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1. Cable	181029Z Dec 84 (2 pp) D 1/02/03 F97-048 #118	12/18/84	P1
2. Cable	130515Z Dec 84 (4 pp) PART. ~ #119	12/13/84	P1
3. Paper	Kuwaiti hijacking (5 pp) D 2/27/01 F97-048 #120	n.d.	P1, B3
4. Paper	Kuwaiti hijacking, attachment to #3 (4 pp) D " " #121	n.d.	P1, B3
<del>5. Cable</del>	<del>102117Z Dec 84 (3 pp) R 1/02/03 #122</del>	<del>12/10/84</del>	<del>P1</del>
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<del>7. Cable</del>	<del>110928Z Dec 84 (2 pp) R 1/02/03 #124</del>	<del>12/11/84</del>	<del>P1</del>
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<del>9. Cable</del>	<del>101532Z Dec 84 (5 pp) / 101546Z #126 R 1/02/03</del>	<del>12/10/84</del>	<del>P1</del>
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<del>13. Cable</del>	<del>101252Z Dec 84 (1 p) R 8/16/02 F97-048 #130</del>	<del>12/10/84</del>	<del>P1</del>
<del>14. Cable</del>	<del>101157Z Dec 84 (1 p) R " " #131</del>	<del>12/10/84</del>	<del>P1</del>
<del>15. Cable</del>	<del>100922Z Dec 84 (1 p)</del>	<del>12/10/84</del>	<del>P1</del>

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<del>17. Cable</del>	<del>100410Z Dec 84 (2 pp) R 3 - #133</del>	<del>12/10/84</del>	<del>P1</del>
<del>18. Message</del>	<del>RR to Amir Sabah (2p) R 8/10/02 F97-048 #134</del>	<del>12/9/84</del>	<del>P1</del>
19. Cable	092117Z Dec 84 (1 p) D 5/24/00 NLS F97-048 #135	12/9/84	P1
20. Cable	092049Z Dec 84 (1 p) D " " #136	12/9/84	P1
21. Cable	090955Z Dec 84 (1 p) D " " #137	12/9/84	P1
22. Cable	091850Z Dec 84 (1 p) D " " #138	12/9/84	P1
23. Cable	090955Z Dec 84 (1 p) D " " #139	12/9/84	P1
24. Cable	091748Z Dec 84 (2 pp) D " " #140	12/9/84	P1
25. Cable	091722Z Dec 84 (2 pp) D " " #141	12/9/84	P1
26. Washfax	Name (1 p) Part. 2/27/01 F97-048 #142	12/7/84	P1, P3
27. Memo	to Oakley (1 p) Part. " " #143	12/7/84	P1, B3
28. Paper	Kuwaiti hijacking (2 pp) D 2/27/01 " " #144	n.d.	P1, B3
29. Paper	Kuwaiti hijacking (3 pp) D " " #145	n.d.	P1, B3

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30. Notes	Kuwaiti hijacking (2p) <i>PART. 2/8/07 F97-048 #146</i>	n.d.	P1
31. Memo	North to Poindexter (1 p) <i>P F97-048 #147 9/15/00</i>	12/6/84	P1
32. Agenda	Terrorist working group mtg. (1 p) <i>P " #148 "</i>	12/6/84	P1
33. Form	names (1p partial)	12/6/84	P1, P3
34. Memo	to Assist to President for National Sec. Affairs (2p) <i>D F97-048 #150 2/27/01</i>	12/4/84	P1, B3
35. Finding	re: counterterrorism (2 pp) <i>D " #151 "</i>	11/13/84	P1, B3
36. Report	re: counterterrorism (2 pp) <i>D " #152 "</i>	n.d.	P1, B3
<del>37. Cable</del>	<del>Kuwaiti hijacking (3pp) <i>R 3/10/06 F97-048 #153</i></del>	<del>12/7/84</del>	<del>P1</del>
<del>38. Cable</del>	<del>RR to Zia Al Haq (2 pp) <i>R 8/16/02 F97-048 #154</i></del>	<del>12/6/84</del>	<del>P1</del>
<del>39. Cable</del>	<del>RR to Kuwaiti Amir (2 pp) <i>L " #155</i></del>	<del>12/7/84</del>	<del>P1</del>
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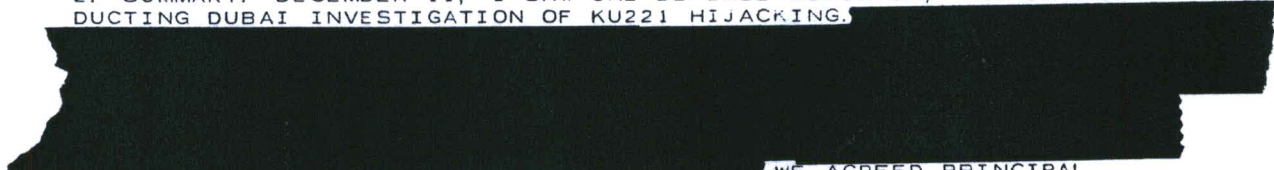
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2. SUMMARY. DECEMBER 11, I SAW UAE DEFENSE MINISTER, WHO IS CON-  
DUCTING DUBAI INVESTIGATION OF KU221 HIJACKING.

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WE AGREED PRINCIPAL  
LESSONS UNDERLINED BY TRAGEDY ARE: (A) NEED FOR EFFECTIVE MEANS  
TO CONFRONT GROWING WAVE OF TERRORISM--WHICH APPEARS OFFICIALLY-  
SPONSORED AND IS THUS TANTAMOUNT TO WARFARE; (B) THAT ANY POLICY  
WHEREIN SMALL GULF STATES ACCOMMODATE RADICAL ELEMENTS IN ORDER  
TO AVOID THEIR ENMITY IS LIKELY TO FAIL IN CONTEXT OF MAJOR CRISIS  
SUCH AS KU221 HIJACKING; AND (C) THAT AS A RESULT, WE SHOULD  
EXAMINE CLOSER FORMS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN US TO COUNTER THESE  
PHENOMENA AND OTHER THREATS TO REGIONAL SECURITY.

SUMMARY. [REDACTED] TO US. END

3. DECEMBER 11, I MET WITH UAE MINISTER OF DEFENSE, AND GOVERNMENT

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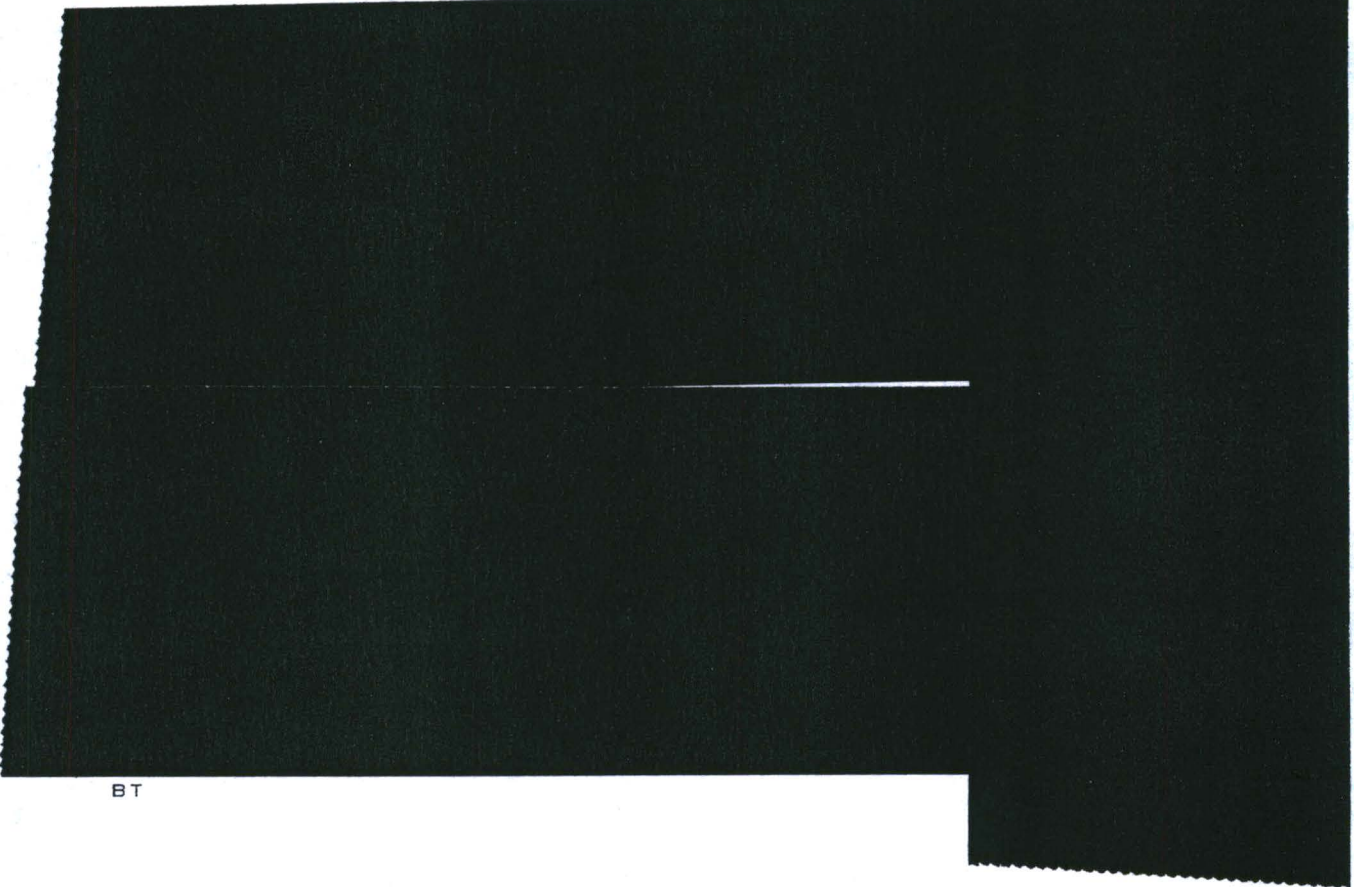
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OF DUBAI'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SHAIKH MOHAMMED BIN RASHIN AL MAKTOUM. AFTER EXPRESSING HIS SINCERE THANKS FOR THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR HIM BY DOD, STATE, AND OTHERS DURING HIS LATE-NOVEMBER VISIT TO WASHINGTON, WE PROCEEDED TO DISCUSS KU221 HI-JACKING.

