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SUBJECT: HIJACKING OF KUWAITI AIRLINER 221
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2. ON DECEMBER 7, 1984, FROM 1300 HOURS TO 1520 HOURS,
ISO KUWAIT INTERVIEWED

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SHE WAS RELEASED BY THE HIJACKERS AT APPROXIMATELY

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2300 HOURS LOCAL TIME DECEMBER 4, AND MOVED TO THE OLD
HILTON HOTEL (EXETER) IN TEHRAN AND SUBSEQUENTLY RE-
TURNED TO KUWAIT BY KU SPECIAL FLIGHT AT 2200 HOURS LOCAL
ON DECEMBER 6.

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SHE REQUESTS CONFIDENTIALITY FOR HERSELF AND THE INFORMA-
TION. SHE WAS VERY HELPFUL AND COOPERATIVE, EXPRESSING
A DESIRE TO BE HELPFUL AND CONCERN FOR THE PASSENGERS
AND CREW STILL IN TEHRAN.

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FOIA(b)(7)(c)

1. ON DECEMBER 16, 1984, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] OF KUWAIT AIRLINES FLIGHT 221 THAT WAS
HIJACKED WHILE ON A ROUTINE FLIGHT FROM DUBAI TO
KARACHI, PAKISTAN WAS INTERVIEWED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
RSO FROM 1500 HOURS TO 1630 HOURS. [REDACTED] WHO
WAS BORN ON [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAS BEEN EMPLOYED AS A PILOT FOR KUWAIT
AIRWAYS SINCE DECEMBER 1982. HE WAS RELUCTANT TO BE
INTERVIEWED BUT WAS COOPERATIVE AND STATED THAT HE HAD
BEEN OVER THE GROUND SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE, AND REQUESTED
THAT A COPY OF HTHE TESTIMONY HE WAS ABLE TO GIVE BE

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OBTAINED FROM THE BRITISH CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES IN
LONDON. THE BRITISH EMBASSY CONSULAR OFFICER, MR. BASIL
RAINBOW, ALSO REQUESTED THAT THE INFORMATION SOLICITED
FROM [REDACTED] BE OBTAINED IN LONDON BY THE AMERICAN
EMBASSY THERE.

2. [REDACTED] WAS VERY COOPERATIVE ONCE THE INTERVIEW
BEGAN BUT SEEMED PRESSED FOR TIME. HE AGREED TO ANSWER
SPECIFIC QUESTIONS AND RESPONDED FULLY AND AS COMPLETELY
AS HE WAS ABLE TO RECALL. HE INDICATED THROUGHOUT THE
INTERVIEW THAT SOME OF THE ANSWERS HE WAS GIVING WERE
ANSWERS THAT HE HAD LEARNED WERE CORRECT AFTER THE
RELEASE OF HIMSELF AND THE OTHER HOSTAGES AND NOT
NECESSARILY THE ANSWERS HE THOUGHT WERE TRUE DURING THE
HIJACKING ITSELF.

3. [REDACTED] INDICATED THAT SECURITY AT THE AIRPORT

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By LEE, NARA, Date 3/10/06

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IN KUWAIT WAS ADEQUATE AND ABOUT AVERAGE FOR AIRPORTS OF ITS SIZE. THERE ARE ALWAYS MEANS AVAILABLE TO CIRCUMVEN SECURITY PROCEDURES, BUT THE AIRPORT IN KUWAIT WAS AS GOOD AS ANY IN KEEPING THE LOOPHOLES DOWN. THE STANDARD PROCEDURE IS FOR ALL PASSENGERS AND CABIN CREW ON AIRCRAFT TO ENTER THROUGH THE DEPARTURE AREA AND SUBMIT TO SCREENING. THEY MUST PASS A POLICEMAN THAT ENSURES THAT ONLY CREW AND PASSENGERS GET INTO THE DEPARTURE LOUNGE. THEN THEY MUST PASS THE IMMIGRATION CHECKPOINT AND PROCEED TO THE WALKTHROUGH METAL DETECTORS. ALL HAND BAGGAGE IS PUT THROUGH THE X-RAY MACHINES. ALL PERSONS WHO BOARD AN AIRCRAFT WALK THROUGH THE METAL DETECTORS. THE CREW MUST HAVE AN IDENTIFICATION CARD, WHILE PASSENGERS MUST HAVE A BOARDING PASS TO ENTER. ONCE INSIDE THE DEPARTURE LOUNGE, ONLY HIGH-RISK RUNS HAVE FURTHER SECURITY CHECKS. THESE RUNS (TRIPOLI, DAMASCUS, AMMAN) ARE THEN SUBJECT TO INDIVIDUAL BAGGAGE IDENTIFICATION ON THE TARMAC BEFORE THE BAGGAGE IS PUT ABOARD AND SECURITY

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OFFICERS ON THE FLIGHT HAND FRISK ALL PASSENGERS AND HAND SEARCH ALL CARRYON LUGGAGE. THIS SEARCH IS USUALLY DONE AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE PLANE EITHER ON THE HARD STANDS WHEN STEPS ARE PLACED UP TO THE PLANE OR AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE GANGWAY WHEN THE EXTENDABLE ARMS ARE USED.

INDICATED THAT NO SEARCH WAS DONE IN KUWAIT, BUT THE SECURITY GUARD ON BOARD FLIGHT 221 MADE THE CURSORY HAND SEARCH PRIOR TO TAKEOFF IN DUBAI.

4. HE STATED THAT THE SECURITY IN DUBAI IS BETTER THAN IN KUWAIT IN HIS OPINION. HE SAID THAT IN DUBAI THE AIRPORT POSITIONS A GUARD AT THE FOOT OF THE STAIRS TO THE PLANE WHILE IT IS ON THE HARD STAND, AND THIS SOLDIER FRISKS EVERY PERSON WHO ENTERS EXCEPT THE PILOTS' CREW AND PASSENGERS. ALL CLEANERS OR SERVICE PEOPLE ARE SEARCHED AND ALL THEIR CARRYONS ARE SEARCHED. THE KUWAITI SECURITY OFFICER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SEARCH OF ALL PASSENGERS AND THE PILOTS AND CREW. THE AIRPORT SECURITY IS DESCRIBED AS GOOD AND HE ADDED THAT ALL PASSENGERS WHO DISEMBARK IN DUBAI AND ENTER TRANSIT FACILITIES MUST GO THROUGH A METAL DETECTOR. THE BOARDING PROCEDURE IS THE SAME AS IN KUWAIT.

SAID THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHERE THE HIJACKERS BOARDED THE FLIGHT AND DID NOT KNOW HOW OR WHERE THE WEAPONS THEY HAD WERE BROUGHT ABOARD. HE THINKS THAT THE WEAPONS WERE BROUGHT ABOARD BY THE HIJACKERS THEMSELVES, AND NOT PLACED ABOARD BY SOMEONE ELSE.

5. INDICATED THAT IT WAS USUAL TO HAVE TWO SECURITY OFFICERS ON THE FLIGHT BUT HE HAD HEARD FROM OTHER CREW MEMBERS THAT THE SECOND SECURITY OFFICER REPORTED SICK AND WAS NOT ON THE FLIGHT. HE BELIEVES

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THAT THE MAN IS NOW IN JAIL IN KUWAIT. THE SECURITY MEN
ARE EMPLOYED BY THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR AND ARE
POLICEMEN, NOT EMPLOYEES OF THE KUWAIT AIRLINES. THEY

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TRAVEL AS CREW BUT ARE NOT PART OF THE KU TEAM. THEY DO
THE HAND SEARCH AND THEN TAKE A SEAT. ALL BOARDING
PASSENGERS KNOW WHO THEY ARE.

6. HE STATED THAT THE HIJACKERS WERE NOT FAMILIAR WITH
THE AIRCRAFT. THEY HAD BEEN BRIEFED ON IT AND KNEW THAT
IT NEEDED WATER, FUEL AND ELECTRICITY, BUT THEIR KNOW-
LEDGE ENDED THERE. HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THEY KNEW
WHO WAS ON THE AIRCRAFT, AND ASKED FOR ALL THE PASSPORTS
SO THEY COULD DISCOVER IF THEY HAD ANYONE IMPORTANT.
THEY STATED AT ONE POINT THAT THEY HAD BEEN "TRAILING"
[REDACTED] FOR THREE MONTHS BECAUSE THEY WERE CONVINCED
THAT HE WAS A CIA AGENT. [REDACTED] ADDED AT THIS
POINT THAT THE HIJACKERS SAID A LOT OF THINGS THAT HE
KNEW COULD NOT BE TRUE, AND THIS MAY HAVE BEEN ONE OF TH

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THINGS THAT THEY SAID TO JUSTIFY THEIR ACTIONS. HE ALSO
INDICATED THE THE HIJACKERS SPOKE ONLY VERY LIMITED
ENGLISH. COMMUNICATION WAS DIFFICULT, AND THEY WERE VER
SURPRISED TO FIND A PILOT ON THE AIRCRAFT THAT DID NOT
SPEAK ARABIC. THE HIJACKERS ONLY SPOKE ARABIC. [REDACTED]
ALSO SAID THAT THE HIJACKERS WERE VERY SKILLED IN
TERRORIZING PEOPLE. THEY "WERE OBVIOUSLY WELL TRAINED."
THEY KNEW WHEN TO APPLY PRESSURE AND WHEN TO EASE UP TO
OBTAIN THE MAXIMUM BENEFIT. HE ADDED THAT THEY WERE "ALL
A LITTLE NUTS AND SOMEONE HAD SIMPLY CHANNLED THEIR
NUTTINESS TO MAKE THEM EXPERT TERRORISTS."

7. THEY DEMANDED THAT THEIR "BROTHERS" IN KUWAIT JAILS
BE RELEASED. THEY CLAIMED THAT THEY WERE INNOCENT AND
HAD BEEN PICKED UP IN A GENERAL SECURITY SWEEP AFTER THE

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BOMBINGS AND HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT. THEY DID NOT CLAIM ALLEGIANCE TO ANY CAUSE OR APPEAR TO SUPPORT ANY COUNTRY OR GOVERNMENT. HE BELIEVES THAT THEY ARE FROM LEBANON. ONE OF THE HIJACKERS, CALLED DAUD (PHONETIC - NOT PRECISE BUT CLOSE TO PRONUNCIATION), SPOKE A LITTLE BETTER ENGLISH THAN THE REST AND DURING A CALM PERIOD, WHILE CHATTING, INDICATED THAT HE WAS FROM THE SABRA PALESTINIAN CAMP IN BEIRUT AND HE HAD LOST A BROTHER, 13 YEARS OLD, AND TWO SISTERS, AGES 9 AND 7 YEARS, IN THE MASSACRE AT THE SABRA AND CHATILLA CAMPS IN 1982. [REDACTED] BELIEVES THAT THIS MAN IS THE BROTHER OF KHALID AND HE WORE A BLACK LEATHER JACKET. KHALID WORE A GREY TRACK SUIT DURING THE ENTIRE ACTION AND WAS THE MAN THAT PUNCHED AND KICKED THE HOSTAGES THAT WERE ABUSED. ABOL FASSAN WAS THE LEADER AND THE NASTIEST OF THE LOT. HE WORE BLUE JEANS WITH THE WORD "LOIS" EMBROIDERED ON THE REAR POCKET. HE ALSO WORE A BLUE DENIM JACKET. THE FOURTH MAN WAS CALLED SAMIR AND WORE A BLACK CANVAS TYPE JACKET. HE WAS THE GENTLEST OF THE GROUP AND SELDOM

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SPOKE. [REDACTED] SAID THAT HE HAD NO INDICATION OF A SLEEPE OR ADDITIONAL HIJACKER IN THE PASSENGERS AND DOES NOT BELIEVE ANY OTHERS WERE INVOLVED.

