIKE WOULD ENCOURAGE OR DISCOURAGE THE EMERGENCE OF COHERENT THOUGHT IN TEHRAN. THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT COULD NOT GIVE A DEFINITIVE REACTION AT THIS TIME TO A HYPOTHESIS WITH

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SUCH SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS. IN SUMMARY, HE THOUGHT THE WEST SHOULD BE PRUDENT NOW. WE NEED A POLICY FOR WHEN THE IRANIAN REGIME EVENTUALLY DOES CHANGE.

9. IN RESPONSE TO FURTHER QUESTIONING BY POINDEXTER AND OAKLEY ABOUT POSSIBLE PRESSURE AGAINST IRAN, GUTMANN NOTED THAT FRANCE WAS TRYING TO ENCOURAGE A BALANCE OF POWER IN THE AREA AND A REDUCTION OF SOVIET INFLUENCE BY AIDING IRAQ. FRANCE HAD MAINTAINED RELATIONS WITH IRAN DESPITE MANY IRANIAN PROVOCATIONS, INCLUDING BOMBS, HIGHJACKINGS, ETC. THE FRENCH REGULARLY TOLD TEHERAN THAT TERRORIST ACTIONS WERE UNACCEPTABLE, BUT WITHOUT DISCERNIBLE EFFECT. ONLY THE THREAT OF GREATER FRENCH AID TO IRAQ SEEMED TO INFLUENCE THE IRANIANS AT ALL. FRENCH POLICY TOWARD IRAN WAS ONE OF CONTAINMENT WHICH COULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO PAY DIVIDENDS IN THE SHORT TERM, BUT IT WAS ALL THAT WAS PRACTICABLE.

10. POINDEXTER SAID THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE WEST APPLY ALL POSSIBLE PRESSURE AGAINST COUNTRIES THAT EXPORT TERRORISM. IT MAY BE THAT THE ANSWER LIES IN TAKING A NUMBER OF SMALL STEPS RATHER THAN A FEW BIG ONES, BUT WE SHOULD LEAVE NO STONE UNTURNED

IN LOOKING FOR SOLUTIONS. GUTMANN REPLIED THAT FRANCE WAS AS CONCERNED AS THE US ABOUT THE NEED TO FIGHT TERRORISM EFFICIENTLY. THIS HAD TO BE PRACTICAL AND PRAGMATIC WORK, BASED ON THE REALITIES OF VARIOUS SITUATIONS RATHER THAN GENERAL PRINCIPLES. POINDEXTER REPLIED THAT THE US AGREED IT WAS PRODUCTIVE TO DISCUSS SPECIFICS.

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POINDEXTER THEN RAISED THE QUESTION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW EXTRADITION TREATY BETWEEN THE US AND FRANCE. HE THOUGHT IT WOULD HELP US DEAL BETTER WITH SOME ASPECTS OF THE TERRORISM PROBLEM, AS WELL AS OTHER KINDS OF CRIMES. WHEN COMPLETED, IT SHOULD ENSURE THAT THOSE WHO COMMIT VIOLENT ACTS ARE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE. THE USG BELIEVED THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD MOVE FORWARD AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. GUTMANN RESPONDED THAT THE SUBJECT WAS A DIFFICULT ONE POLITICALLY IN FRANCE. THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE WAS THE ACTION AGENCY ON THIS MATTER.

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12. MEETINGS WITH DST AND DGSE

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THE DELEGATION ALSO MET WITH [REDACTED] THE DST  
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THE DGSE (FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE). IN THESE MEETINGS  
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THE CORDIAL AND PRODUCTIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE FRENCH  
SERVICES AND OUR OWN. MUCH USEFUL INFORMATION IS  
EXCHANGED BY THESE METHODS ON THE TERRORISM ISSUE.  
THEY OUTLINED THE PURPOSE OF THEIR VISIT TO PARIS,  
NOTING THAT INTERNATIONAL, STATE-SUPPORTED  
TERRORISM WAS A GROWING PROBLEM. INDEED, STUDIES  
PRODUCED WITHIN THE USG SHOWED THAT TERRORIST ACTIONS  
AGAINST FRENCH INTERESTS HAD INCREASED DRAMATICALLY  
OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS, TO THE POINT THAT THEY  
EVEN EXCEEDED ACTIONS AGAINST US INTERESTS.  
POINDEXTER STRESSED THAT THE US WAS PARTICULARLY  
CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROBLEM OF ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISM,  
ITS LINKS TO TERRORISM, AND THE TENDENCY OF BOTH TO  
DESTABILIZE FRIENDLY COUNTRIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST.  
TERRORISM, INDEED, WAS BEING UTILIZED SPECIFICALLY  
TO ACCOMPLISH SUCH DESTABILIZATION. HE SOLICITED  
FRENCH VIEWS ON HOW TOGETHER WE MIGHT BETTER COMBAT  
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13. BOTH [REDACTED] EMPHASIZED THAT ALTHOUGH  
BOTH FRANCE AND THE US HAD BEEN TARGETS OF TERRORISM  
AT VARIOUS TIMES, THEIR POSITIONS IN THIS REGARD  
WERE FAR FROM IDENTICAL. ESPECIALLY NOW THAT FRANCE  
HAD WITHDRAWN ITS MILITARY FORCES FROM LEBANON, IT  
WAS NOT NEARLY AS MUCH OF A TARGET FOR TERRORIST  
ACTION AS THE US. THE FRENCH OFFICIALS OUTLINED  
THEIR PERCEPTION OF THE TERRORIST THREAT TO FRENCH

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INTERESTS, INCLUDING FRENCH EXTREME LEFTISTS, SEPARATISTS SUCH AS THE CORSICANS, AND MIDDLE EASTERN GROUPS. THEY WARNED AGAINST LUMPING THESE GROUPS TOGETHER IN OUR ANALYSIS, BECAUSE THEIR AIMS WERE DIFFERENT.