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6. SHAIKH MOHAMMED AND I AGREED THAT THERE WERE SEVERAL PRINCIPAL LESSONS TO BE LEARNED IN THE AFTERMATH OF THIS TRAGEDY.

[REDACTED]

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I RESPONDED THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS INTENSELY PREOCCUPIED WITH THIS VERY PROBLEM, SINCE THIS NEW FORM OF WARFARE HAD CLAIMED OVER 350 U.S. LIVES IN THE MIDDLE EAST REGION DURING THE PAST YEAR AND A HALF. TACTICS WERE BEING DEVELOPED AND PROGRESS ON THIS SCORE WAS BEING MADE. I CONTINUED. I REDIRECTED HIS ATTENTION TO PROPOSALS CONCERNING US/UAE CO-OPERATION.

[REDACTED]

I NOTED THAT DEBATE REGARDING AN OVERALL STRATEGY FOR THE USE OF AMERICAN MILITARY POWER--INCLUDING IN ANTI-TERRORIST SCENARIOS--WAS NOW UNDER DISCUSSION IN THE UNITED STATES. WHILE OUR DEMOCRATIC WAYS WERE SOMETIMES SLOW, I SAID, THE RECENT ELECTION HAD GIVEN A MANDATE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION TO PURSUE A DYNAMIC FOREIGN POLICY. OUR CURRENT HIGH-LEVEL PUBLIC EXAMINATION OF USES OF MILITARY POWER BORE WITNESS TO A DETERMINATION THAT OUR ENEMIES WILL NOT GO UNCHALLENGED.

7. SECOND, SHAIKH MOHAMMED AND I DISCUSSED POLICIES WHEREIN ECONOMICALLY-POWERFUL BUT POLITICALLY-WEAK SMALL GULF STATES HAVE TRADITIONALLY ACCOMMODATED RADICAL ELEMENTS IN ORDER TO AVOID THEIR ENMITY. I NOTED GOK'S RETICENCE TO CARRY OUT SENTENCE KUWAITI COURT HANDED DOWN AGAINST THOSE HELD IN CONNECTION WITH LAST DECEMBER'S BOMBINGS AS A CURRENT ILLUSTRATION OF THAT POLICY OF ACCOMMODATION. I ADDED THAT, WHILE GOK RESPONSE TO HIJACK HAD

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8. THIRDLY, WE AGREED WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO EXAMINE CLOSER FORMS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN US.

[REDACTED]

MOHAMMED CONCLUDED "WE ARE ON THE RIGHT TRACK, BUT WE MUST STILL PROCEED CAREFULLY."

THANKED HIM FOR HIS COOPERATION.  
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--    AMERICAN PASSENGERS KAPAR AND COSTA

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2. GOK HAS JUST INFORMED OUR EMBASSY THAT THE IRANIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE FINALLY GRANTED PERMISSION FOR A KUWAITI AIRWAYS SPECIAL FLIGHT (BOEING 727) TO FLY TO TEHRAN ON DECEMBER 11 TO RETURN FOUR KUWAITI PASSENGERS AND A WOUNDED KUWAITI AIRWAYS SECURITY GUARD TO KUWAIT. THE IRANIANS HAVE ALSO AGREED TO PERMIT THE TWO AMERICAN PASSENGERS, KAPAR AND COSTA, TO DEPART TEHRAN ON THIS FLIGHT AS WELL.

3. THE ESTIMATED DEPARTURE TIME FOR THE KUWAITI SPECIAL FLIGHT IS ESTIMATED AT 1000 HRS KUWAIT TIME WITH A RETURN TENTATIVELY PROJECTED FOR BETWEEN 1400 AND 1500 HRS KUWAIT TIME (0600 AND 0700 HRS EST) ON DECEMBER 11.

4. FOR BERN AND KUWAIT: WE NEED CONFIRMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THAT THE TWO AMCITS HAVE INDEED BEEN PERMITTED TO DEPART ON THE KUWAITI SPECIAL FLIGHT.

5. ALSO FOR KUWAIT: REQUEST POST ASK KUWAIT AIRWAYS WHAT TICKETING KAC IS WILLING TO PROVIDE COSTA FROM FRANKFURT. DEPARTMENT ASSUMES COSTA MAY BE INTERESTED IN RETURNING TO NEW YORK.

6. FOR USCINCEUR AND FRANKFURT: EMBASSY KUWAIT NEEDS ALL FLIGHT CLEARANCE DATA NO LATER THAN OPENING OF BUSINESS ON DECEMBER 11 FOR MEDEVAC FLIGHT FROM KUWAIT TO FRANKFURT. IN ADDITION, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT MEDEVAC FLIGHT PLAN TO ARRIVE IN KUWAIT BY MID-AFTERNOON ON DECEMBER 11 IN ORDER TO PREVENT DELAY IN THE REPATRIATION OF KAPAR AND COSTA. EMBASSIES CAIRO AND RIYADH WILL ALSO REQUIRE COMPLETE FLIGHT CLEARANCE DATA BY OPENING OF BUSINESS ON DECEMBER 11 IN ORDER TO OBTAIN APPROPRIATE

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- HIJACKING OF KU-221

REF: A) TELCDN BERN/DEPT BAILEY/VELER    B) TELCON BERN/FFM  
- RICE/VELER

1. PER REF TELCONS SPP CHIEF IMHOLZ WAS AT THE AIRPORT AND  
VERIFIED THAT COFFINS OF TWO DECEASED AMCITS, HEGNER AND

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STANFORD WERE ON LUFTHANSA FLIGHT 601 ON DECEMBER 11. THE PILOT WILL HAVE THE KEYS TO THE COFFINS AS WELL AS THE SWISS PREPARED "DECEASED'S PASSPORT".

2. AIRWAY BILLS HAVE NOW BEEN PROVIDED. HEGNER:  
220-18002375. STANFORD: 220-18002364. BOTH AIRWAY BILLS  
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SUBJECT: KUWAITI REACTION TO HIJACKING OF FLT KU-221

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2. SUMMARY: ALTHOUGH THE DUST HAS HARDLY BEGUN TO SETTLE FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE HIJACKING OF KUWAIT AIRWAYS FLT KU-221, SEVERAL THEMES ARE EMERGING INDICATING THE EVENT'S IMPACT ON KUWAIT'S OFFICIAL AND PUBLIC PSYCHE, AMONG THESE: UNIVERSAL ADMIRATION FOR THE KUWAIT GOVERNMENT'S STEADFASTNESS; IRANIAN CONDUCT DURING THE ORDEAL WAS REPREHENSIBLE WITH VIRTUALLY ALL KUWAITIS CONVINCED THAT THE TEHRAN COLLUDED WITH THE HIJACKERS; PENT UP ANGER AND FRUSTRATION WITH IRAN OVER THE DECEMBER, 1983, BOMBING AND THREATS AGAINST KUWAIT HAVE BEEN RELEASED BY TEHRAN'S ACTIONS DURING THE HIJACK; THE "STORMING" OF THE AIRCRAFT WAS A LAST-MINUTE PUT UP JOB WHICH HAS REDUCED PUBLIC, BUT NOT PRIVATE, CRITICISM OF THE IRANIANS. WE BELIEVE THE GOK IS UNLIKELY TO COMMUTE THE SENTENCES OF THOSE SENTENCED FOR THE DECEMBER 1983 BOMBINGS. THE HIJACKING EXPANDED OUR CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATIONS WITH KEY GOK OFFICIALS. END SUMMARY

3. ALTHOUGH THE DUST HAS HARDLY BEGUN TO SETTLE FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE HIJACKING OF KUWAIT AIRWAYS FLTKU-221, KUWAITI OFFICIALS, INDIVIDUALS, AND THE LOCAL MEDIA HAVE ALREADY EXPRESSED THEIR ADMIRATION FOR THEIR LEADERS' STEADFASTNESS IN CONFRONTING THE HIJACKERS AND IN DEALING WITH THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT. IN KUWAITI EYES THE GOK'S REFUSAL TO RESPOND TO THE HIJACKERS' DEMANDS HAS BEEN VINDICATED BY THE SUCCESSFUL RELEASE OF ALL BUT TWO PASSENGERS, WHO WERE KILLED IN THE EARLY STAGES OF THE ORDEAL. AS OCCURRED IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE DECEMBER, 1983, BOMBINGS OF THE AMERICAN AND FRENCH EMBASSIES, THE AL-SABAH HAVE SHOWN THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO BACK UP THEIR STATED COMMITMENT TO THE RULE OF LAW WITH ACTION. AT NO TIME DURING THE COURSE OF THE HIJACKING DID ANY KUWAITI SUGGEST THAT THE TERRORISTS' DEMANDS BE MET, DESPITE SPECULATION BY MANY NON-KUWAITIS HERE THAT THE GOK WOULD KNUCKLE UNDER.