8. CONCERNING ARMS, [REDACTED] INDICATED THAT THEY HA TWO SILVER COLORED (CHROME) AUTOMATIC PISTOLS OF THE .22 OR .25 CALIBRE. THEY WERE VERY SMALL. THEY ALSO HAD THE REVOLVER TAKEN FROM THE KUWAITI SECURITY OFFICER, A COLT .38 SPECIAL. THEY HAD A SECOND REVOLVER THAT WAS DESCRIBED BY ONE PASSENGER AS A MAGNUM BUT HE COULD NOT ADD ANY FURTHER DESCRIPTION OTHER THAN IT WAS BLUE STEEL. THEY HAD TWO HAND GRENADES. THE GRENADES WERE SMALL, OVA (PINEAPPLE) SHAPED AND COVERED OR COATED WITH A CHALKY GREEN PLASTIC COLORED SUBSTANCE. THEY HAD A LEVER DOWN THE SIDE, ALSO GREENISH IN COLOR, AND EACH HAD A COTTER TYPE SPLIT PIN IN IT. ONE HAD A RING ON THE PIN AND THE OTHER DID NOT. THE GRENADES WERE SCORED INTO SQUARES BUT THE SQUARES APPEARED RECESSED AND THE MARGINS RAISED. TH ONLY OTHER WEAPONS THE HIJACKERS HAD WERE THE FIRE AX AND THE CROWBAR FROM THE COCKPIT. OF NOTE IS THE FACT THAT THEY KEPT SWAPPING THE WEAPONS AROUND TO CONFUSE THE PASSENGERS AND MAKE THEM BELIEVE THEY HAD MORE GUNS THAN THEY DID.

9. [REDACTED] DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THEY HAD EXPLO- SIVES ON THE AIRCRAFT AT ANY TIME. HE ELABORATED BY STATING THAT THEY INTRODUCED "EXPLOSIVES" ON THE SECOND DAY BY PRESENTING A PACKAGE COVERED IN BLACK PLASTIC LIKE A GARBAGE BAG DONE UP WITH TAPE APPROXIMATELY EIGHTEEN INCHES BY EIGHT INCHES BY SIX INCHES. THIS IS ABOUT THE SIZE OF THE CARDBOARD CONTAINERS FOR TWO PORTABLE RADIO/

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CASSETTE PLAYERS THAT MANY OF THE PASSENGERS HAD ON THE
LIGHT. TOWARDS THE END OF THE ORDEAL THEY INTRODUCED
SMALL PACKAGES, APPROXIMATELY SIX INCHES BY TWO INCHES BY

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THREE INCHES, AGAIN WRAPPED IN BLACK PLASTIC AND TAPED UP
BUT WITH THE ENDS SHOWING, THAT THEY PLACED AROUND THE
CABIN. THEY PUSHED WIRES INTO THESE PACKAGES BUT THE
WIRES DID NOT GO TO ANYTHING. HE BELIEVES THAT THE
PACKAGES CONTAINED THE POLYSTYRENE FOAM USED TO PACK THE
RADIO/CASSETTE PLAYERS THAT WERE ON BOARD. ██████████
THE GROUND ENGINEER ON THE FLIGHT, TOLD HIM THAT HE
BELIEVED THAT THE MATERIAL IN THE SMALL PACKAGES WAS
"PLASTIQUE" AND THAT HE HAD SEEN THEM BURN FUSE TO INSURE
THAT IT WORKED. ██████████ IS CONVINCED THAT THESE
WERE ALL FAKES.

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10. COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE TOWER AND THE PLANE WAS
THROUGH AN INTERPRETER THAT WAS PLACED ON THE GROUND
BETWEEN THE PLANE AND THE TOWER. THE HIJACKERS WOULD

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SPEAK TO THE INTERPRETER OVER THE PLANE'S RADIO WHICH
WAS ON THE GROUND CHANNEL FREQUENCY OF 1217. THE INTER-
PRETER HAD A SMALL HANDHELD RADIO. THE INTERPRETER WOULD
THEN TALK TO THE TOWER ON THE SAME RADIO AND FREQUENCY IN
FARCI. THE HIJACKERS WANTED THE MAN TO COME ABOARD THE
PLANE BUT THE IRANIANS WOULD NOT LET HIM. THEY WANTED
HIM IN THE TOWER. HIS POSITION ON THE TARMAC WAS A
COMPROMISE.

11. KHALID AND ABOL HASSAN WERE OUTSIDE THE PLANE AT
VARIOUS TIMES AND ALWAYS COVERED THEIR FACES WITH PLASTIC
BAGS WITH HOLES CUT IN THEM FOR EYES AND MOUTH. ██████████
DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THE IRANIANS WERE INVOLVED IN THE
HIJACKING. THE MATERIAL FOR BINDING UP THE PASSENGERS
CAME EITHER FROM THE IRANIANS WHO PROVIDED IT AFTER IT

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WAS DEMANDED AND A CONCESSION WAS EXACTED FROM THE HIJACKERS TO GET IT, OR FROM THE BAGS OF THE PASSENGERS WHO HAD ALL KINDS OF THINGS THAT THEY WERE TAKING BACK TO PAKISTAN. THE BINDING WAS QUARTER INCH NYLON ROPE, CRANGE IN COLOR.

12. [REDACTED] SAID THAT THE FIRST AMERICAN WAS KILLED BECAUSE THE HIJACKERS SAID HE WAS A CIA AGENT, AND THE SECOND MAN WAS KILLED AS A MEANS OF PRESSURING THE US GOVERNMENT TO FORCE THE KUWAITI GOVERNMENT TO RELEASE THE HOSTAGES. HE BELIEVED THAT THE KUWAITIS HAD BEEN KILLED FOR ABOUT 48 HOURS AFTER THEY WERE SUPPOSEDLY EXECUTED. IT WAS KEPT SECRET FROM THE PASSENGERS THAT THEY WERE NOT DEAD. HE ADDED THAT DURING THE FIRST THREE DAYS HE WAS KEPT IN THE COCKPIT AND FOR THE REST OF THE TIME HE WAS KEPT IN THE REAR OF THE PASSENGER CABIN UNLESS NEEDED FOR SOME OPERATIONAL MATTER IN THE COCKPIT.

13. HE STATED THAT HE KNEW LITTLE OF THE RESCUE. HE WAS SITTING BOUND TO THE SEAT AND BOUND TO [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WHEN A MEDIC CAME ABOARD TO LOOK AFTER THE

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PEOPLE WHO HAD SUFFERED HEART ATTACKS. HE ADDED THAT THIS WAS QUITE ROUTINE.) THE MEDIC THEN JUMPED THE ONE HIJACKER THAT WAS STANDING GUARD AND A SCUFFLE ENSUED. A GAS GRENADE THEN EXPLODED AND THE CABIN FILLED WITH GAS THAT MADE HIS EYES RUN AND MADE HIM COUGH. HE AND THE TWO AMERICANS THEN BECAME ENGROSSED IN GETTING THEIR HANDS AN ARMS FREE FROM THE BONDS. THEY FREED THEMSELVES AND GOT UP AND RAN OUT OF THE PLANE. HE ESCAPED TO THE OUTSIDE AS THE RESCUERS WENT INSIDE. HE SAW NOTHING ELSE. AFTER IT WAS OVER, THE RESCUERS TRIED TO CLEAR THE GAS OUT OF THE PLANE AND OPENED SOME OF THE DOORS. THIS CAUSED THE ESCAPE SLIDES TO INFLATE. [REDACTED] RETURNED TO THE PLANE AT THIS TIME AND DISARMED THE REMAINING DOORS SO THEY COULD BE OPENED TO HELP DISPEL THE GAS. AS HE LEFT THE PLANE HE NOTICED THAT THE LADDER WAS EXTENDING FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE AVIONICS BAY BELOW THE COCKPIT AND HE ASSUMED THAT THIS LADDER HAD BEEN USED TO FORCE ENTRY FOR SOME OF THE RESCUERS.

14. [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE WAS CONVINCED THAT THE IRANIANS WERE NOT IN COLLUSION WITH THE HIJACKERS AND SAW NO EVIDENCE OF ARMS, EXPLOSIVES OR MEN BEING USED TO SUPPORT THEM. HE ADDED THAT AFTER THE RESCUE THE IRANIANS WERE VERY PLEASANT, HELPFUL AND ACCOMMODATING TO THE PASSENGERS. HE ALSO STATED THAT THE IRANIANS ONLY GAVE THE HIJACKERS SOMETHING AFTER A LONG NEGOTIATION AND AFTER SOME CONCESSION HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM THEM. QUANTON

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2. FOLLOWING ARE NOTES BASED ON CONVERSATION WITH THREE
[REDACTED] WHO ARRIVED IN KARACHI FROM TEHRAN
DECEMBER 6, 1900 HRS LOCAL TIME ABOARD SPECIAL IRAN
AIR FLIGHT (KARACHI 10342). DEBRIEFING WAS OVER PERIOD
OF THREE HOURS DURING WHICH SOURCES WERE ABLE TO
CROSS CHECK INFORMATION BELOW AMONG THEMSELVES. WE

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REGARD IT AS PERHAPS THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE AND RELIABLE OF THE ACCOUNTS WE HAVE RECEIVED.

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FOLLOWING IS CONSENSUS OF THREE INTERVIEWED AS NOTED, THEY WERE INTERVIEWED TOGETHER.

4. THEY INDICATE THEY SAW ONLY FOUR HIJACKERS OF WHOM ONLY THREE WERE VISIBLE DURING ACTUAL TAKEOVER OF AIRCRAFT, DURING THE FLIGHT TO TEHRAN AND FOR AT LEAST SEVERAL HOURS ON THE GROUND AT TEHRAN AIRPORT. THE THREE WERE DESCRIBED AS WEARING DARK PANTS, DARK LEATHER JACKETS, THOUGH AT LEAST ONE, AND POSSIBLY OTHERS, CHANGED CLOTHES AT SOME STAGE OF THE HIJACKING.

5. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

LEADER IDENTIFIED AS HASSAN. AN ARABIC-APPEARING MALE, APPROXIMATELY 25 YEARS OLD, 5'8" TO 5'10" TALL, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, MUSCULAR BUILD, HEAVIER SET THAN THE OTHER THREE HIJACKERS. SPOKE GOOD ENGLISH AND CARRIED ON BOARD A BLACK NYLON SPORTS TYPE BAG. AT KUWAIT TRANSIT HALL WAS WEARING A NECKTIE IN ADDITION TO PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED GARB. NO FACIAL HAIR. NO NOTICEABLE SCARS, TATTOOS OR MARKS. HAIR OF MEDIUM LENGTH.

SECOND MOST PROMINENTLY OBSERVED HIJACKER WAS IDENTIFIED AS KHALID, ALSO AN ARABIC-APPEARING MALE, EARLY 20'S. BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, APPROXIMATELY 5'8" TO 5'10" TALL, MUSCULAR BUILD, DARK CLOTHING, BLACK LEATHER JACKET AND BLACK LEATHER LOAFERS.

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DESCRIBED BY SOURCES AS "THE CRAZY MAN - THE FANATIC". SPOKE SOME ENGLISH. WAS SUBSERVIENT TO HASSAN. MEDIUM LENGTH HAIR, NO FACIAL HAIR, NO IDENTIFYING SCARS, MARKS OR TATTOOS.

HIJACKER NO. 3 WAS ARABIC-APPEARING MALE, EARLY 20'S. 5'8" TO 5'10" TALL, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, NO FACIAL HAIR, MEDIUM LENGTH BLACK HAIR, NO IDENTIFYING SCARS, MARKS OR TATTOOS. DRESSED IN DENIM JEAN JACKET WITH LARGE POCKETS AND BLUE JEANS. HASSAN CALLED HIM SAMI OR SAMEER.