14. [REDACTED] CONTENDED THAT THE US, BECAUSE OF ITS STATUS AS A WORLD POWER, AND ESPECIALLY ITS STRONG TIES TO ISRAEL, FACED A MUCH GREATER THREAT FROM TERRORISM THAN DID FRANCE. THEY SHOWED SOME SKEPTICISM ABOUT THE STATISTICS ON ANTI-FRENCH TERRORISM, AND ASKED TO SEE DOCUMENTATION ON THIS QUESTION. [REDACTED] ALSO WARNED AGAINST LINKING THE TERRORISM QUESTION MAINLY TO ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISM. IN LEBANON, FOR EXAMPLE, THEY CONTENDED THAT THE MOST VIOLENT TERRORIST GROUPS WERE NOT ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISTS. THEY WERE EXTREME LEFTISTS, OFTEN CHRISTIANS. [REDACTED] THE DST WAS UNEQUIVOCAL IN ASSIGNING RESPONSIBILITY TO DAMASCUS FOR MUCH OF THE TERRORIST THREAT. HE NOTED THAT A SYRIAN AIR FORCE GENERAL CONTROLLED SEVERAL OF THE TERRORIST GROUPS THAT POSED THE GREATEST DANGERS TO THE US AND FRANCE. HE ALSO STRESSED THAT THE SOVIETS WORK CLOSELY WITH, AND PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR, THE MOST DANGEROUS MIDDLE EASTERN TERRORIST GROUPS.

15. ASKED HOW FRANCE AND THE US COULD COOPERATE MORE EFFECTIVELY AGAINST INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM, DST AND DGSE OFFICIALS OUTLINED THE CONSTRAINTS UNDER WHICH THEY WORKED, INCLUDING THE PERMEABILITY OF WEST EUROPEAN BORDERS TO EXTREMIST GROUPS. THEY GAVE NO HINT, HOWEVER, THAT THEY BELIEVED THIS SITUATION COULD BE CHANNED THROUGH POLITICAL ACTION. FOR US-FRENCH COOPERATION, THEY STRESSED PRACTICAL

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ON A COMPUTERIZED IDENTITY CARD SYSTEM WHICH WILL  
USE FACIAL FEATURES TO IDENTIFY SUSPECTED CRIMINALS  
WHEN THEY ENTER A COUNTRY. IT WAS AGREED TO EXCHANGE  
NOTES ON THE PROGRESS OF THESE PROJECTS.

16. FOR THE FUTURE:

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EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS PERIODIC HIGH-LEVEL  
DISCUSSIONS WITH THE FRENCH ON TERRORISM. IN  
OUR VIEW, SUCH MEETINGS HAVE A CUMULATIVE EFFECT IN  
NARROWING GENERAL DIFFERENCES, WHILE ENHANCING THE

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POSSIBILITY OF COOPERATION IN SPECIFIC SITUATIONS, ESPECIALLY CRISES. A FURTHER TOOL, IN OUR VIEW, MIGHT BE THE ANTI-TERRORISM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ATA) OUTLINED IN REFTEL. ALTHOUGH PARIS WAS NOT AN ACTION ADDRESSEE ON THIS CABLE, WE BELIEVE THAT THIS PROGRAM, IF PRESENTED TACTFULLY AS A MEANS OF ENHANCED CONSULTATION AND LIAISON, MIGHT STIMULATE INTEREST AMONG GOF OFFICIALS. THE PROGRAM WOULD BE A MUCH MORE POTENT INSTRUMENT, HOWEVER, IF FUNDING WERE PROVIDED FOR TRAVEL TO THE US AND PER DIEM FOR THESE OFFICIALS. ACTION REQUESTED:

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THAT FRANCE BE INCLUDED AS A COUNTRY ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM, AND THAT FUNDING FOR TRAVEL AND PER DIEM BE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED.

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17. EMBASSY ALSO BELIEVES THAT USG STUDIES ON TERRORISM AGAINST FRENCH INTERESTS CAN HAVE AN IMPACT ON GOF THINKING. EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO SHARE SUCH STUDIES AND DISCUSS ANY DEFINITIONAL PROBLEMS WITH THE GOF. STUDIES SHOULD BE DONE PERIODICALLY AND TRANSMITTED [REDACTED] TO [REDACTED] EMBASSY FOR USE WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE CONTACTS.

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18. FINALLY, WE REITERATE EMPHATICALLY OUR LONG-STANDING RECOMMENDATION THAT CONCLUSION OF OUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE FRENCH ON REVISION OF OUR BILATERAL EXTRADITION TREATY BE GIVEN A HIGH PRIORITY, AND BE MENTIONED IN EVERY REPEAT EVERY SENIOR LEVEL MEETING WITH THE FRENCH. ONLY THROUGH SUCH STEADY POLITICAL PRESSURE ARE WE LIKELY TO DISLODGE THIS MATTER AND REACH A SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION. UNTIL THE TREATY IS REVISED WE RISK HAVING ADDITIONAL TERRORISTS SLIP THROUGH OUR FINGERS.  
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