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THE ONLY MINOR PRESS CRITICISM OF THE GOVERNMENT LEVIED BY THE PRESS WAS THAT THE GOK DID NOT MAKE PUBLIC THE HIJACKERS DEMANDS, DESPITE THE FACT THAT INTERNATIONAL MEDIA BROADCAST THEM REPEATEDLY.

4. THE GOK'S STAND WITH RESPECT TO IRAN HAS ALSO BEEN LAUDED. THE FEELING IS THAT KUWAIT RIGHTLY TRIED TO WORK WITH THE GOI AS A RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE HIJACKING. DESPITE IRANIAN FOOT-DRAGGING IN RESPONSE TO THE GOK'S REQUEST TO SEND A NEGOTIATING TEAM TO TEHRAN, A SUSTAINED EFFORT WAS MADE TO ENGAGE THE GOI IN A DIALOGUE TO BRING THE HIJACKING TO AN END. WHEN IT BECAME APPARENT, HOWEVER, THAT THE IRANIANS WERE FOLLOWING THEIR OWN BRIEF IN DEALING WITH THE HIJACKING AND, MORE DISTURBINGLY, WERE OBSTRUCTING GOK EFFORTS TO MEET WITH RELEASED HOSTAGES, THE GOK CONCLUDED THAT WITHDRAWING THE NEGOTIATORS WAS ITS ONLY OPTION. FINALLY, KUWAITIS BELIEVE THAT WHEN IRAN TRIED TO PIN THE BLAME FOR NOT ACTING SOONER TO END THE HIJACKING ON THE KUWAITIS, THE GOK RESPONDED SWIFTLY AND CORRECTLY BY PLACING RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENDING THE HIJACKING SQUARELY WHERE IT BELONGED--ON THE GOI.

5. IF ADMIRATION MARKS KUWAITI FEELINGS TOWARD ITS LEADERS, ANGER, FRUSTRATION, AND CYNICISM BEST DESCRIBE KUWAITI PERCEPTIONS OF THE IRANIAN LEADERSHIP. PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY KUWAITI CITIZENS HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR CONVICTION THAT THE IRANIANS COLLUDED WITH THE HIJACKERS. MANY BELIEVE THAT THE GOI HAD A HAND IN PLANNING THE HIJACKING; ALL HAVE TOLD US THAT THE IRANIAN AUTHORITIES ABETTED THE TERRORISTS AFTER FLT 221 LANDED IN TEHRAN. WIDELY CIRCULATED RUMORS, SOME OF WHICH HAVE APPEARED IN THE PRESS, CONTINUE THAT THE IRANIANS PROVIDED THE HIJACKERS WITH ADDITIONAL WEAPONS AND THAT DISGUISED IRANIANS TOOK THE HIJACKERS PLACE DURING THE NIGHT, GIVING THE CULPRITS A CHANCE TO REST. KUWAITIS--OFFICIALS, JOURNALIST, AND PRIVATE CITIZENS--CONTINUE TO ASK WHY THE GOI REFUSED TO GIVE GOK OFFICIALS ACCESS TO KUWAITI PASSENGERS AND CREW RELEASED IN THE COURSE OF THE HIJACKING, PARTICULARLY TO THE SECURITY GUARD WHO WAS WOUNDED WHEN THE PLANE WAS TAKEN OVER. THEIR ONLY EXPLANATION, SO FAR, IS THAT THE GOI HAD NO INTEREST IN HELPING TO BRING THE HIJACKING TO AN END.

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6. ON DECEMBER 9, THE KUWAIT PRESS VENTED THE COUNTRY'S ANGER AT ITS IRANIAN NEIGHBORS. REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS INCLUDED A STATEMENT IN "AL-ANBA" THAT THE HIJACKERS "HAVE RECEIVED SO MUCH ATTENTION AND CARE IN TEHRAN THAT HIJACKING APPEARS TO BE FUN..." A COMMENTATOR IN "SIYASSAH" WROTE: "IRAN HAS FAILED TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM DUE TO EITHER (1) TO THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT BEING WITHOUT REASON, OR (2) BECAUSE IT (THE GOI) IS THE AUTHORITY BEHIND THE HIJACKING." LOCAL PAPERS ON DECEMBER 10 CONTINUED THIS THEME, DESPITE HEADLINES THAT THE GOI HAD ASSAULTED THE PLANE AND FREED THE REMAINING HOSTAGES. ACCORDING TO "AL-RAI' AL-'AM" "THIS-PIRACY ENCOURAGES TERRORISM IN ITS MEANEST FORMS." "AL-SIYASSAH," WHOSE EDITORIAL WAS THE ONLY COMMENTARY WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN WRITTEN AFTER THE HIJACK HAD ENDED SAID, IN PART: "THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION TO BE ASKED OF THIS HIJACKING IS HOW THE WEAPONS REACHED THE HIJACKERS... THERE ARE MANY QUESTIONS ARISING OVER IRAN'S POSITION ON THIS POINT... THERE ARE ALSO MANY DISCONCERTING SIGNS WHICH INDICATE SOME COLLUSION BETWEEN THE HIJACKERS AND THE IRANIAN AUTHORITIES, THOUGH WE HOPE THIS IS NOT TRUE." ALTHOUGH THE PAPERS HAD IN ALL LIKELIHOOD GONE TO PRESS (EXCEPT FOR THE FRONT PAGES) BEFORE THE HIJACKING ENDED, HAD THE GOK FELT AN URGENT NEED TO HAVE JOURNALIST MODERATE THEIR CRITICISM OF IRAN FOLLOWING THE RELEASE OF THE LAST HOSTAGES, THE PRESSES COULD HAVE BEEN STOPPED AND THE EDITORIALS MODIFIED.

7. ONE LIKELY REASON FOR THE BLUNTNESS OF THE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST TEHRAN IS GENERAL KUWAITI ANGER AND FRUSTRATION OVER THE GOI'S ACTIONS DURING THE PAST YEAR. FOLLOWING THE DECEMBER, 1983, BOMBINGS THE KUWAIT MEDIA CONFINED ITSELF TO OBLIQUE REFERENCES TO IRANIAN COMPLICITY IN THE ATTACKS, DESPITE THE WIDELY HELD BELIEF-- EVENTUALLY EXPRESSED BY FOMIN SHAIKH SABAH-- THAT IRAN WAS BEHIND THE BOMBINGS. KUWAITIS HAVE ALSO BEEN ANGERED RECENTLY BY IRANIAN ACCUSATIONS THAT THE GOK HAS "GIVEN" THREE KUWAITI ISLANDS TO IRAQ AND TEHRAN'S THREATS TO OCCUPY THEM. THE LONG ORDEAL OF FLT 221'S PASSENGERS AND CREW GAVE THE MEDIA A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO ATTACK THE IRANIAN REGIMNE. PRESS COMMENTARY OVER THE COMING FEW DAYS WILL GIVE US

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A CLEARER PICTURE OF WHETHER OR NOT THE GOK INTENDS THE INVECTIVE AGAINST TEHRAN TO CONTINUE.

8. IRAN'S "STORMING" OF FLT 221 HAS DONE NOTHING TO DISPEL KUWAITI BELIEFS THAT THE IRANIANS SUPPORTED BOTH THE KIDNAPPERS AND THEIR DEMANDS FOR RELEASE OF THE PRISONERS HELD IN KUWAIT. THE OFFICIAL GOK CABINET STATEMENT THANKING THE GOI IS CONSIDERED BY MOST KUWAITIS AS HAVING BEEN DIPLOMATICALLY PROPER. IN REALITY, HOWEVER, MANY KUWAITIS BELIEVE THAT THE IRANIAN ACTION WAS A SET UP WITH THE HIJACKERS FULLY AWARE THAT "FORCE" WAS ABOUT TO BE USED WELL BEFORE THE EVENT TOOK PLACE. ONE VERSION OF THE RESCUE CIRCULATING IN KUWAIT IS THAT THE IRANIANS, FAILED TO GET THE GOK TO KNUCKLE UNDER TO THE HIJACKERS' DEMANDS AND UNDER EVER INCREASING INTERNATIIONAL PRESSURE TO END THE INCIDENT, DECIDED TO CUT THEIR LOSSES BY STAGING A MILITARY ACTION THAT, MIRACULOUSLY, RESULTED IN NO CASUALTIES TO EITHER THE HOSTAGES OR THE TERRORISTS. BASED ON REPORTS OF TWO SYRIAN PLANES IN TEHRAN AT THE TIME, ANOTHER VERSION ALLEGES THAT THE IRANIANS INVITED A SYRIAN TEAM IN TO DO THE JOB. THE GOK AND THE CITIZENRY WILL BE WATCHING WITH INTEREST TO SEE WHETHER THE GOI CARRIES OUT ITS PUBLICLY DECLARED INTENT TO BRING THE HIJACKERS TO TRIAL. AT THE MOMENT, FEW, IF ANY, OF OUR INTERLOCUTORS BELIEVE THAT JUSTICE WILL BE DONE IN TEHRAN.