HIJACKER NO. 4, ARABIC APPEARING MALE IN EARLY 20'S. NAME UNKNOWN. OBSERVED ONLY BRIEFLY BY SOURCES. SAME GENERAL APPEARANCES AS OTHER HIJACKERS. SOURCES DID NOT HEAR HIM SPEAK.

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6. ALL THREE [REDACTED] ARRIVED KUWAIT FROM FRANKFURT AND TRANSITED AT KUWAIT AIRPORT. WHILE OBTAINING BOARDING CARDS FOR KU 221 IN THE TRANSIT HALL, THE SOURCE OBSERVED HIJACKER HASSAN, ALONE, IN LINE TO PICK UP BOARDING CARD. NO OTHER HIJACKERS WERE OBSERVED IN THE KUWAIT TRANSIT HALL BY THESE SOURCES.

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7. SOURCES ADVISED SECURITY INSIDE TRANSIT HALL WAS LAX, AT BEST. TWO FEMALE AND NO MALE SECURITY GUARDS WERE POSTED AT OR NEAR THE TRANSIT HALL DEPARTURE DOOR. SOURCES OBSERVED THAT BODY SEARCHES WERE NOT CONDUCTED, NOR WERE MANY CARRY-ON BAGS OPENED FOR

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INSPECTION. SOURCES DID NOT OBSERVE WHETHER CARRY-ON BAG IN POSSESSION OF HASSAN WAS OPENED.

8. NOTHING OF SIGNIFICANCE OCCURRED BETWEEN KUWAIT/DUBAI

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AIRSPACE. ALTHOUGH [REDACTED] DID NOT OBSERVE ANYTHING UNUSUAL AT DUBAI, ALL THREE FELT THAT WHILE ON THE GROUND, TRANSITING DUBAI, IT WAS UNUSUAL FOR CLEANING CREWS TO COME ABOARD AFTER SUCH A SHORT FLIGHT FROM KUWAIT. AN ASIAN MALE CLEANER WAS OBSERVED CARRYING ABOARD A BUCKET WITH WET RAGS DRAPED OVER THE TOP, WHICH HE CARRIED IMMEDIATELY TO A LAVATORY AND WAS OBSERVED TO EXIT A SHORT TIME LATER. SOURCES DID NOT SPECULATE WHETHER CLEANER SPENT ENOUGH TIME TO ACTUALLY CLEAN LAVATORY.

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9. ONE SOURCE WHO OCCUPIED SEAT [REDACTED] OBSERVED A HIJACKER BOARD AT DUBAI AND SIT IN SEAT 15-C (CHARLIE). OTHER SOURCES WERE IN [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] SOURCE DID NOT RECALL WHETHER HIJACKER IN 15-C HAD CARRY-ON BAGGAGE OR NOT.

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10. ONE [REDACTED] INDICATED THAT SHORTLY AFTER TAKEOFF HIJACKER IN 15-C WALKED TO THE REAR COMPARTMENT OF THE AIRCRAFT TWICE WITHIN FIFTEEN MINUTES. ALL THREE SOURCES AGREED THAT DURING THE SERVING OF FOOD, LOUD SHOUTING WAS HEARD IN THE FIRST CLASS SEATING AREA; THEY THEN HEARD TWO GUNSHOTS. SHORTLY AFTER THE SHOTS, HIJACK LEADER HASSAN RUSHED INTO COACH COMPARTMENT AND JUMPED ON FIRST ROW (MIDDLE SECTION) SEATS WITH A GRENADE IN HIS RIGHT HAND. HE BEGAN YELLING ISLAMIC SLOGANS AND FORCED ARABIC SPEAKERS IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY TO JOIN IN SHOUTING THE SLOGANS. IN AISLES TO HASSAN'S LEFT AND RIGHT, TWO OTHER HIJACKERS APPEARED BRANDISHING WEAPONS. HASSAN YELLED (IN ENGLISH) "THIS IS A REAL HIJACKING" AT WHICH TIME ONE OF THE HIJACKERS FIRED TWO OR POSSIBLY THREE SHOTS THE LENGTH OF THE AIRCRAFT TOWARDS THE REAR. THE WEAPON USED WAS DESCRIBED AS AN AUTOMATIC.

11. HASSAN CLEARED THE FIRST TWO MIDDLE SECTION ROWS IN ECONOMY. SHORTLY THEREAFTER A CREW MEMBER PULLED IN FROM FIRST CLASS AN INJURED KUWAITI SECURITY OFFICER AND LEFT HIM ON THE FLOOR NEAR THE SECOND ROW. HE WAS

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DRAGGED AROUND THE ECONOMY CLASS AT LEAST ONCE DURING THE FLIGHT TO TEHRAN. SHORTLY AFTER THIS ACTION, A CREW MEMBER DRAGGED A WESTERN-APPEARING MALE, FACE UP, WITH A GUNSHOT WOUND IN RIGHT SIDE CHEST AREA BLEEDING AND UNCONSCIOUS, DOWN THE AISLE TOWARD THE REAR OF THE PLANE. THE APPARENT VICTIM WAS WEARING A LIGHT BLUE SHIRT.

12. AFTER THIS, HASSAN ORDERED KHALID AND SAMEER TO GO DOWN THE AISLES AND IDENTIFY PEOPLE WHO WERE AMERICANS. HIJACKER KHALID OBSERVED BILL STANFORD SITTING IN HIS SEAT 17-K (KENNETH), YELLED AT STANFORD IN ARABIC, GRABBED HIM, LIFTED HIM UP, AND PUSHED HIM, AT GUNPOINT, TOWARDS THE FIRST CLASS SECTION.

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13. ONE HIJACKER OBSERVED ONE OF [REDACTED] AND MADE HIM WALK UP TO THE FOUR-ROW SECTION BEHIND FIRST CLASS. LATER, THIS MAN WAS ALLOWED TO RETURN TO ECONOMY AREA AFTER SOURCE SHOWED HIJACKERS HIS [REDACTED] FOLLOWING THIS ACTIVITY, HIJACKERS ORDERED PASSENGERS TO PLACE THEIR PASSPORTS IN PLASTIC BAGS CARRIED AROUND BY KHALID AND SAMEER. THE FIRST FOUR-ROW SECTION BEHIND FIRST CLASS WAS USED AS THE HOLDING AREA FOR THE AMERICANS AND KUWAITIS.

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14. DURING THIS TIME THE HIJACKERS ALSO REMOVED ALL FORKS AND KNIVES FROM THE DINNER TRAYS. THE SOURCES SAID THE OPERATION WAS SHODDY AS HIJACKERS MISSED PASSPORTS, KNIVES AND FORKS, ETC. HIJACKERS APPEARED TO CALM DOWN AT THIS TIME AND, PRIOR TO LANDING AT TEHRAN, PLACED INJURED KUWAIT GUARD ONTO SEATS IN SECOND ROW (LAID HIM DOWN ON BLOCK OF SEATS).

15. AFTER LANDING AT TEHRAN, [REDACTED] SAID THAT HIJACKERS BECAME EVEN CALMER AND SOMEWHAT RELAXED.

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HOWEVER, FOR THE FIRST SEVERAL HOURS HASSAN KEPT THE GRENADE IN HIS RIGHT HAND WHEREAS KHALID AND SAMEER EACH CARRIED IN HAND ONE WEAPON. THE SOURCES ADVISED THE PASSENGERS WERE ALLOWED ACCESS, WITH PERMISSION, TO TOILETS IN BOTH FIRST CLASS AND ECONOMY AREAS. (ACCESS TO FIRST CLASS WAS ALLOWED BECAUSE TOILETS IN ECONOMY AREA WERE ALMOST UNUSEABLE - FILTHY AND PLUGGED UP).

16. WHEN ASKED ABOUT WHETHER HIJACKERS SLEPT, ONE SOURCE INDICATED HE WAS ALLOWED, BY KHALID, TO GO TO THE LAVATORY AND WHEN SOURCE RETURNED TO SEAT FROM WASHROOM HE OBSERVED KHALID APPARENTLY ASLEEP IN A SEAT WITH WEAPON IN HAND. LATER, A SECOND SOURCE USED LAV FACILITY IN FIRST CLASS AND OBSERVED ALL FOUR HIJACKERS ASLEEP (APPARENTLY) IN FIRST CLASS. AT THAT TIME, SOURCE OBSERVED ONLY ONE HIJACKER HAD WEAPON IN HAND.

17. WHILE ON THE GROUND IN TEHRAN, AND PRIOR TO 3:00 PM WEDNESDAY, HIJACKERS ALLOWED CLEANING PERSONNEL FROM TEHRAN AIRPORT TO BOARD AIRCRAFT. SOURCES ALSO ADVISED THAT AT LEAST FOUR TIMES HASSAN DEPLANED WITH TRASH AND FOR PURPOSE OF GENERAL WALKAROUND OF AIRCRAFT (APPARENTLY) ONE OF THE TIMES HE DEPLANED WAS WHEN THE WOMEN WERE RELEASED. PRIOR TO THE RELEASE OF ANY HOSTAGES, ONE OF THE HIJACKERS ANNOUNCED (ON THE PLANE'S INTERCOM SYSTEM) IN ARABIC, TRANSLATED BY STEWARDS AND STEWARDESS ON THE AIRCRAFT, "WE ARE NOT AGAINST PAKISTANIS AND OTHERS. WE ARE AGAINST THE KUWAIT GOVERNMENT AND AMERICANS".

18. HASSAN ALLOWED FOOD AND WATER TO BE BROUGHT INTO THE AIRCRAFT. ADDITIONALLY HASSAN, AFTER ENGINES HAD BEEN SHUT OFF FOR TWO HOURS, ORDERED FUEL OIL SO AIRCRAFT HEATING SYSTEM COULD BE EMPLOYED. DURING THAT TWO-HOUR PERIOD, HIJACKERS PASSED OUT BLANKETS TO PASSENGERS AND TOLD THEM TO PUT ON SWEATERS.

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19. SOMETIME LATER ON WEDNESDAY, HIJACKERS APPEARED WITH LISTS OF NAMES AND ASKED FOR ALL THOSE PAKISTANIS WHO WERE EMPLOYED BY THE KUWAIT GOVERNMENT TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES. APPROXIMATELY 26 PAK MILITARY PERSONNEL DID SO. THE HIJACKERS THEN SAID THEY WERE RELEASING THE TANZANIANS, CANADIANS, GERMANS, BRITISH AND PAKISTANIS WHO HAD NO AFFILIATION WITH THE KUWAIT GOVERNMENT. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, AT AROUND 3:00 P.M. THE 25 MALE PASSENGERS WERE RELEASED.

20. THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF ANY EXPLOSIVES ON BOARD, THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF IRANIAN ASSISTANCE, OTHER THAN THAT NOTED, AND NO EVIDENCE OF A HIDDEN HIJACKER.

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1. ON 16 DECEMBER 1984, [REDACTED]

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BEEN A PASSENGER ON THE HIJACKED KU 221 AND VOLUNTEERED
TO COME TO THE EMBASSY TO TALK WITH US ABOUT THE EVENTS.
HE CAME TO THE EMBASSY ON THE AFTERNOON OF 17
DECEMBER AND WAS INTERVIEWED BY THE RSD, ARSO AND
POLITICAL OFFICER.

2. SOURCE, [REDACTED] IS IDENTIFIED AS
[REDACTED]

3. SOURCE JOINED KU 221 AT KUWAIT AFTER FLYING FROM
GERMANY ON ANOTHER KU FLIGHT. HE INDICATED THAT THE
SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AT THE KUWAIT TRANSIT LOUNGE
WERE POOR. HE INDICATED THAT THE BODY SEARCH WAS NOT
CONDUCTED AND THAT THE BAGGAGE SEARCH WAS NOT THOROUGH.
HE DID NOT SEE ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS AT THE KUWAIT TERMINAL
AND DID NOT SEE ANY OF THE HIJACKERS IN THE AREA.
THE FLIGHT FROM KUWAIT TO DUBAI TOOK APPROXIMATELY
ONE HOUR TWENTY FIVE MINUTES AND HE NOTICED NOTHING
UNUSUAL DURING THIS TIME.