9. COMMENTS:

A) THE HIJACKING WILL HAVE THE OPPOSITE EFFECT TO THAT CONTEMPLATED BY ITS PERPETRATORS. THE GOK, WHICH CONTEMPLATED COMMUTING THE SENTENCES OF THE SEVENTEEN INDIVIDUALS CONVICTED FOR THE DECEMBER, 1983, BOBMINGS, WILL NOT IN THE NEAR FUTURE CONSIDER REDUCING THE SENTENCES. WHETHER OR NOT THE AMIR WILL CONFIRM THE DEATH SENTENCES  
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AGAINST THREE OF THE CONVICTED IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY, BUT HE IS MUCH MORE LIKELY TO DO SO NOW THAN HE WAS BEFORE FLT 221 WAS HIJACKED.

B) FROM THE GOK'S POINT OF VIEW THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL POSITIVE ASPECTS TO THIS OTHERWISE TRAGIC EVENT. THE GOVERNMENT'S POPULARITY HAS BEEN STRENGTHENED, ITS INTERNATIONAL IMAGE ENHANCED, AND COOPERATION WITH THE U. S. DEEPENED. FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW THE HIJACKING HAS ALSO HAD ITS BENEFITS. THE BROADENING OF OUR CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION WITH THE GOK AT SEVERAL LEVELS HAS BEEN NOTABLE. THROUGHOUT THE HIJACKING, WE WERE IN ALMOST HOURLY CONTACT WITH SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE MFA'S WORKING GROUP WHO FREELY COMPARED NOTES WITH US. WE WERE ALSO ABLE TO COORDINATE POLICY DECISIONS AND POSITIONS WITH THE GOK CANDIDLY AND IN A SPIRIT OF FULL COOPERATION. GOK SECURITY AND CIVIL AVIATION OFFICIALS WERE ALSO FORTHCOMING IN SHARING INFORMATION AND IDEAS WITH US. THE PRESIDENT'S TWO MESSAGES WERE DEEPLY APPRECIATED. WHILE OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP HAS NOT BEEN TRANSFORMED BY THE HIJACKING, OUR SHARED INTEREST IN RESOLVING THE INCIDENT SHOWED KUWAIT THAT WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE MUTUAL GOALS. THAT COLLABORATIVE EFFORT SHOULD STAND US IN GOOD STEAD IN THE FUTURE. END COMMENT  
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1. ~~C~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. MFA HAS GIVEN US ORAL BUT OFFICIAL CLEARANCE FOR U. S. MEDEVAC AIRCRAFT TO PICK UP TWO RELEASED AMERICAN HOSTAGES. WE RECOMMEND C-141 BE USED.
3. PLEASE PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH DETAILS OF OVERFLIGHT REQUEST SOONEST BY NIACT IMMEDIATE CABLE FOR CONVEYING TO GOK.
4. IF TWO RELEASED AMERICANS DO DEPART ON SPECIAL KUWAIT AIR FLIGHT WE WILL CONFIRM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BY TELEPHONE TO DEPARTMENT TASK FORCE THAT THEY ARE ON BOARD AND AIRBORNE.
5. NOTE: WORD JUST RECEIVED FROM MFA SUGGESTS THAT KUWAITIS MAY NOT ARRANGE DEPARTURE OF FOUR KUWAITIS FROM TEHRAN TODAY, DECEMBER 10, DEPENDING ON PHYSICAL CONDITION OF HOSTAGES, WHOM THEY HAVE NOT SEEN. THUS, PIA FLIGHT MAY WELL PROVE BEST MEANS OF DEPARTURE FOR TWO

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(U) IN WAKE OF EXTENSIVE LOCAL MEDIA COVERAGE OF KU221 HI-  
JACKING, A LOT OF IT FOCUSING ON FACT HIJACKERS BOARDED IN DUBAI  
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MENT BY DUBAI POLICE DECEMBER 10.

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A DUBAI POLICE SPOKESMAN HAS STRONGLY DENIED REPORTS IN SOME ARAB NEWSPAPERS ABOUT THE INEFFICIENCY OF THE SECURITY STAFF AT DUBAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT OR THEIR NEGLIGENCE IN SEARCHING PASSENGERS WHO BOARDED THE KUWAITI AIRLINER WHICH WAS HIJACKED LAST TUESDAY. THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE 18 PASSENGERS WHO BOARDED THE KUWAITI AIRLINER BOUND FOR KARACHI AT DUBAI AIRPORT HAD GONE THROUGH ALL SECURITY CHECKS USED AT DUBAI AIRPORT AND THAT THE SECURITY MEN SEARCHED THE PASSENGERS AFTER THEY PASSED THROUGH THE METAL DETECTOR AT THE AIRPORT.

HE SAID THAT THE 18 PASSENGERS WERE ALSO CHECKED BY THE SECURITY MEN OF THE AIRLINER BEFORE BOARDING.

IN A STATE TO WAM, THE SPOKESMAN DENIED THE CLAIM OF A PAKI-STANI PASSENGER THAT THE SECURITY MEN AT THE AIRPORT WELCOMED THE FOUR HIJACKERS AND GAVE SPECIAL TREATMENT. HE DESCRIBED IT AS A BASELESS STORY WHICH HAS NO TRUTH AT ALL.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE SECURITY MEN AT THE AIRPORT WELCOMED THREE KUWAITI PASSENGERS ABOARD THE AIRCRAFT WHO IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS DIPLOMATS. DESPITE BEING DIPLOMATS THEY WERE CHECKED BY THE SECURITY MEN.

HE ALSO AFFIRMED THAT THE HIJACKED KUWAITI AIRLINER WAS NOT PROVIDED FOOD AT THE AIRPORT.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPRESSED HIS BELIEF THAT THE WEAPONS USED BY THE HIJACKERS WERE ON BOARD BEFORE THE PLANE ARRIVED AT THE DUBAI AIRPORT.

HE ALSO SAID THAT DEFENSE MINISTER SHAIKH MOHAMMED BIN RASHID, WHO IS ALSO HEAD OF THE DUBAI POLICE DEPARTMENT, HAD INSTRUCTED THE SETTING UP OF A COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE INTO THE INCIDENT AND PRESENT A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT TO HIM AFTER COMPLETING THE PROBE. UNQUOTE. END TEXT.

3. (S) AMBASSADOR AND STAFF HAVE DEALT PRINCIPALLY WITH DUBAI CROWN PRINCE AND UAE DEPUTY PM SHAIKH MAKTOUM, DUBAI POLICE, UNDERSECRETARY OF MFA, AND KUWAITI AMBASSADOR YAGOUT DURING HIJACKING CRISIS.

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FACTS REGARDING WHAT HAPPENED AT DUBAI AIRPORT DURING EARLY HOURS OF DECEMBER 4, HOWEVER, NEED TO BE EXAMINED A GREAT DEAL FURTHER, AND AMBASSADOR HAS DECEMBER 11 APPOINTMENT SCHEDULED WITH UAE MINISTER OF DEFENSE SHAIKH MUHAMMAD BIN RASHID TO THIS END. MUHAMMAD WAS OUT OF COUNTRY WHEN HIJACK TOOK PLACE, BUT AS NOTED IN POLICE STATEMENT ABOVE, HE WILL HEAD DUBAI INVESTIGATION OF INCIDENT. WE EXPECT HE WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN PERMITTING DETAILS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO US.

4. (S) AMBASSADOR ALSO CALLED UPON MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS RASHID ABDULLAH MORNING OF DECMEBER 10 FOLLOWING END OF HIJACK. RESPONDING TO AMBASSADOR'S EXPLANATION OF U. S. VIEW THAT GOI BEHAVIOR DURING INCIDENT WAS AT VERY LEAST UNUSUAL, AND TO HIS DESCRIPTION OF DEPUTY PM'S SUSPICIONS (REF A)

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2. EMBASSY WAS JUST INFORMED BY MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL MIDDLE EAST TAYYAB SIDDIQI THAT TWO AMERICANS WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE ON BOARD SPECIAL PIA FLIGHT FROM TEHRAN TO KARACHI. FREED AMERICANS WERE "UNABLE TO TRAVEL" BUT THEY WILL, ACCORDING TO IRANIAN AUTHORITIES, BE TURNED OVER TO THE CUSTODY OF PAK AMBASSADOR IN TEHRAN TOMORROW. SIDDIQI INDICATED THAT BODIES OF MURDERED AMERICANS COULD NOT BE PREPARED IN TIME FOR TRANSPORT ABOARD SPECIAL PAK AIRCRAFT. SIDDIQI SAID THAT PAK AMBASSADOR IN TEHRAN HAD ASKED WHAT HE SHOULD DO WITH AMERICANS AND DCM PROMISED TO ASK FOR INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPARTMENT. EMBASSY REQUESTS EARLY ADVICE REGARDING HANDLING AND ONWARD TRANSPORT OF FREED AMERICAN HOSTAGES IN TEHRAN. HINTON  
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E. O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
TAGS: PTER, EAIR, CASC, IR, PK, KU, US  
SUBJECT: HIJACKING OF KU 221

1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ ENTIRE TEXT).

2. CONGEN KARACHI, BASED ON RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM EMBASSY ISLAMABAD, THAT THERE WILL BE NO U.S. CITIZENS ON BOARD SPECIAL PIA FLIGHT FROM TEHRAN, IS GOING TO CLOSE DOWN ITS COMMUNICATIONS. NIACT IMMEDIATE PRECEDENCE WILL BE REQUIRED TO CALL US IN. GRAHL  
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E. O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
TAGS: EAIR, PTER, CASC, IR, PK, KU, US  
SUBJECT: HIJACKING OF KU-221

1. CONGEN TEAM WILL MEET ARRIVING PK 2511. IF INFO FROM ISLAMABAD IS CORRECT, ONLY ONE AMCIT MAY BE ON THE PLANE. IF AMCIT IS COSTA, CONGEN PLANS TO REACT, AT THIS STAGE, AS IF COSTA WERE USG EMPLOYEE AND PROVIDE FULL PHYSICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, ETC SUPPORT. EXCEPTION WILL BE IF HE DECLINES ASSISTANCE.
2. IF COSTA IS ONLY AMCIT ON PLANE, DOES DEPT STILL PLAN TO SEND MILITARY MED-EVAC?
3. PLEASE ADVISE.
4. CONGEN HAS JUST BEEN ADVISED BY PIA THAT PK 2511 IS STILL ON GROUND AT 1640 HOURS LOCAL WITH NO ETD. GRAHL BT

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E. O. 12356: N/A  
TAGS: PTER, EAIR, CASC, IR, PK, KU, US  
SUBJECT: HIJACKING OF KU-221: PAKISTAN AIRLINES  
FLYING HOSTAGE PASSENGERS TO KARACHI

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1. PIA ADVISES THAT SPECIAL FLIGHT, PK 2511,  
DEPARTED KARACHI AT 1130 HL ARRIVING TEHRAN 1345 HL.  
SCHEDULED TO DEPART TEHRAN 1545 HL ARRIVE AT KARACHI  
1730 HL.

2. HAVE ASKED PIA OFFICIALS TO ADVISE US AS TO STATUS  
OF AMERICANS CITS RETURN VIA THIS FLIGHT. PLANE IN  
QUESTION IS BOING 707. GRAHL  
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INFO AMEMBASSY KUWAIT IMMEDIATE 0709

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E. O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
TAGS: PTER, EAIR, CASC, IR, PK, US  
SUBJECT: HIJACKING OF KU-221: RETURN OF AMERICAN  
- HOSTAGES

1. ~~C~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. MUSA JAVED CHOCHAN, DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN SECRETARY'S  
OFFICE, CALLED TO STATE THAT TWO AMERICAN HOSTAGES  
WERE CURRENTLY BEING TREATED IN TEHRAN HOSPITAL.  
PAK AMBASSADOR IN TEHRAN PLANNED TO VISIT AMERICANS  
AND ASCERTAIN WHETHER THEY WISHED TO RETURN TO KARACHI  
ON SPECIAL PIA FLIGHT. PAK PLANE WOULD DEPART  
KARACHI AT 1100 HOURS TODAY WITH ETA TEHRAN 1240

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LOCAL. PAKS, ACCORDING TO CHOCHAN, WOULD BE PLEASED  
TO BRING AMERICAN HOSTAGES AND HE ASKED THAT OUR  
CONSULATE GENERAL IN KARACHI BE ALERTED TO THIS  
POSSIBILITY. HINTON

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JCS WASHDC PRIORITY 4529  
USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE PRIORITY

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E. O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
TAGS: PREL, KU, PTER  
SUBJECT: RETURN OF HIJACKED AMERICANS/MEDEVAC FLIGHT

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

2. SUBJECT TO OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION THAT TWO AMERICANS  
HAVE BEEN RELEASED, ARE ABLE TO TRAVEL, AND WILL BE  
ALLOWED BY IRANIANS TO ACCEPT KUWAITI OFFER OF TRANSPORT  
VIA KUWAITI AIRCRAFT FROM TEHRAN TO KUWAIT, DOD IS  
LOOKING AT PROVIDING A MEDEVAC FLIGHT, TENTATIVELY FROM  
RHEIN MAIN AIRBASE (FRANKFURT) TO KUWAIT.

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2. APPARENTLY BOTH C-141 AND A C-9 AIRCRAFT ARE AVAILABLE. THE C-9 WOULD REQUIRE AT LEAST ONE REFUELING STOP, BUT THE C-141 COULD GO DIRECT. TENTATIVE THINKING IS VIA CAIRO AND OVER SAUDI AIRSPACE.

3. STATE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY VIEWS AS TO THE SENSITIVITIES OF THE GOK RECEIVING A U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT SUCH AS THE C-9 OR THE LARGER AND MORE VISIBLE C-141. THE C-141 IS THE PREFERRED AIRCRAFT BECAUSE IT CAN REACH KUWAIT AND DEPART WITHOUT HAVING TO REFUEL.

4. FOR CAIRO/INFO: : THIS WILL ALERT YOU TO POSSIBLE NEED TO REQUEST URGENT AIRCRAFT CLEARANCE BUT IS NOT AN ACTION REQUEST.

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E.O. 12356: N/A

TAGS: PREL, PTER, KU,

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO AMIR SABAH OF KUMAIT

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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN TO THE AMIR OF KUMAIT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: YOUR HIGHNESS: THE ORDEAL WHICH INNOCENT KUMAITIS AND AMERICANS, AS WELL AS CITIZENS OF NUMEROUS OTHER COUNTRIES, HAVE ENDURED FOR SIX DAYS, HAS THANKFULLY COME TO AN END. UNFORTUNATELY, TRAGEDY STRUCK BEFORE THE PERPETRATORS OF TERRORISM COULD BE APPREHENDED. I AM SADDENED AND HORRIFIED, AS IS ALL OF AMERICA, AT THE SPECTACLE WHICH UNFOLDED, BUT I AM ALSO RELIEVED THAT THE LOSS OF INNOCENT LIFE WAS NOT GREATER.

CRIMINAL ACTS

I WAS HEARTENED, YOUR HIGHNESS, BY YOUR STEADFAST REFUSAL TO GIVE IN TO THE UNREASONABLE AND UNJUST DEMANDS OF THE HIJACKERS. IT IS ONLY BY TAKING A FIRM STAND, AS YOU DID, THAT RESPONSIBLE MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CAN HOPE TO COUNTER THE FORCES OF VIOLENCE AND DISORDER AND BRING THE PERPETRATORS OF SUCH CRIMES TO JUSTICE.

YOUR FIRM COMMITMENT TO THE RULE OF LAW AND REASON IN

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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS REFLECTS A GOAL WHICH WE AND OTHERS WHO WORK TOWARD PROGRESS AND ENLIGHTENMENT SHARE. ALL AMERICANS SHARE MY DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE SPLENDID COOPERATION OF YOUR HIGHNESS AND OF THE GOVERNMENT OF KUWAIT THROUGHOUT THIS PAINFUL EPISODE. (SIGNED) SINCERELY, RONALD REAGAN. END TEXT.

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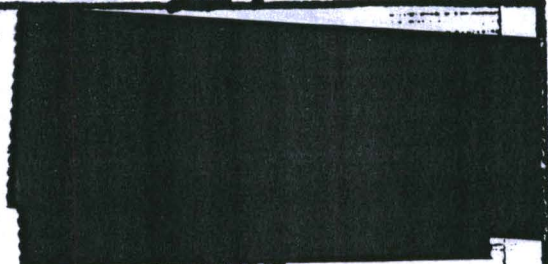
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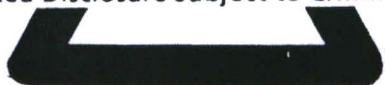
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- 12 e141's reqd for
- Carter in AIAIR
- one Brit involved

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2 - AmCits - one is ~~steiner~~, Hegua is other.

3 - Kuwaitis

Kuwaitis are prepared;

Iranians are not going to

78 on A/C

86 ~~and~~ released

Iranians giving access only to Poles/Kuwaitis



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~~Some doubt~~ <sup>49</sup> of Iranian complicity in current acts.

- "Iranians obviously do not want to act against hijackers
- 4-6 JSOC ready to move w/ IRT
- Kuwaitis and Lebanese advised
- JSOC wld prefer to wait in Casus rather than prep at an overseas location.
- only leverage is against Govt of Iran  
Japanese
- Start campaign against Iran in Arab States, West Europe, etc.
  - using cause ~~to~~ Iranian to ~~allow~~ allow A/C to leave (for Beirut)
  - could also result in Iran taking hijackers into "custody"

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to Kuwait " Pres  
to GCC States  
to Perez de Cuellar

} ~~re~~ } Include summary of events and brutality

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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December 6, 1984

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN M. POINDEXTER

FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH

SUBJECT: Terrorist Incident Working Group (TIWG) Meeting

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CAS NARA Date 9/15/00

The TIWG convenes this afternoon from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in the White House Situation Room for two purposes:

- Review and discuss options regarding the current situation of the Kuwaiti hijacking.
- Discuss next steps regarding U.S. assistance to Lebanese Armed Forces.