4. SOURCE WAS SEATED [REDACTED] AND ONE OF THE HIJACKERS
WAS SEATED 3-4 ROWS BEHIND HIM NEAR THE KITCHEN AREA.
THIS HIJACKER WALKED UP AND DOWN THE ISLE ON SEVERAL
OCCASIONS EVEN WHEN THE SEAT BELT SIGNS WERE ON. THE
HIJACKER WALKED BY THE SOURCE ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF

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THE PLANE AND WENT TO THE FIRST CLASS SECTION ON EACH TRIP. THE SOURCE SAID THAT THIS HIJACKER AND ONE OTHER ENTERED THE PLANE AT DUBAI. HE DID NOT SEE THE OTHER HIJACKERS ENTER THE PLANE. HE SAID THAT THERE WERE ONLY FOUR PERSONS INVOLVED.

5. THE HIJACKERS WERE DESCRIBED AS:

- A. ABU HASSAN, LEADER. 19 YEARS OLD. NO MUSTACHE. FAIR COMPLEXION. 5FT 10IN. 180 LBS. ROUND FACE. WORE JEAN JACKET AND PANTS DURING ENTIRE HIJACKING. ARMED WITH A GRENADE DESCRIBED AS A "PINEAPPLE".

- B. ABU SAMIR, STRAIGHT BLACK HAIR, ARABIC SPEAKING, LITTLE ENGLISH. 5FT 6 IN. 160-165. LONG FACE, 24 YEARS OLD. WORE BLACK JACKET AND PANTS DURING HIJACKING. ARMED WITH A SILVER COLOR AUTOMATIC PISTOL AT ALL TIMES. SOURCE BELIEVED PISTOL TO BE 22/25 CALIBER AND WAS HAND SIZE.

- C. KHALID, 20/21, 5FT 8IN, 160-170. CLEAN SHAVEN, BLACK MOLE ON RIGHT SIDE OF FACE NEAR THE EYE. WORE BLACK JACKET AND PANTS BUT CHANGED LATER INTO JOGGING SUIT. CARRIED SILVER COLORED AUTOMATIC PISTOL AT ALL TIMES. SOURCE BELIEVED PISTOL TO BE 22/25 CALIBER AND WAS HAND SIZE.

- D. SAMI, 23/24, 5FT 5IN/6IN, 160/170, BIG BLACK MOLE NEAR LIPS ON LEFT SIDE OF FACE. WORE BLACK JACKET AND PANTS. CARRIED BLACK REVOLVER WHICH SOURCE BELIEVED TO BE 38 CALIBER.

SOURCE STATED THAT THERE WAS ONLY ONE HAND GRENADE AND THAT THE ENGLISH CAPABILITY OF THE HIJACKERS WAS LIMITED TO PHRASES SUCH AS "DON'T MOVE", "BE QUIET", ETC. THE SOURCE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THE HIJACKERS COULD READ ENGLISH AS HIS PASSPORT CARRIED THE ANOTATION THAT THE SOURCE WORKED FOR THE US AIR FORCE IN GERMANY BUT NOTHING EVER CAME OF IT.

6. AFTER THE PLANE TOOK OFF FROM DUBAI, A SNACK WAS SERVED AND PAPERS WERE PROVIDED; THEN A LITTLE LATER, A MEAL WAS SERVED. DURING THE MEAL, THE HIJACKER SITTING BEHIND THE SOURCE WENT TO THE 1ST CLASS SECTION 3-4 TIMES AND ACTED SUSPICIOUS BUT THE SOURCE

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INSTRUCTED TO ASK PERMISSION TO GO TO THE BATHROOM.

7. THREE OF THE HIJACKERS STAYED IN THE ECONOMY SECTION AND ONE WENT BACK TO THE COCKPIT. THE HIJACKERS ASKED FOR ALL THOSE PASSENGERS WHO WORKED FOR THE U.S. OR KUWAITI GOVERNMENT. 26 PAKISTANIS SAID THAT THEY WORKED FOR THE KUWAITI GOVERNMENT BUT WEREN'T KUWAITI. THE HIJACKERS WENT THRU THE AIRCRAFT WITH A TRASH BAG AND ORDERED ALL THE PASSENGERS TO PUT THEIR PASSPORTS IN THE BAG AND THE BAG WAS TAKEN TO FIRST CLASS. THE HIJACKERS CAME BACK AND SAID THAT THEY WANTED ALL THE ID CARDS THAT PEOPLE WERE CARRYING AND SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES IF ANYONE FAILED TO GIVE THE CARDS OR PASSPORTS. THE SOURCE TOOK HIS RADIO AND PUT HIS U.S.A.F. ID CARD IN THE BATTERY COMPARTMENT AND SHUT THE CASE (AFTER LANDING AT TEHRAN, THE HIJACKERS PHYSICALLY SEARCHED EACH PASSENGER AND WENT THROUGHT THEIR SEAT AREA TO INCLUDE THE SEAT AND THE POCKET IN FRONT OF EACH SEAT). THE HIJACKERS SAID THAT THEY WOULD NOT RELEASE U.S. OR KUWAIT GOVERNMENT PEOPLE. THE SOURCE SAID THAT THE HIJACKERS SPECIALLY MISTREATED THE AMERICAN AND KUWAITI PASSENGERS BY PULLING THEM FROM THEIR SEATS, REFUSING PERMISSION FOR THEM TO GO TO THE BATHROOM, ETC. NO ONE WAS RESTRAINED DURING THIS TIME. THE HIJACKERS WERE DESCRIBED AS CALM AND COOL AND WELL TRAINED.

8. AFTER THE AIRCRAFT LANDED IN TEHRAN (APPROXIMATELY 7 AM ACCORDING TO SOURCE) THE HIJACKERS ORDERED THE PASSENGERS TO CHANGE SEATS AND THIS WAS DONE SEVERAL TIMES OVER THE COURSE OF THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS. AT THIS TIME, [REDACTED] WAS TAKEN TO THE 1ST CLASS SECTION OF THE AIRCRAFT AND WAS LATER RETURNED TO THE ECONOMY SECTION. (NOTE: THE SOURCE REPORTED THAT DURING THIS MOVE, HE SAT NEXT TO A PAKISTANI LADY THAT HE COULD NOT IDENTIFY WHO TOLD HIM THAT A SECURITY MAN IN DUBAI HAD BROUGHT A BLACK BRIEFCASE ONTO THE PLANE AND SAT IT NEXT TO HER LEG PRIOR TO THE PLANE TAKING OFF. AFTER THE DOOR OF THE PLANE WAS CLOSED, ONE OF THE HIJACKERS CAME TO HER SEAT AND RETRIEVED THE BRIEFCASE AND TOOK IT WITH HIM TO FIRST CLASS).

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9. SITTING BEHIND THE SOURCE WAS AN AMERICAN DESCRIBED AS 55-57 YEARS OF AGE, 5FT 11IN, 200-225, WEARING GLASSES, GREY JACKET AND GREY PANTS. THIS PERSON WAS TAKEN TO THE 1ST CLASS SECTION AND RETURNED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. THE HIJACKERS ASKED THE AMERICAN SEVERAL TIMES IF HE WERE A RELATIVE OF PRESIDENT REAGAN OR IF HE WORKED FOR THE CIA. THE MAN RESPONDED THAT HE WASN'T RELATED TO PRESIDENT REAGAN AND WAS A CLERK IN USAID. THE AMERICAN WAS LATER TAKEN TO FIRST CLASS AND THE SOURCE DID NOT SEE HIM AGAIN. AT APPROXIMATELY 0830 AM, THE SOURCE HEARD A GUN SHOT. THE HIJACKERS CAME BACK AND ANNOUNCED THAT THEY HAD SHOT A PASSENGER (THEY DID NOT SAY HE WAS AMERICAN) AND SAID THAT THEY WOULD NOT RELEASE THE PASSENGERS UNTIL THEIR DEMANDS WERE MET. THE PASSENGERS WOULD NOT BE RELEASED.

10. SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL ON THE GROUND, PASSENGER STAIRS WERE PROVIDED TO THE PLANE AND THE HIJACKERS

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ASKED FOR FOOD. IT WAS PROVIDED BUT IT WAS COLD. AFTER
4-5 HOURS, A SINGLE MAN FROM IRAN AIR CAME ON THE PLANE

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AND COLLECTED THE TRASH BAGS. THE SOURCE SAID THAT THE MAN HAD A WHITE UNIFORM WITH IRAN AIR INSIGNIA. THE HIJACKERS A LITTLE LATER ASKED IF THERE WERE A DOCTOR ON BOARD AND [REDACTED] CAME FORWARD AND HE LOOKED AFTER THE WOUNDED GUARD. HE SAID THAT THE GUARD NEEDED FIRST AID AND THE HIJACKERS ASKED FOR AN IRANIAN DOCTOR FOR FIRST AID. THE DOCTOR CAME AND TREATED THE GUARD PRIOR TO THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN BEING RELEASED. THE SOURCE SAID THAT THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN WERE RELEASED SOME TIME LATER THAT AFTERNOON/EVENING. AFTER THE KUWAITI OFFICIALS ARRIVED, THE AIRPORT AND THE IRANIANS HAD TOLD THEM (THE HIJACKERS) THAT THEY HAD TO RELEASE MORE PASSENGERS AS A HUMANITARIAN GESTURE. THE PASSENGERS' NAMES WERE ON A LIST IN FIRST CLASS BUT THE SOURCE COULD DISCERN NO PATTERN OR REASON FOR PEOPLE BEING RELEASED.

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11. THE SOURCE SAID THAT THE HIJACKERS TREATED ALL THE PASSENGERS BADLY BUT SAID THAT (SAMIR) WAS THE ROUGHEST TO ALL AND THAT (KHALID) WAS THE NICEST. THE SOURCE DID NOT SEE THE HIJACKERS SLEEP EXCEPT IN SHIFTS AND DENIED THAT ALL HAD SLEPT AT ONE TIME. THE SOURCE SAID THAT HE SAW NO IRANIAN GUARDS AROUND THE PLANE BUT DID SEE A VAN BLOCKING THE PLANE. THE SOURCE ALSO REPORTED THAT DURING THE ENTIRE TIME ON THE GROUND THAT PEOPLE SUCH AS CLEANING CREWS, DOCTORS, ETC ENTERED THE PLANE 3-4 TIMES DAILY.

12. SOURCE INDICATED THAT THE KUWAITI DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL ON THE PLANE HAD HEART PROBLEMS AND WANTED TO GO FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT BUT THE HIJACKERS REFUSED. THE IRANIANS DID PROVIDE OXYGEN FOR THE KUWAITI'S USE.

13. ON FRIDAY, [REDACTED] COUSIN OF SOURCE, WAS CALLED BY THE HIJACKERS. [REDACTED] LATER TOLD SOURCE THAT HE HAD BEEN TAKEN TO THE 1ST CLASS SECTION WHERE HE WAS THREATENED BUT THE HIJACKERS WALKED AWAY AND [REDACTED] GOT AWAY). AFTER HIS ESCAPE, THE HIJACKERS STARTED TIEING UP THE PASSENGERS. (COSTA) WAS THE FIRST TO BE TIED BUT THERE APPEARED TO BE NO REASON FOR WHO GOT TIED UP AS THEY JUST PICKED RANDOM PEOPLE AND EVEN SOME VERY OLD PEOPLE. THE HIJACKERS SAID THEY WANTED TO PRAY BUT THEN RETURNED AND RELEASED SOME PEOPLE. THE HIJACKERS USED ORANGE COLORED PLASTIC ROPE SIMILAR TO THAT USED BY PAKISTANIS WHEN THEY TRAVEL. SOURCE FLATLY DENIED THAT THE HIJACKERS HAD USED HAND CUFFS. (NOTE: SOURCE SHOWED THE INTERVIEWING OFFICERS SOME NOTES HE HAD JOTTED DOWN AFTER THE HIJACKING WHERE HE HAD WRITTEN "HAND CUFFED". SOURCE AGAIN DENIED THAT HAND CUFFS WERE USED AND REPEATED HIS ASSERTION THAT ONLY ROPE HAD BEEN USED). SOURCE FEEL THAT THE ROPE COULD HAVE COME FROM EITHER THE AIRCRAFT OR POSSIBLE FROM LUGGAGE OF THE PASSENGERS.

14. THE SOURCE ALSO REPORTED THAT HE HAD TALKED WITH A BRITISH ENGINEER AFTER THEY WERE RELEASED AND THE SOURCE WAS TOLD THAT THE ENGINEER HAD BEEN FORCED TO ASSIST THE HIJACKERS IN PLANTING DYNAMITE AROUND THE PLANE. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED ON SATURDAY AFTER THE SOURCE WAS RELEASED.
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 SUBJECT: HIJACKING OF KUWAIT AIRLINES 2218 DEPARTING
 - OF PASSENGERS DECEMBER 7, 1984

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2. FOLLOWING ARE NOTES BASED ON CONVERSATION WITH [REDACTED] PERMANENT ALIEN RESTRICTED US, WHO ARRIVED IN KARACHI FROM TEHRAN DECEMBER 6 AT 1700 HOURS LOCAL AIRWAYS SPECIAL IRAN 43M FLIGHT (KARACHI 10342).

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3. [REDACTED] PERMANENT ALIEN RESIDENT, U.S. WAS INTERVIEWED CONCERNING THE HIJACKING. SHE INDICATED THAT SHE JOINED THE FLIGHT AT DUBAI AFTER TRAVELING ON KLM TO DUBAI VIA AMSTERDAM FROM CHICAGO. THE DUBAI AIRPORT AUTHORITIES CONDUCTED HAND-BAGGAGE CHECKS BUT WERE NOT VERY THOROUGH AS THREE MEN REMIND HER IN THE LINE WENT AROUND AND DID NOT HAVE THEIR BAGS CHECKED (THEY WERE NOT THE HIJACKERS). THE SOURCE DID SEE TWO OF THE HIJACKERS IN THE DUBAI LOUNGE CARRYING SMALL BAGS.

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4. APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES AFTER TAKE OFF, THERE WAS A LOUD NOISE LIKE SOME PEOPLE FIGHTING. IN THE FIRST CLASS SECTION, A STEWARD HAD SERVED TEA AND WAS THEN SLAPPED BY ONE OF THE HIJACKERS. SITTING NEXT TO THE HIJACKER WAS A SECURITY GUARD WHO GRABBED THE MAN. THE HIJACKERS TOOK THE GUARD'S GUN. THE SOURCE HEARD 3-8 SHOTS AND THE HIJACKERS CAME BACK THROUGH THE PLANE WITH THE GUARD WHO WAS INJURED BUT ALIVE. A CREWMAN WAS ALSO HIT OVER THE HEAD. THE HIJACKERS ASKED ALL THE AMERICANS AND KUWAITIS TO COME FORWARD. THEY ABUSED THE AMERICANS AND KUWAITIS BY PUSHING THEM AROUND. THEY GRABBED ONE BY THE NECK AND PUSHED HIS FACE INTO A TRAY. THEY THEN ORDERED AN AMERICAN IDENTIFIED AS WILLIAM STANFORD TO SIT NEXT TO THE SOURCE. HE WAS DESCRIBED AS VERY NERVOUS.

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5. THE HIJACKERS WERE VERY HOSTILE TO EVERYONE BUT AFTER THEY ARRIVED IN TEHRAN, THEY RELAXED. THE HIJACKERS HAD ALL THE CREW COME FORWARD AND THEY WERE SEARCHED AND ASKED SEVERAL TIMES FOR ALL PASSPORTS AND SEARCHED ALL THE LUGGAGE.

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6. THE SOURCE SAID THAT THERE WERE FIVE HIJACKERS. FOUR MOVED AROUND THE CABIN AND ONE STAYED IN THE COCKPIT. THE HIJACKERS WORE VARIOUS CLOTHES TO INCLUDE A JOGGING SUIT, JEAN PANTS AND JACKETS AND JEANS WITH A LEATHER JACKET. THE MEN WERE DESCRIBED AS EARLY TO MID

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20'S WITH THE LEADER BEING FAT WITH A ROUND FACE. THERE WERE FOUR PISTOLS AND ONE HAND GRENADE WHICH WAS PASSED FROM HIJACKER TO HIJACKER. THE HIJACKERS CONSTANTLY MOVED AROUND AND DID NOT STAY IN ONE PLACE.

7. THE SOURCE ALSO REPORTED THAT THEY OBTAINED AN AXE FROM THE EMERGENCY SUPPLIES BUT SAW NO EXPLOSIVES OTHER THAN THE HAND GRENADE.

8. AFTER ARRIVAL IN TEHRAN, THE HIJACKERS TOOK AN AMERICAN TO THE FRONT OF THE PLANE. HE WAS DESCRIBED AS BEING TALL AND FAT, WEARING A RED SHIRT. SHE HEARD A SHOT AND DID NOT SEE THE PASSENGER AGAIN. SHE WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY THE PERSON AS BEING ONE OF THE USAID EMPLOYEES.

9. ALL DISCUSSIONS BY THE HIJACKERS WAS DONE IN ARABIC WITH TRANSLATIONS BEING PROVIDED BY OTHER PEOPLE ON THE PLANE. THE HIJACKERS ALSO USED SIGN LANGUAGE WHICH THE SOURCE DESCRIBED AS UNDERSTANDABLE.

10. LATE IN THE FIRST DAY, THE LADIES AND CHILDREN WERE CALLED TO THE FIRST CLASS CABIN AND WERE TOLD THAT THEY WOULD BE RELEASED IN EXCHANGE FOR FUEL. IF THE FUEL WAS NOT PROVIDED THEN THE RELEASE WOULD NOT TAKE PLACE. TEN PEOPLE INCLUDING THE SOURCE WERE THEN RELEASED. THE REMAINING WOMEN TOLD THE SOURCE LATER THAT THE ATTITUDE OF THE HIJACKERS HARDENED AFTER THIS RELEASE. THREE HOURS LATER, THE OTHER LADIES WERE

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11. THE SOURCE DID NOT SEE ANY UNUSUAL EQUIPMENT BEING USED BY THE HIJACKERS AND SAW NO INDICATIONS OF OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE. THE SOURCE ALSO DENIED ANY INVOLVED OTHER THAN THE FIVE PERSONS.

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12. THE ENGLISH SPEAKING CAPABILITIES OF THIS SOURCE WERE NOT AS GOOD AS THE OTHER USCIB AND IT WAS DIFFICULT TO GET HER TO UNDERSTAND THE QUESTIONS EVEN WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF HER HUSBAND. [REDACTED] FOIA(b)(6)

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13. OTHER INTERVIEWS TO FOLLOW. GRAHL

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SUBJECT: HIJACKING OF KUWAITI AIRLINER 221

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2. ON DECEMBER 7, 1984, FROM 1300 HOURS TO 1520 HOURS,
ISO KUWAIT INTERVIEWED

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SHE WAS RELEASED BY THE HIJACKERS AT APPROXIMATELY

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2300 HOURS LOCAL TIME DECEMBER 4, AND MOVED TO THE OLD
HILTON HOTEL (EXETER) IN TEHRAN AND SUBSEQUENTLY RE-
TURNED TO KUWAIT BY KU SPECIAL FLIGHT AT 2200 HOURS LOCAL
ON DECEMBER 6.

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SHE REQUESTS CONFIDENTIALITY FOR HERSELF AND THE INFORMA-
TION. SHE WAS VERY HELPFUL AND COOPERATIVE, EXPRESSING
A DESIRE TO BE HELPFUL AND CONCERN FOR THE PASSENGERS
AND CREW STILL IN TEHRAN.

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SUBJECT: DEBRIEFING OF CAPTAIN OF KUWAITI AIRLINER
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1. ON DECEMBER 16, 1984, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OF KUWAIT AIRLINES FLIGHT 221 THAT WAS
HIJACKED WHILE ON A ROUTINE FLIGHT FROM DUBAI TO
KARACHI, PAKISTAN WAS INTERVIEWED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
RSO FROM 1500 HOURS TO 1630 HOURS. [REDACTED] WHO
WAS BORN ON [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAS BEEN EMPLOYED AS A PILOT FOR KUWAIT
AIRWAYS SINCE DECEMBER 1982. HE WAS RELUCTANT TO BE
INTERVIEWED BUT WAS COOPERATIVE AND STATED THAT HE HAD
BEEN OVER THE GROUND SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE, AND REQUESTED
THAT A COPY OF HTHE TESTIMONY HE WAS ABLE TO GIVE BE

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OBTAINED FROM THE BRITISH CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES IN
LONDON. THE BRITISH EMBASSY CONSULAR OFFICER, MR. BASIL
RAINBOW, ALSO REQUESTED THAT THE INFORMATION SOLICITED
FROM [REDACTED] BE OBTAINED IN LONDON BY THE AMERICAN
EMBEASSY THERE.

2. [REDACTED] WAS VERY COOPERATIVE ONCE THE INTERVIEW
BEGAN BUT SEEMED PRESSED FOR TIME. HE AGREED TO ANSWER
SPECIFIC QUESTIONS AND RESPONDED FULLY AND AS COMPLETELY
AS HE WAS ABLE TO RECALL. HE INDICATED THROUGHOUT THE
INTERVIEW THAT SOME OF THE ANSWERS HE WAS GIVING WERE
ANSWERS THAT HE HAD LEARNED WERE CORRECT AFTER THE
RELEASE OF HIMSELF AND THE OTHER HOSTAGES AND NOT
NECESSARILY THE ANSWERS HE THOUGHT WERE TRUE DURING THE
HIJACKING ITSELF.