Our principal objective for the meeting should be to discern whether or not we can influence the outcome of events in the very brutal ongoing Kuwaiti hijacking. We should also see whether or not this event can be used to assist in our broader counter-terrorist program.

Although this is a third party incident, it is possible that the aircraft could take-off again and equally possible our [redacted] We should consider whether or not it makes sense to move [redacted]

Director Casey has forwarded [redacted]

[redacted] It would seem appropriate to move quickly to place our experts on-scene in Beirut given the origin of this group of hijackers. We could reap considerable benefit from a U.S.-assisted LAF strike against Hizb 'Allah as a response to the murders and atrocities perpetrated in the hijacking.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the agenda at Tab I and use the points above in and in the attachments during the meeting.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_ Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Attachments

Tab I - Agenda

Tab A - Casey Memo to McFarlane of December 4, 1984

Tab B - [redacted]

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

TERRORIST INCIDENT WORKING GROUP (TIWG) MEETING

Thursday, December 6, 1984  
2:00-3:00 p.m.  
White House Situation Room

I. INTELLIGENCE . . . . . CIA

- A. [REDACTED]
- B. [REDACTED]

II. PRESENT SITUATION. . . . . State/CIA

- A. Diplomatic contacts regarding hijacking
- B. Kuwaiti intentions
- C. Ability to use incident to further U.S. goals in combatting terrorism

III. NEXT STEPS/OPTIONS. . . . . Chairman

- A. [REDACTED]
- B. [REDACTED] Public
- C. [REDACTED]
- D. [REDACTED]

IV. CONGRESSIONAL/PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE. . . . Chairman

- A. Timing of public diplomacy effort [REDACTED]
- B. Congressional briefings?
- C. Press guidance/information re U.S. citizens

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Please admit the following appointments on Thursday, December 6, 1984

for ADM John M. Poindexter of NSC White House :  
(Name of person to be visited) (Agency)

Vice President's Office

Don Gregg

WHMO

Edward V. Hickey

State

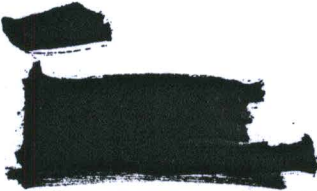
Michael Armacost (Asst Sec of State)  
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Robert Oakley (Ambassador)

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Howard Teicher

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Thomas McHugh (COL)



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Wesley H. Rice (MGEN)  
Arthurs S. Moreau, Jr. (VADM)

MEETING LOCATION

Building White House

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Room No. Situation Room

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Time of Meeting 2:00 p.m.

Date of request December 6, 1984

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MEMO FOR ADM POINDEXTER  
FROM NORTH

PLEASE FIND ATCHD COPIES OF THE OUTGOING  
STATE CABLES AS WE MODIFIED AND CLEARED THEM  
FOR TRANSMISSION. ALSO ATCHD IS CY OF  
CABO CABLE TO SIR ROBERT. TEXT WAS PASSED  
VERBALLY TO MOREAU ON SECURE FOR TRANSMISSION  
TO SEC. WIENBERGER. GIST PASSED VERBALLY TO  
GREEN BRIT EMBASSY IN RESPONSE TO HIS QUERY  
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MESSAGE DESCRIPTION TO USUN NEW YORK RE DEMARCHE ON THE KUWAITI  
AIRLINES HIJACKING (#1 of 6)

TO: (Agency)	DELIVER TO:	Extension	Room No.
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FOR CLEARANCE  INFORMATION  PER REQUEST  COMMENT

REMARKS. CLEARANCE DUE BY COB - DECEMBER 6

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J. North

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E.O. 12356: DECL:OADR

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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON THE KUWAITI AIRLINES HIJACKING

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1. ~~S~~ -- ENTIRE TEXT

MURDERED

2. WE ARE VERY CONCERNED AT THE DIRECTION THE DECEMBER 4 HIJACKING OF THE KUWAITI AIRLINER IS TAKING. AS YOU KNOW FROM PRESS ACCOUNTS AND OTHER INFORMATION, SEVERAL PASSENGERS HAVE BEEN ~~KILLED~~, AND OTHERS HAVE BEEN TORTURED OR OTHERWISE MISTREATED. TWO OF THE DEAD ARE BELIEVED TO BE AMERICAN CITIZENS, AND AT LEAST TWO AMCITS REMAIN ON THE BOARD THE PLANE.

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~~X~~  
3. <sup>Although</sup> WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE THAT THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT WAS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN INITIATING THIS REPREHENSIBLE AFFAIR. ~~HOWEVER~~ IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT THE HIJACKERS ARE AFFILIATED WITH THE IRANIAN-BACKED TERRORIST GROUPS OPERATING IN LEBANON AND ELSEWHERE. MOREOVER, WE ARE BY NO MEANS PERSUADED THAT IRAN HAS BEEN DOING EVERYTHING IT COULD OR SHOULD TO END THIS INCIDENT AND MAY, IN FACT, BE TRYING TO FIND WAYS TO USE THE HIJACKING TO SUPPORT ITS OWN INTERESTS. WE RECOGNIZE THAT SEVERAL GOVERNMENTS IN

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A POSITION TO DO SO HAVE ALREADY MADE DEMARCHES TO THE IRANIANS, URGING THEM TO TAKE STEPS TO END THE HIJACKING. WHILE IT IS QUESTIONABLE THAT ADDITIONAL APPROACHES TO IRAN WILL HAVE MUCH EFFECT, WE BELIEVE IT IS VERY IMPORTANT NONETHELESS FOR THE WORLD COMMUNITY -- AND, IN PARTICULAR, FOR THE UNITED NATIONS -- TO SEND A VERY CLEAR SIGNAL TO IRAN THAT THE WORLD CONDEMNS WHAT IS GOING ON AT TEHRAN AIRPORT AND EXPECTS IT TO TAKE WHATEVER MEASURES MAY BE NECESSARY TO RELIEVE THE SUFFERING OF THE INNOCENT PASSENGERS AND CREW STILL ON BOARD THE PLANE.

4. ACCORDINGLY, USUN IS REQUESTED TO MAKE AN URGENT APPROACH TO THE THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL OUTLINING OUR CONCERNS AND URGING HIM TO MAKE A DEMARCHE TO THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN IN THE MANNER HE CONSIDERS MOST EFFECTIVE EVEN IF HE HAS ALREADY DONE SO. IN YOUR APPROACH, YOU SHOULD MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- ALL CIVILIZED NATIONS VIEW WITH REPUGNANCE AND DISGUST THE BRUTAL EVENTS WHICH HAVE UNFOLDED IN TEHRAN SINCE THE HIJACKING OF A KUWAIT AIRLINES AIRBUS ON DECEMBER 4.

-- THE MURDER, TORTURE, AND MISTREATMENT OF INNOCENT PASSENGERS ARE UNACCEPTABLE AND VIOLATE EVERY RELIGIOUS AND LEGAL PROCEDURE ACCEPTED BY THE CIVILIZED COMMUNITY OF NATIONS, MANY OF WHICH ARE ENSHRINED IN THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

-- ALTHOUGH THE U.S. DOES NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, WE PLAN TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO URGE THE IRANIANS TO LIVE UP TO THEIR INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES.

-- WE DO NOT BELIEVE IRAN IS DOING ALL IT COULD OR SHOULD BE DOING TO END THIS AFFAIR, AND WE INTEND TO ISSUE A STRONG STATEMENT AND TO WORK WITH OTHER COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO INCREASE PRESSURE ON IRAN TO TAKE EFFECTIVE ACTION.

-- IN THIS REGARD, WE HOPE THAT YOU IN YOUR CAPACITY AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, WILL INTERCEDE WITH THE IRANIAN AUTHORITIES IN THE MANNER YOU FEEL MOST EFFECTIVE. WE WOULD ALSO URGE YOU TO MAKE YOUR CONCERNS KNOWN IN AN APPROPRIATE WAY PUBLICLY AS A MEANS OF INCREASING INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE ON THE ISLAMIC GOVERNMENT OF IRAN TO ACT RESPONSIBLY.

-- ONLY THROUGH CONCERTED INTERNATIONAL ACTION UNTOUCH

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DEMONSTRATES THAT THE CIVILIZED WORLD WILL NOT ACCEPT SUCH REPREHENSIBLE ACTS AS HIJACKING CAN WE HOPE TO SUCCEED AGAINST TERRORISM WHICH POSES SUCH A SERIOUS THREAT TO US ALL.