3. [REDACTED] INDICATED THAT SECURITY AT THE AIRPORT

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IN KUWAIT WAS ADEQUATE AND ABOUT AVERAGE FOR AIRPORTS OF ITS SIZE. THERE ARE ALWAYS MEANS AVAILABLE TO CIRCUMVEN SECURITY PROCEDURES, BUT THE AIRPORT IN KUWAIT WAS AS GOOD AS ANY IN KEEPING THE LOOPHOLES DOWN. THE STANDARD PROCEDURE IS FOR ALL PASSENGERS AND CABIN CREW ON AIRCRAFT TO ENTER THROUGH THE DEPARTURE AREA AND SUBMIT TO SCREENING. THEY MUST PASS A POLICEMAN THAT ENSURES THAT ONLY CREW AND PASSENGERS GET INTO THE DEPARTURE LOUNGE. THEN THEY MUST PASS THE IMMIGRATION CHECKPOINT AND PROCEED TO THE WALKTHROUGH METAL DETECTORS. ALL HAND BAGGAGE IS PUT THROUGH THE X-RAY MACHINES. ALL PERSONS WHO BOARD AN AIRCRAFT WALK THROUGH THE METAL DETECTORS. THE CREW MUST HAVE AN IDENTIFICATION CARD, WHILE PASSENGERS MUST HAVE A BOARDING PASS TO ENTER. ONCE INSIDE THE DEPARTURE LOUNGE, ONLY HIGH-RISK RUNS HAVE FURTHER SECURITY CHECKS. THESE RUNS (TRIPOLI, DAMASCUS, AMMAN) ARE THEN SUBJECT TO INDIVIDUAL BAGGAGE IDENTIFICATION ON THE TARMAC BEFORE THE BAGGAGE IS PUT ABOARD AND SECURITY

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OFFICERS ON THE FLIGHT HAND FRISK ALL PASSENGERS AND HAND SEARCH ALL CARRYON LUGGAGE. THIS SEARCH IS USUALLY DONE AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE PLANE EITHER ON THE HARD STANDS WHEN STEPS ARE PLACED UP TO THE PLANE OR AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE GANGWAY WHEN THE EXTENDABLE ARMS ARE USED. [REDACTED] INDICATED THAT NO SEARCH WAS DONE IN KUWAIT, BUT THE SECURITY GUARD ON BOARD FLIGHT 221 MADE THE CURSORY HAND SEARCH PRIOR TO TAKEOFF IN DUBAI.
4. HE STATED THAT THE SECURITY IN DUBAI IS BETTER THAN IN KUWAIT IN HIS OPINION. HE SAID THAT IN DUBAI THE AIRPORT POSITIONS A GUARD AT THE FOOT OF THE STAIRS TO THE PLANE WHILE IT IS ON THE HARD STAND, AND THIS SOLDIER FRISKS EVERY PERSON WHO ENTERS EXCEPT THE PILOTS CREW AND PASSENGERS. ALL CLEANERS OR SERVICE PEOPLE ARE SEARCHED AND ALL THEIR CARRYONS ARE SEARCHED. THE KUWAITI SECURITY OFFICER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SEARCH OF ALL PASSENGERS AND THE PILOTS AND CREW. THE AIRPORT SECURITY IS DESCRIBED AS GOOD AND HE ADDED THAT ALL PASSENGERS WHO DISEMBARK IN DUBAI AND ENTER TRANSIT FACILITIES MUST GO THROUGH A METAL DETECTOR. THE BOARDING PROCEDURE IS THE SAME AS IN KUWAIT. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SAID THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHERE THE HIJACKERS BOARDED THE FLIGHT AND DID NOT KNOW HOW OR WHERE THE WEAPONS THEY HAD WERE BROUGHT ABOARD. HE THINKS THAT THE WEAPONS WERE BROUGHT ABOARD BY THE HIJACKERS THEMSELVES, AND NOT PLACED ABOARD BY SOMEONE ELSE.

5. [REDACTED] INDICATED THAT IT WAS USUAL TO HAVE TWO SECURITY OFFICERS ON THE FLIGHT BUT HE HAD HEARD FROM OTHER CREW MEMBERS THAT THE SECOND SECURITY OFFICER REPORTED SICK AND WAS NOT ON THE FLIGHT. HE BELIEVES

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THAT THE MAN IS NOW IN JAIL IN KUWAIT. THE SECURITY MEN
ARE EMPLOYED BY THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR AND ARE
POLICEMEN, NOT EMPLOYEES OF THE KUWAIT AIRLINES. THEY

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TRAVEL AS CREW BUT ARE NOT PART OF THE KU TEAM. THEY DO
THE HAND SEARCH AND THEN TAKE A SEAT. ALL BOARDING
PASSENGERS KNOW WHO THEY ARE.

6. HE STATED THAT THE HIJACKERS WERE NOT FAMILIAR WITH
THE AIRCRAFT. THEY HAD BEEN BRIEFED ON IT AND KNEW THAT
IT NEEDED WATER, FUEL AND ELECTRICITY, BUT THEIR KNOW-
LEDGE ENDED THERE. HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THEY KNEW
WHO WAS ON THE AIRCRAFT, AND ASKED FOR ALL THE PASSPORTS
SO THEY COULD DISCOVER IF THEY HAD ANYONE IMPORTANT.

THEY STATED AT ONE POINT THAT THEY HAD BEEN "TRAILING"
[REDACTED] FOR THREE MONTHS BECAUSE THEY WERE CONVINCED
THAT HE WAS A CIA AGENT. [REDACTED] ADDED AT THIS
POINT THAT THE HIJACKERS SAID A LOT OF THINGS THAT HE
KNEW COULD NOT BE TRUE, AND THIS MAY HAVE BEEN ONE OF TH

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THINGS THAT THEY SAID TO JUSTIFY THEIR ACTIONS. HE ALSO
INDICATED THE THE HIJACKERS SPOKE ONLY VERY LIMITED
ENGLISH. COMMUNICATION WAS DIFFICULT, AND THEY WERE VER
SURPRISED TO FIND A PILOT ON THE AIRCRAFT THAT DID NOT
SPEAK ARABIC. THE HIJACKERS ONLY SPOKE ARABIC. [REDACTED]
ALSO SAID THAT THE HIJACKERS WERE VERY SKILLED IN
TERRORIZING PEOPLE. THEY "WERE OBVIOUSLY WELL TRAINED."
THEY KNEW WHEN TO APPLY PRESSURE AND WHEN TO EASE UP TO
OBTAIN THE MAXIMUM BENEFIT. HE ADDED THAT THEY WERE "ALL
A LITTLE NUTS AND SOMEONE HAD SIMPLY CHANNLED THEIR
NUTTINESS TO MAKE THEM EXPERT TERRORISTS."

7. THEY DEMANDED THAT THEIR "BROTHERS" IN KUWAIT JAILS
BE RELEASED. THEY CLAIMED THAT THEY WERE INNOCENT AND
HAD BEEN PICKED UP IN A GENERAL SECURITY SWEEP AFTER THE

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BOMBINGS AND HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT. THEY DID NOT CLAIM ALLEGIANCE TO ANY CAUSE OR APPEAR TO SUPPORT ANY COUNTRY OR GOVERNMENT. HE BELIEVES THAT THEY ARE FROM LEBANON. ONE OF THE HIJACKERS, CALLED DAUD (PHONETIC - NOT PRECISE BUT CLOSE TO PRONUNCIATION), SPOKE A LITTLE BETTER ENGLISH THAN THE REST AND DURING A CALM PERIOD, WHILE CHATTING, INDICATED THAT HE WAS FROM THE SABRA PALESTINIAN CAMP IN BEIRUT AND HE HAD LOST A BROTHER, 13 YEARS OLD, AND TWO SISTERS, AGES 9 AND 7 YEARS, IN THE MASSACRE AT THE SABRA AND CHATILLA CAMPS IN 1982. [REDACTED] BELIEVES THAT THIS MAN IS THE BROTHER OF KHALID AND HE WORE A BLACK LEATHER JACKET. KHALID WORE A GREY TRACK SUIT DURING THE ENTIRE ACTION AND WAS THE MAN THAT PUNCHED AND KICKED THE HOSTAGES THAT WERE ABUSED. ABOL HASSAN WAS THE LEADER AND THE NASTIEST OF THE LOT. HE WORE BLUE JEANS WITH THE WORD "LOIS" EMBROIDERED ON THE REAR POCKET. HE ALSO WORE A BLUE DENIM JACKET. THE FOURTH MAN WAS CALLED SAMIR AND WORE A BLACK CANVAS TYPE JACKET. HE WAS THE GENTLEST OF THE GROUP AND SELDOM

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SPOKE. [REDACTED] SAID THAT HE HAD NO INDICATION OF A SLEEPER OR ADDITIONAL HIJACKER IN THE PASSENGERS AND DOES NOT BELIEVE ANY OTHERS WERE INVOLVED.

8. CONCERNING ARMS, [REDACTED] INDICATED THAT THEY HAD TWO SILVER COLORED (CHROME) AUTOMATIC PISTOLS OF THE .22 OR .25 CALIBRE. THEY WERE VERY SMALL. THEY ALSO HAD THE REVOLVER TAKEN FROM THE KUWAITI SECURITY OFFICER, A COLT .38 SPECIAL. THEY HAD A SECOND REVOLVER THAT WAS DESCRIBED BY ONE PASSENGER AS A MAGNUM BUT HE COULD NOT ADD ANY FURTHER DESCRIPTION OTHER THAN IT WAS BLUE STEEL. THEY HAD TWO HAND GRENADES. THE GRENADES WERE SMALL, OVA (PINEAPPLE) SHAPED AND COVERED OR COATED WITH A CHALKY GREEN PLASTIC COLORED SUBSTANCE. THEY HAD A LEVER DOWN THE SIDE, ALSO GREENISH IN COLOR, AND EACH HAD A COTTER TYPE SPLIT PIN IN IT. ONE HAD A RING ON THE PIN AND THE OTHER DID NOT. THE GRENADES WERE SCORED INTO SQUARES BUT THE SQUARES APPEARED RECESSED AND THE MARGINS RAISED. THE ONLY OTHER WEAPONS THE HIJACKERS HAD WERE THE FIRE AX AND THE CROWBAR FROM THE COCKPIT. OF NOTE IS THE FACT THAT THEY KEPT SWAPPING THE WEAPONS AROUND TO CONFUSE THE PASSENGERS AND MAKE THEM BELIEVE THEY HAD MORE GUNS THAN THEY DID.

9. [REDACTED] DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THEY HAD EXPLOSIVES ON THE AIRCRAFT AT ANY TIME. HE ELABORATED BY STATING THAT THEY INTRODUCED "EXPLOSIVES" ON THE SECOND DAY BY PRESENTING A PACKAGE COVERED IN BLACK PLASTIC LIKE A GARBAGE BAG DONE UP WITH TAPE APPROXIMATELY EIGHTEEN INCHES BY EIGHT INCHES BY SIX INCHES. THIS IS ABOUT THE SIZE OF THE CARDBOARD CONTAINERS FOR TWO PORTABLE RADIO/

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SMALL PACKAGES, APPROXIMATELY SIX INCHES BY TWO INCHES BY

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THREE INCHES, AGAIN WRAPPED IN BLACK PLASTIC AND TAPED UP
BUT WITH THE ENDS SHOWING, THAT THEY PLACED AROUND THE
CABIN. THEY PUSHED WIRES INTO THESE PACKAGES BUT THE
WIRES DID NOT GO TO ANYTHING. HE BELIEVES THAT THE
PACKAGES CONTAINED THE POLYSTYRENE FOAM USED TO PACK THE
RADIO/CASSETTE PLAYERS THAT WERE ON BOARD. [REDACTED]
THE GROUND ENGINEER ON THE FLIGHT, TOLD HIM THAT HE
BELIEVED THAT THE MATERIAL IN THE SMALL PACKAGES WAS
"PLASTIQUE" AND THAT HE HAD SEEN THEM BURN FUSE TO INSURE
THAT IT WORKED. [REDACTED] IS CONVINCED THAT THESE
WERE ALL FAKES.

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10. COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE TOWER AND THE PLANE WAS
THROUGH AN INTERPRETER THAT WAS PLACED ON THE GROUND
BETWEEN THE PLANE AND THE TOWER. THE HIJACKERS WOULD

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SPEAK TO THE INTERPRETER OVER THE PLANE'S RADIO WHICH
WAS ON THE GROUND CHANNEL FREQUENCY OF 1217. THE INTER-
PRETER HAD A SMALL HANDHELD RADIO. THE INTERPRETER WOULD
THEN TALK TO THE TOWER ON THE SAME RADIO AND FREQUENCY IN
FARCI. THE HIJACKERS WANTED THE MAN TO COME ABOARD THE
PLANE BUT THE IRANIANS WOULD NOT LET HIM. THEY WANTED
HIM IN THE TOWER. HIS POSITION ON THE TARMAC WAS A
COMPROMISE.

11. KHALID AND ABOL HASSAN WERE OUTSIDE THE PLANE AT
VARIOUS TIMES AND ALWAYS COVERED THEIR FACES WITH PLASTIC
BAGS WITH HOLES CUT IN THEM FOR EYES AND MOUTH. [REDACTED]
DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THE IRANIANS WERE INVOLVED IN THE
HIJACKING. THE MATERIAL FOR BINDING UP THE PASSENGERS
CAME EITHER FROM THE IRANIANS WHO PROVIDED IT AFTER IT

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WAS DEMANDED AND A CONCESSION WAS EXACTED FROM THE HIJACKERS TO GET IT, OR FROM THE BAGS OF THE PASSENGERS WHO HAD ALL KINDS OF THINGS THAT THEY WERE TAKING BACK TO PAKISTAN. THE BINDING WAS QUARTER INCH NYLON ROPE, CRANGE IN COLOR.