5. A SIMILAR DEMARCHE IS BEING PLANNED FOR GCC CAPITALS, THE EC AND SELECTED ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENTS.44

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FROM: JOCK COVEY S/S 8448 7224  
 (Officer name) (Office symbol) (Extension) (Room number)

MESSAGE DESCRIPTION TO ISLAMABAD RE MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT ZIA  
(#2 of 6 cables)

TO: (Agency)	DELIVER TO:	Extension	Room No.
<u>NSC</u>	<u>R. KIMMITT</u>	<u>395-3044</u>	
<u>NSC</u>	<u>J. POINDEXTER</u>		
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	<u>NSC-S</u>		
	<u>NORTH</u>		

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REMARKS: CLEARANCE DUE BY COB - DECEMBER 6  
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S/S Officer: Covey [Signature]

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BY CH NARA, DATE 8/16/02

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NEA:ARAPHEL

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NEA/ARP:MHAMBLEY  
S/S:JCOVEY

P:SJOHNSON  
NEA/PAB:POAKLEY  
NSC:JPOINDEXTER  
S/S-0:CJOHNSON

NIACT IMMEDIATE ISLAMABAD

IMMEDIATE KUWAIT, RIYADH IMMEDIATE, LONDON, BERN, MANAMA,  
DOHA, MUSCAT, ABU DHABI, KARACHI, PARIS

EXDIS RIYADH FOR NEA ASSISTANT MURPHY

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR

TAGS: PTER, IR, OPDC

SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT ZIA

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2. THERE FOLLOWS FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT ZIA AL-HUQ.

3. BEGIN TEXT

DEAR PRESIDENT ZIA: THE TRAGIC SITUATION UNFOLDING IN TEHRAN PROMPTS ME TO SHARE WITH YOU MY THOUGHTS ON HOW BEST WE CAN BRING THIS INCIDENT TO A CLOSE. CIVILIZED NATIONS OF THE WORLD CAN ONLY BE OUTRAGED BY THE MURDERS OF INNOCENT PASSENGERS ON THE KUWAITI AIRCRAFT. WE ALL SHARE AN EQUAL STAKE IN STRIVING TO COMBAT THE UNLAWFUL CHALLENGE THAT AIR PIRACY POSES TO THE ACCEPTED NORMS OF INTERNATIONAL BEHAVIOR. ALL OF US ARE EQUALLY VULNERABLE TO SUCH ACTS. IT IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT THAT IN A TIME OF CRISIS WE DO ALL WE CAN IF WE ARE TO SUCCEED IN PREVENTING TERRORISTS FROM UNDERMINING THE NORMS OF CIVILIZED BEHAVIOR. WE MUST CONFRONT AIR PIRACY FIRMLY AND WITHOUT HESITATION.

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X I DEEPLY APPRECIATE ALL YOUR AMBASSADOR IN TEHRAN HAS DONE IN AN ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE THIS CRISIS IN A WAY WHICH SAFEGUARDS THOSE PASSENGERS REMAINING ON THE AIRCRAFT. I Am Grateful ~~TO KNOW~~ THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS APPROACHED THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN TO ENCOURAGE AN EARLY END TO THIS TRAGEDY. I ALSO HOPE THAT YOU, AS A RESPECTED LEADER OF INTERNATIONAL STANDING, WOULD BE ABLE TO INTERCEDE DIRECTLY AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT TO ENCOURAGE THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF THEIR INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS.

THE UNITED STATES WILL BE ISSUING A PUBLIC STATEMENT NOTING THE REPUGNANCE WITH WHICH WE VIEW EVENTS IN TEHRAN AND CALLING ON THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE REMAINING PASSENGERS. WE WOULD WELCOME ANY STEPS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN TO MAKE WHATEVER PUBLIC STATEMENTS IT THINKS APPROPRIATE. SINCERELY,  
RONALD REAGAN.

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FROM JOCK COVEY S/S 8448 7224  
(Officer name) (Office symbol) (Extension) (Room number)

MESSAGE DESCRIPTION CABLE TO KUWAIT RE LETTER TO THE KUWAITI AMIR FROM  
THE PRESIDENT ON THE HIJACKING EPISODE (#3 of 6 cables)

<u>TO (Agency)</u>	<u>DELIVER TO</u>	<u>Extension</u>	<u>Room No.</u>
<u>NSC</u>	<u>R. KIMMITT</u>	<u>395-3044</u>	
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S/S Officer: Covey (Signature)

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BY CH NARA DATE 8/16/02

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NEA/ARP:MGHAMBLEY  
12/07/84 EXT. 26610  
NEA:ARAPHEL

P:SJOHNSON  
NSC:JPOINDEXTER

S/S:JCOVEY  
S/S-0:CJOHNSON

NIACT IMMEDIATE KUWAIT.

IMMEDIATE RIYADH, ROUTINE LONDON, BERN, MANAMA, DOHA, MUSCAT  
ABU DHABI, ISLAMABAD, KARACHI, PARIS

EXDIS, RIYADH FOR NEA ASSISTANT SECRETARY MURPHY

E.O. 12356: DECL:OADR

TAGS: PTER, PREL, US, XF, OPDC

SUBJECT: LETTER TO THE KUWAITI AMIR FROM THE PRESIDENT  
ON THE KUWAIT HIJACKING EPISODE

~~MAR~~  
~~MGHA~~  
~~NS~~

JC  
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CJ

1. -- ENTIRE TEXT

2. PARAGRAPHS 2-4 CONTAIN A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO  
KUWAITI AMIR SHAYKH JABIR AL-AHMAD AL SABAH. THE EMBASSY  
IS REQUESTED TO DELIVER THIS MESSAGE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. BEGIN TEXT: YOUR HIGHNESS:

~~I AM WRITING TO EXPRESS TO YOU MY CONTINUING CONCERN AT  
THE BRUTAL EVENTS WHICH HAVE UNFOLDED IN TEHRAN SINCE THE  
HIJACKING OF A KUWAIT AIRLINES AIRBUS ON DECEMBER 4. THE  
MURDER, TORTURE, AND MISTREATMENT OF INNOCENT PASSENGERS,  
INCLUDING THOSE OF BOTH KUWAITI AND AMERICAN NATIONALITY,  
ARE REPUGNANT AND VIOLATE EVERY RELIGIOUS AND LEGAL  
PROCEDURE ACCEPTED BY THE CIVILIZED COMMUNITY OF  
NATIONS. I ALSO WANT TO APPLAUD THE COURAGEOUS ACTION OF  
THE KUWAITI AIRLINES SECURITY GUARD WHO WAS SERIOUSLY  
WOUNDED IN HIS ATTEMPT TO PREVENT THE TERRORISTS FROM  
SEIZING CONTROL OF THE AIRCRAFT.~~

The people of the  
United States  
join me in  
admiration for the  
steadfastness you  
and your  
countrymen have  
shown in the  
face of the  
increasing brutality  
being perpetrated  
aboard the  
hijacked Kuwaiti  
Airbus in Tehran.

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~~YOUR HIGHNESS~~, I WANT YOU TO KNOW, YOUR HIGHNESS, THAT I  
RECOGNIZE AND APPRECIATE THE PAINFUL AND DIFFICULT  
SITUATION THIS HIJACKING HAS PLACED YOUR COUNTRY, AND --  
AS WAS THE CASE LAST DECEMBER WHEN KUWAIT WAS THE TARGET  
OF TERRORIST BOMBINGS -- TO ASSURE YOU THAT KUWAIT IS NOT  
ALONE. IN THIS REGARD, I WANT TO AFFIRM THAT THE U.S.  
STRONGLY SUPPORTS YOUR DECISION NOT TO BOW TO THE DEMANDS  
OF THE TERRORISTS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HIJACKING. WE HAVE  
BEEN IN CONTINUAL CONTACT WITH KUWAITI GOVERNMENT  
OFFICIALS BOTH IN KUWAIT AND AT YOUR EMBASSY IN  
WASHINGTON. I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES  
IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE WHATEVER ASSISTANCE IT CAN TO END  
THIS TRAGIC SITUATION.

ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH THE ISLAMIC  
REPUBLIC OF IRAN, WE PLAN TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO URGE THE  
IRANIANS TO LIVE UP TO THEIR INTERNATIONAL  
RESPONSIBILITIES. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT IRAN IS DOING  
ALL IT COULD OR SHOULD BE DOING TO END THIS AFFAIR, AND  
WE INTEND TO ISSUE A STATEMENT AND TO WORK WITH OTHER  
COUNTRIES TO INCREASE PRESSURE ON IRAN TO TAKE EFFECTIVE  
ACTION. IN THIS REGARD, WE WILL BE URGING ~~THE~~ THE  
OTHER FIVE MEMBERS OF THE GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL TO  
JOIN RESPONSIBLE COUNTRIES IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD,  
TO INTERCEDE WITH THE IRANIAN AUTHORITIES, AND TO STATE  
THEIR POSITIONS PUBLICLY, IN THE MANNER THEY FEEL MOST  
EFFECTIVE AND WITH A VIEW TO OBTAINING THE SAFE RELEASE  
OF THE PASSENGERS AND CREW REMAINING ON BOARD THE  
AIRLINER.