12. [REDACTED] SAID THAT THE FIRST AMERICAN WAS KILLED BECAUSE THE HIJACKERS SAID HE WAS A CIA AGENT, AND THE SECOND MAN WAS KILLED AS A MEANS OF PRESSURING THE US GOVERNMENT TO FORCE THE KUWAITI GOVERNMENT TO RELEASE THE HOSTAGES. HE BELIEVED THAT THE KUWAITIS HAD BEEN KILLED FOR ABOUT 48 HOURS AFTER THEY WERE SUPPOSEDLY EXECUTED. IT WAS KEPT SECRET FROM THE PASSENGERS THAT THEY WERE NOT DEAD. HE ADDED THAT DURING THE FIRST THREE DAYS HE WAS KEPT IN THE COCKPIT AND FOR THE REST OF THE TIME HE WAS KEPT IN THE REAR OF THE PASSENGER CABIN UNLESS NEEDED FOR SOME OPERATIONAL MATTER IN THE COCKPIT.

13. HE STATED THAT HE KNEW LITTLE OF THE RESCUE. HE WAS SITTING BOUND TO THE SEAT AND BOUND TO [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WHEN A MEDIC CAME ABOARD TO LOOK AFTER THE

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PEOPLE WHO HAD SUFFERED HEART ATTACKS. HE ADDED THAT THIS WAS QUITE ROUTINE.) THE MEDIC THEN JUMPED THE ONE HIJACKER THAT WAS STANDING GUARD AND A SCUFFLE ENSUED. A GAS GRENADE THEN EXPLODED AND THE CABIN FILLED WITH GAS THAT MADE HIS EYES RUN AND MADE HIM COUGH. HE AND THE TWO AMERICANS THEN BECAME ENGROSSED IN GETTING THEIR HANDS AN ARMS FREE FROM THE BONDS. THEY FREED THEMSELVES AND GOT UP AND RAN OUT OF THE PLANE. HE ESCAPED TO THE OUTSIDE AS THE RESCUERS WENT INSIDE. HE SAW NOTHING ELSE. AFTER IT WAS OVER, THE RESCUERS TRIED TO CLEAR THE GAS OUT OF THE PLANE AND OPENED SOME OF THE DOORS. THIS CAUSED THE ESCAPE SLIDES TO INFLATE. [REDACTED] RETURNED TO THE PLANE AT THIS TIME AND DISARMED THE REMAINING DOORS SO THEY COULD BE OPENED TO HELP DISPEL THE GAS. AS HE LEFT THE PLANE HE NOTICED THAT THE LADDER WAS EXTENDING FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE AVIONICS BAY BELOW THE COCKPIT AND HE ASSUMED THAT THIS LADDER HAD BEEN USED TO FORCE ENTRY FOR SOME OF THE RESCUERS.

14. [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE WAS CONVINCED THAT THE IRANIANS WERE NOT IN COLLUSION WITH THE HIJACKERS AND SAW NO EVIDENCE OF ARMS, EXPLOSIVES OR MEN BEING USED TO SUPPORT THEM. HE ADDED THAT AFTER THE RESCUE THE IRANIANS WERE VERY PLEASANT, HELPFUL AND ACCOMMODATING TO THE PASSENGERS. HE ALSO STATED THAT THE IRANIANS ONLY GAVE THE HIJACKERS SOMETHING AFTER A LONG NEGOTIATION AND AFTER SOME CONCESSION HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM THEM. QUANTON

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REGARD IT AS PERHAPS THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE AND RELIABLE OF THE ACCOUNTS WE HAVE RECEIVED.

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FOLLOWING IS CONSENSUS OF THREE INTERVIEWED AS NOTED, THEY WERE INTERVIEWED TOGETHER.

4. THEY INDICATE THEY SAW ONLY FOUR HIJACKERS OF WHOM ONLY THREE WERE VISIBLE DURING ACTUAL TAKEOVER OF AIRCRAFT, DURING THE FLIGHT TO TEHRAN AND FOR AT LEAST SEVERAL HOURS ON THE GROUND AT TEHRAN AIRPORT. THE THREE WERE DESCRIBED AS WEARING DARK PANTS, DARK LEATHER JACKETS, THOUGH AT LEAST ONE, AND POSSIBLY OTHERS, CHANGED CLOTHES AT SOME STAGE OF THE HIJACKING.

5. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

LEADER IDENTIFIED AS HASSAN, AN ARABIC-APPEARING MALE, APPROXIMATELY 25 YEARS OLD, 5'8" TO 5'10" TALL, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, MUSCULAR BUILD, HEAVIER SET THAN THE OTHER THREE HIJACKERS. SPOKE GOOD ENGLISH AND CARRIED ON BOARD A BLACK NYLON SPORTS TYPE BAG. AT KUWAIT TRANSIT HALL WAS WEARING A NECKTIE IN ADDITION TO PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED GARB. NO FACIAL HAIR. NO NOTICEABLE SCARS, TATTOOS OR MARKS. HAIR OF MEDIUM LENGTH.

SECOND MOST PROMINENTLY OBSERVED HIJACKER WAS IDENTIFIED AS KHALID, ALSO AN ARABIC-APPEARING MALE, EARLY 20'S. BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, APPROXIMATELY 5'8" TO 5'10" TALL, MUSCULAR BUILD, DARK CLOTHING, BLACK LEATHER JACKET AND BLACK LEATHER LOAFERS.

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DESCRIBED BY SOURCES AS "THE CRAZY MAN - THE FANATIC". SPOKE SOME ENGLISH. WAS SUBSERVIENT TO HASSAN. MEDIUM LENGTH HAIR, NO FACIAL HAIR. NO IDENTIFYING SCARS, MARKS OR TATTOOS.

HIJACKER NO. 3 WAS ARABIC-APPEARING MALE, EARLY 20'S. 5'8" TO 5'10" TALL, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, NO FACIAL HAIR, MEDIUM LENGTH BLACK HAIR. NO IDENTIFYING SCARS, MARKS OR TATTOOS. DRESSED IN DENIM JEAN JACKET WITH LARGE POCKETS AND BLUE JEANS. HASSAN CALLED HIM SAMI OR SAMEER.

HIJACKER NO. 4. ARABIC APPEARING MALE IN EARLY 20'S. NAME UNKNOWN. OBSERVED ONLY BRIEFLY BY SOURCES. SAME GENERAL APPEARANCES AS OTHER HIJACKERS. SOURCES DID NOT HEAR HIM SPEAK.

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6. ALL THREE ██████████ ARRIVED KUWAIT FROM FRANKFURT AND TRANSITED AT KUWAIT AIRPORT. WHILE OBTAINING BOARDING CARDS FOR KU 221 IN THE TRANSIT HALL, ONE SOURCE OBSERVED HIJACKER HASSAN, ALONE, IN LINE TO PICK UP BOARDING CARD. NO OTHER HIJACKERS WERE OBSERVED IN THE KUWAIT TRANSIT HALL BY THESE SOURCES.

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7. SOURCES ADVISED SECURITY INSIDE TRANSIT HALL WAS LAX, AT BEST. TWO FEMALE AND NO MALE SECURITY GUARDS WERE POSTED AT OR NEAR THE TRANSIT HALL DEPARTURE DOOR. SOURCES OBSERVED THAT BODY SEARCHES WERE NOT CONDUCTED, NOR WERE MANY CARRY-ON BAGS OPENED FOR

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INSPECTION. SOURCES DID NOT OBSERVE WHETHER CARRY-ON BAG IN POSSESSION OF HASSAN WAS OPENED.

8. NOTHING OF SIGNIFICANCE OCCURRED BETWEEN KUWAIT/DUBAI

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AIRSPACE. ALTHOUGH [REDACTED] DID NOT OBSERVE ANYTHING UNUSUAL AT DUBAI, ALL THREE FELT THAT WHILE ON THE GROUND, TRANSITING DUBAI, IT WAS UNUSUAL FOR CLEANING CREWS TO COME ABOARD AFTER SUCH A SHORT FLIGHT FROM KUWAIT. AN ASIAN MALE CLEANER WAS OBSERVED CARRYING ABOARD A BUCKET WITH WET RAGS DRAPED OVER THE TOP, WHICH HE CARRIED IMMEDIATELY TO A LAVATORY AND WAS OBSERVED TO EXIT A SHORT TIME LATER. SOURCES DID NOT SPECULATE WHETHER CLEANER SPENT ENOUGH TIME TO ACTUALLY CLEAN LAVATORY.

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9. ONE SOURCE WHO OCCUPIED SEAT [REDACTED] OBSERVED A HIJACKER BOARD AT DUBAI AND SIT IN SEAT 15-C (CHARLIE). OTHER SOURCES WERE IN [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] SOURCE DID NOT RECALL WHETHER HIJACKER IN 15-C HAD CARRY-ON BAGGAGE OR NOT.

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10. ONE [REDACTED] INDICATED THAT SHORTLY AFTER TAKEOFF HIJACKER IN 15-C WALKED TO THE REAR COMPARTMENT OF THE AIRCRAFT TWICE WITHIN FIFTEEN MINUTES. ALL THREE SOURCES AGREED THAT DURING THE SERVING OF FOOD, LOUD SHOOTING WAS HEARD IN THE FIRST CLASS SEATING AREA; THEY THEN HEARD TWO GUNSHOTS. SHORTLY AFTER THE SHOTS, HIJACK LEADER HASSAN RUSHED INTO COACH COMPARTMENT AND JUMPED ON FIRST ROW (MIDDLE SECTION) SEATS WITH A GRENADE IN HIS RIGHT HAND. HE BEGAN YELLING ISLAMIC SLOGANS AND FORCED ARABIC SPEAKERS IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY TO JOIN IN SHOOTING THE SLOGANS. IN AISLES TO HASSAN'S LEFT AND RIGHT, TWO OTHER HIJACKERS APPEARED BRANDISHING WEAPONS. HASSAN YELLED (IN ENGLISH) "THIS IS A REAL HIJACKING" AT WHICH TIME ONE OF THE HIJACKERS FIRED TWO OR POSSIBLY THREE SHOTS THE LENGTH OF THE AIRCRAFT TOWARD THE REAR. THE WEAPON USED WAS DESCRIBED AS AN AUTOMATIC.

11. HASSAN CLEARED THE FIRST TWO MIDDLE SECTION ROWS IN ECONOMY. SHORTLY THEREAFTER A CREW MEMBER PULLED IN FROM FIRST CLASS AN INJURED KUWAITI SECURITY OFFICER AND LEFT HIM ON THE FLOOR NEAR THE SECOND ROW. HE WAS

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DRAGGED AROUND THE ECONOMY CLASS AT LEAST ONCE DURING THE FLIGHT TO TEHRAN. SHORTLY AFTER THIS ACTION, A CREW MEMBER DRAGGED A WESTERN-APPEARING MALE, FACE UP, WITH A GUNSHOT WOUND IN RIGHT SIDE CHEST AREA BLEEDING AND UNCONSCIOUS, DOWN THE AISLE TOWARD THE REAR OF THE PLANE. THE APPARENT VICTIM WAS WEARING A LIGHT BLUE SHIRT.

12. AFTER THIS, HASSAN ORDERED KHALID AND SAMEER TO GO DOWN THE AISLES AND IDENTIFY PEOPLE WHO WERE AMERICANS. HIJACKER KHALID OBSERVED BILL STANFORD SITTING IN HIS SEAT 17-K (KENNETH), YELLED AT STANFORD IN ARABIC, GRABBED HIM, LIFTED HIM UP, AND PUSHED HIM, AT GUNPOINT, TOWARDS THE FIRST CLASS SECTION.

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13. ONE HIJACKER OBSERVED ONE OF [REDACTED] AND MADE HIM WALK UP TO THE FOUR-ROW SECTION BEHIND FIRST CLASS. LATER, THIS MAN WAS ALLOWED TO RETURN TO ECONOMY AREA AFTER SOURCE SHOWED HIJACKERS HIS [REDACTED] FOLLOWING THIS ACTIVITY, HIJACKERS ORDERED PASSENGERS TO PLACE THEIR PASSPORTS IN PLASTIC BAGS CARRIED AROUND BY KHALID AND SAMEER. THE FIRST FOUR-ROW SECTION BEHIND FIRST CLASS WAS USED AS THE HOLDING AREA FOR THE AMERICANS AND KUWAITIS.

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14. DURING THIS TIME THE HIJACKERS ALSO REMOVED ALL FORKS AND KNIVES FROM THE DINNER TRAYS. THE SOURCES SAID THE OPERATION WAS SHODDY AS HIJACKERS MISSED PASSPORTS, KNIVES AND FORKS, ETC. HIJACKERS APPEARED TO CALM DOWN AT THIS TIME AND, PRIOR TO LANDING AT TEHRAN, PLACED INJURED KUWAIT GUARD ONTO SEATS IN SECOND ROW (LAID HIM DOWN ON BLOCK OF SEATS).

15. AFTER LANDING AT TEHRAN, [REDACTED] SAID THAT HIJACKERS BECAME EVEN CALMER AND SOMEWHAT RELAXED.

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EVEN, FOR THE FIRST SEVERAL HOURS HASSAN KEPT THE KNIFE IN HIS RIGHT HAND WHEREAS KHALID AND SAMEER HAD WEAPONS IN HAND. THE SOURCES ADVISED THAT PASSENGERS WERE ALLOWED ACCESS, WITH PERMISSION, TO TOILETS IN BOTH FIRST CLASS AND ECONOMY AREAS. ACCESS TO FIRST CLASS WAS ALLOWED BECAUSE TOILETS IN ECONOMY AREA WERE ALMOST UNUSEABLE - FILTHY AND CLOGGED UP).

WHEN ASKED ABOUT WHETHER HIJACKERS SLEPT, ONE SOURCE INDICATED HE WAS ALLOWED, BY KHALID, TO GO TO LAVATORY AND WHEN SOURCE RETURNED TO SEAT FROM CLOSET HE OBSERVED KHALID APPARENTLY ASLEEP IN A SEAT WITH WEAPON IN HAND. LATER, A SECOND SOURCE USED LAVATORY FACILITY IN FIRST CLASS AND OBSERVED ALL FOUR HIJACKERS ASLEEP (APPARENTLY) IN FIRST CLASS. AT THAT TIME, SOURCE OBSERVED ONLY ONE HIJACKER HAD WEAPON IN HAND.

WHILE ON THE GROUND IN TEHRAN, AND PRIOR TO 3:00 PM WEDNESDAY, HIJACKERS ALLOWED CLEANING PERSONNEL FROM AIRPORT TO BOARD AIRCRAFT. SOURCES ALSO ADVISED THAT AT LEAST FOUR TIMES HASSAN DEPLANED WITH TRASH AND PURPOSE OF GENERAL WALKAROUND OF AIRCRAFT (APPARENTLY) ONE OF THE TIMES HE DEPLANED WAS WHEN THE WOMEN WERE RELEASED. PRIOR TO THE RELEASE OF ANY HOSTAGES, ONE OF THE HIJACKERS ANNOUNCED (ON THE PLANE'S INTERCOM SYSTEM) IN ARABIC, TRANSLATED BY STEWARDS AND ATTENDANCE PERSONNEL ON THE AIRCRAFT, "WE ARE NOT AGAINST ISRAELIS AND OTHERS. WE ARE AGAINST THE KUWAIT GOVERNMENT AND AMERICANS".

HASSAN ALLOWED FOOD AND WATER TO BE BROUGHT INTO AIRCRAFT. ADDITIONALLY HASSAN, AFTER ENGINES HAD BEEN SHUT OFF FOR TWO HOURS, ORDERED FUEL OIL SO THAT AIRCRAFT HEATING SYSTEM COULD BE EMPLOYED. DURING THAT TWO-HOUR PERIOD, HIJACKERS PASSED OUT BLANKETS TO PASSENGERS AND TOLD THEM TO PUT ON SWEATERS.

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SOMETIME LATER ON WEDNESDAY, HIJACKERS APPEARED WITH LISTS OF NAMES AND ASKED FOR ALL THOSE PAKISTANIS WHO WERE EMPLOYED BY THE KUWAIT GOVERNMENT TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES. APPROXIMATELY 26 PAK MILITARY PERSONNEL DID SO. THE HIJACKERS THEN SAID THEY WERE RELEASING TANZANIANS, CANADIANS, GERMANS, BRITISH AND PAKISTANIS WHO HAD NO AFFILIATION WITH THE KUWAIT GOVERNMENT. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, AT AROUND 3:00 P.M., 23 MALE PASSENGERS WERE RELEASED.

THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF ANY EXPLOSIVES ON BOARD, THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF IRANIAN ASSISTANCE, OTHER THAN THAT NOTED, AND NO EVIDENCE OF A HIDDEN HIJACKER.

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2. FOLLOWING ARE NOTES BASED ON CONVERSATION WITH ██████████
 ██████████ PERMANENT ALIEN RESTRICTED TO US, WHO ARRIVED
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3. ~~FOIA(b)(6)~~ PERMANENT ALIEN RESIDENT, U.S. WAS INTERVIEWED CONCERNING THE HIJACKING. SHE INDICATED THAT SHE JOINED THE FLIGHT AT DUBAI AFTER TRAVELING ON KLM TO DUBAI VIA AMSTERDAM FROM CHICAGO. THE DUBAI AIRPORT AUTHORITIES CONDUCTED HAND-BAGGAGE CHECKS BUT WERE NOT VERY THOROUGH AS THREE MEN REMIND HER IN THE LINE WENT AROUND AND DID NOT HAVE THEIR BAGS CHECKED (THEY WERE NOT THE HIJACKERS). THE SOURCE DID SEE TWO OF THE HIJACKERS IN THE DUBAI LOUNGE CARRYING SMALL BAGS.

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4. APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES AFTER TAKE OFF, THERE WAS A LOUD NOISE LIKE SOME PEOPLE FIGHTING. IN THE FIRST CLASS SECTION, A STEWARD HAD SERVED TEA AND WAS THEN SLAPPED BY ONE OF THE HIJACKERS. SITTING NEXT TO THE HIJACKER WAS A SECURITY GUARD WHO GRABBED THE MAN. THE HIJACKERS TOOK THE GUARD'S GUN. THE SOURCE HEARD 3-4 SHOTS AND THE HIJACKERS CAME BACK THROUGH THE PLANE WITH THE GUARD WHO WAS INJURED BUT ALIVE. A CREWMAN WAS ALSO HIT OVER THE HEAD. THE HIJACKERS ASKED ALL THE AMERICANS AND KUWAITIS TO COME FORWARD. THEY ABUSED THE AMERICANS AND KUWAITISHY PUSHING THEM AROUND. THEY GRABBED ONE BY THE NECK AND PUSHED HIS FACE INTO A TRAY. THEY THEN ORDERED AN AMERICAN IDENTIFIED AS WILLIAM STANFORD TO SIT NEXT TO THE SOURCE. HE WAS DESCRIBED AS VERY NERVOUS.

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5. THE HIJACKERS WERE VERY HOSTILE TO EVERYONE BUT AFTER THEY ARRIVED IN TEHRAN, THEY RELAXED. THE HIJACKERS HAD ALL THE CREW COME FORWARD AND THEY WERE SEARCHED AND ASKED SEVERAL TIMES FOR ALL PASSPORTS AND SEARCHED ALL THE LUGGAGE.

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6. THE SOURCE SAID THAT THERE WERE FIVE HIJACKERS. FOUR MOVED AROUND THE CABIN AND ONE STAYED IN THE COCKPIT. THE HIJACKERS WORE VARIOUS CLOTHES TO INCLUDE A JOGGING SUIT, JEAN PANTS AND JACKETS AND JEANS WITH A LEATHER JACKET. THE MEN WERE DESCRIBED AS EARLY TO MID

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20'S WITH THE LEADER BEING FAT WITH A ROUND FACE. THERE WERE FOUR PISTOLS AND ONE HAND GRENADE WHICH WAS PASSED FROM HIJACKER TO HIJACKER. THE HIJACKERS CONSTANTLY MOVED AROUND AND DID NOT STAY IN ONE PLACE.

7. THE SOURCE ALSO REPORTED THAT THEY OBTAINED AN AXE FROM THE EMERGENCY SUPPLIES BUT SAW NO EXPLOSIVES OTHER THAN THE HAND GRENADE.

8. AFTER ARRIVAL IN TEHRAN, THE HIJACKERS TOOK AN AMERICAN TO THE FRONT OF THE PLANE. HE WAS DESCRIBED AS BEING TALL AND FAT, WEARING A RED SHIRT. SHE HEARD A SHOT AND DID NOT SEE THE PASSENGER AGAIN. SHE WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY THE PERSON AS BEING ONE OF THE USAID EMPLOYEES.

9. ALL DISCUSSIONS BY THE HIJACKERS WAS DONE IN ARABIC WITH TRANSLATIONS BEING PROVIDED BY OTHER PEOPLE ON THE PLANE. THE HIJACKERS ALSO USED SIGN LANGUAGE WHICH THE SOURCE DESCRIBED AS UNDERSTANDABLE.

10. LATE IN THE FIRST DAY, THE LADIES AND CHILDREN WERE CALLED TO THE FIRST CLASS CABIN AND WERE TOLD THAT THEY WOULD BE RELEASED IN EXCHANGE FOR FUEL. IF THE FUEL WAS NOT PROVIDED THEN THE RELEASE WOULD NOT TAKE PLACE. TEN PEOPLE INCLUDING THE SOURCE WERE THEN RELEASED. THE REMAINING WOMEN TOLD THE SOURCE LATER THAT THE ATTITUDE OF THE HIJACKERS HARDENED AFTER THIS RELEASE. THREE HOURS LATER THE OTHER LADIES WERE

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11. THE SOURCE DID NOT SEE ANY UNUSUAL EQUIPMENT BEING USED BY THE HIJACKERS AND SAW NO INDICATIONS OF OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE. THE SOURCE ALSO DENIED ANY INVOLVED OTHER THAN THE FIVE PERSONS.

12. THE ENGLISH SPEAKING CAPABILITIES OF THIS SOURCE WERE NOT AS GOOD AS THE OTHER UBCIT AND IT WAS DIFFICULT TO GET HER TO UNDERSTAND THE QUESTIONS EVEN WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF HER HUSBAND. [REDACTED]

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2. WE NOTE FROM REFTEL THAT THE SAUDIS ARE THINKING IN TERMS OF A RESOLUTION AT SANAA WHICH WOULD REQUIRE COUNTRIES TO EXTRADITE HIJACKERS TO THE COUNTRY FROM WHICH THE HIJACKING TOOK PLACE. THIS IDEA HAS TWO NEGATIVE FEATURES.



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3. ON A MORE GENERAL PLANE, IT WOULD NOT BE HELPFUL TO TRY TO MODIFY THE BASIC HAGUE CONVENTION ALTERNATIVE OF EXTRADITE OR BRING FOR PROSECUTION. THERE ARE ALL TOO MANY CASES, PARTICULARLY IN EASTERN EUROPE, WHERE WE WOULD BE MOST RELUCTANT TO EXTRADITE HIJACKERS WHOSE MOTIVES WERE ESSENTIALLY ESCAPE FROM THE REPRESSIVE SYSTEMS THERE.

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