~~ONCE AGAIN~~, THIS REPREHENSIBLE EPISODE <sup>AGAIN</sup> ~~HAS~~ DEMONSTRATED <sup>S</sup>  
THAT WE MUST ALL BE STEADFAST IN THE FACE OF SUCH  
CRIMINAL ACTIONS AND WORK TOGETHER TO ELIMINATE TERRORISM  
AS A THREAT TO THE SAFETY OF MEN AND WOMEN EVERYWHERE.  
ONLY BY DEMONSTRATING TO BOTH THE TERRORISTS AND THE  
IRANIAN AUTHORITIES ALIKE THAT THE CIVILIZED WORLD WILL  
NOT CONDONE INCIDENTS OF THIS NATURE CAN WE HOPE TO  
SUCCEED IN THIS DIFFICULT BUT NECESSARY EFFORT.  
SINCERELY, /S/ RONALD REAGAN-YY

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FROM: JOCK COVEY S/S 8448 7224  
(Officer name) (Office symbol) (Extension) (Room number)

MESSAGE DESCRIPTION CABLE TO RIYADH RE DEMARCHE ON THE KUWAITI AIRLINES

HIJACKING

(#4 of 6 cables)

TO: (Agency)	DELIVER TO:	Extension	Room No.
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	<u>THOMPSON</u>		
	<u>NSC-5</u>		
	<u>NORTH</u>		

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*[Signature]*

S/S Officer: Covey (R)

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BY WJ NARA, DATE 3/14/06

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NEA:ARP:MGHAMBLEY  
12/06/84 EXT. 26610  
NEA:ARAPHEL

P:SJOHNSON  
KAHTF:JBARGERON  
S/S-0:CJOHNSON

S/S:JCOVEY  
NSC:JPOINBEXTER  
M/CPT:TARNOLD

NIACT IMMEDIATE RIYADH, MANAMA NIACT IMMEDIATE, DOHA NIACT IMMEDIATE  
MUSCAT NIACT IMMEDIATE, ABU DHABI NIACT IMMEDIATE  
IMMEDIATE KUWAIT, LONDON IMMEDIATE, BERN IMMEDIATE, ROUTINE PARIS  
ROME, BONN, DUBLIN, USUN NEW YORK

RIYADH ALSO FOR MURPHY

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR

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MGH

TAGS: PTER, US, IR, KB, PREL

SJ

SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON THE KUWAITI AIRLINE'S HIJACKING

JC

1. \$ -- ENTIRE TEXT

JB  
JP

2. WE ARE VERY CONCERNED AT THE DIRECTION THE DECEMBER 4  
HIJACKING OF THE KUWAITI AIRLINER IS TAKING. AS YOU KNOW  
~~FROM PRESS ACCOUNTS AND OTHER INFORMATION, SEVERAL~~  
PASSENGERS HAVE BEEN ~~KILLED~~, AND OTHERS HAVE BEEN  
TORTURED OR OTHERWISE MISTREATED. TWO OF THE DEAD ARE  
BELIEVED TO BE AMERICAN CITIZENS, AND AT LEAST TWO AMCITS  
REMAIN ON BOARD THE PLANE.

CJ  
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*Although*  
3. WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE THAT THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT WAS  
DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN INITIATING THIS REPREHENSIBLE  
AFFAIR, ~~ALTHOUGH~~ IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT THE HIJACKERS ARE  
AFFILIATED WITH THE IRANIAN-BACKED TERRORIST GROUPS  
OPERATING IN LEBANON AND ELSEWHERE. MOREOVER, WE ARE BY  
NO MEANS PERSUADED THAT IRAN HAS BEEN DOING EVERYTHING IT  
COULD OR SHOULD TO END THIS INCIDENT AND MAY, IN FACT, BE  
TRYING TO FIND WAYS TO USE THE HIJACKING TO SUPPORT ITS  
OWN INTERESTS. WE RECOGNIZE THAT SEVERAL GOVERNMENTS,

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INCLUDING MANY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY IN A POSITION TO DO SO, HAVE ALREADY MADE DEMARCHES TO THE IRANIANS, URGING THEM TO TAKE STEPS TO END THE HIJACKING. WHILE IT IS QUESTIONABLE THAT ADDITIONAL APPROACHES TO IRAN WILL HAVE MUCH EFFECT, WE BELIEVE IT IS VERY IMPORTANT NONETHELESS FOR THE WORLD COMMUNITY TO SEND A VERY CLEAR SIGNAL TO IRAN THAT THE WORLD CONDEMNS WHAT IS GOING ON AT TEHRAN AIRPORT AND EXPECTS IT TO TAKE WHATEVER MEASURES MAY BE NECESSARY TO RELIEVE THE SUFFERING OF THE INNOCENT PASSENGERS AND CREW STILL ON BOARD THE PLANE.

4. ACCORDINGLY, ACTION ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO MAKE AN URGENT APPROACH TO THEIR RESPECTIVE HOST GOVERNMENTS OUTLINING OUR CONCERNS AND URGING THEM TO MAKE ADDITIONAL DEMARCHES TO THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN IN THE MANNER THEY CONSIDER MOST EFFECTIVE. IN YOUR APPROACH, YOU SHOULD MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- ALL CIVILIZED NATIONS VIEW WITH REPUGNANCE AND DISGUST THE BRUTAL EVENTS WHICH HAVE UNFOLDED IN TEHRAN SINCE THE HIJACKING OF A KUWAIT AIRLINES AIRBUS ON DECEMBER 4.

-- THE MURDER, TORTURE, AND MISTREATMENT OF INNOCENT PASSENGERS ARE UNACCEPTABLE AND VIOLATE EVERY RELIGIOUS AND LEGAL PROCEDURE ACCEPTED BY THE CIVILIZED COMMUNITY OF NATIONS.

-- ALTHOUGH THE U.S. DOES NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, WE PLAN TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO URGE THE IRANIANS TO LIVE UP TO THEIR INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES.

-- WE DO NOT BELIEVE IRAN IS DOING ALL IT COULD OR SHOULD BE DOING TO END THIS AFFAIR, AND WE INTEND TO ISSUE A STRONG STATEMENT AND TO WORK WITH OTHER COUNTRIES TO INCREASE PRESSURE ON IRAN TO TAKE EFFECTIVE ACTION.

-- IN THIS REGARD, WE HOPE THAT (YOUR HOST GOVERNMENT) WILL INTERCEDE WITH THE IRANIAN AUTHORITIES IN THE MANNER YOU FEEL MOST EFFECTIVE. WE WOULD ALSO URGE YOU TO MAKE YOUR CONCERNS IN AN APPROPRIATE WAY PUBLICLY AS A MEANS OF INCREASING INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE ON THE ISLAMIC GOVERNMENT OF IRAN TO ACT RESPONSIBLY.

-- ONLY THROUGH CONCERTED INTERNATIONAL ACTION WHICH DEMONSTRATES THAT THE CIVILIZED WORLD WILL NOT ACCEPT SUCH REPREHENSIBLE ACTS AS HIJACKING CAN WE HOPE TO SUCCEED AGAINST TERRORISM WHICH POSSES SUCH AS CERTAIN



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5. FOR KUWAIT: MOST OF THE ABOVE POINTS ARE CONTAINED IN A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO AMIR JABIR (SEPTEL) AND SHOULD BE REITERATED TO KUWAITI MFA OFFICIALS AS APPROPRIATE.

6. A SIMILAR DEMARCHE IS BEING PLANNED FOR ECC CAPITALS AND THE UN.44

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FROM JOCK COVEY S/S    
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MESSAGE DESCRIPTION (#5 of 6 cables)

CABLE TO ALGIERS : DEMARCHE ON THE KUWAITI AIRLINES HIJACKING

TO (Agency)	DELIVER TO	Extension	Room No.
NSC	MR. ROBERT KIMMITT/ADM. POINDEXTER		
	THOMPSON		
	NSC-S		
	NOLTH		

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REMARKS FOR IMMEDIATE CLEARANCE 12/6

Concur (as modified) by phone to John Bergeron @ 2400.

*J. North*  
*Covey*

S/S Officer: JOCK COVEY (Signature)

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BY LOJ, NARA, DATE 3/14/06

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NEA/ARP:MGHAMBLEY  
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NEA:ARAPHEL

P:SJOHNSON  
KAHTF:JBARGERON  
NSC:JPOINDEXTER

S/S:JCOVEY  
M/CTP:CHUGHES  
S/S-O:CJOHNSON  
NEA:DZMEIFEL (INFO)

IMMEDIATE ALGIERS

ROUTINE LONDON, BERN, BONN, ROME, KUWAIT.

E.O. 12356: DECL:OADR  
TAGS: PTER, PREL, US, AL  
SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON THE KUWAITI AIRLINES HIJACKING

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CJ  
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1. § -- ENTIRE TEXT

2. 2. WE ARE VERY CONCERNED AT THE DIRECTION THE  
DECEMBER 4 HIJACKING OF THE KUWAITI AIRLINER IS TAKING.  
AS YOU KNOW FROM PRESS ACCOUNTS AND OTHER INFORMATION,  
SEVERAL PASSENGERS HAVE BEEN ~~KILLED~~, AND OTHERS HAVE BEEN  
TORTURED OR OTHERWISE MISTREATED. TWO OF THE DEAD ARE  
BELIEVED TO BE AMERICAN CITIZENS, AND AT LEAST TWO AMCITS  
REMAIN ON THE BOARD THE PLANE.

*unrelated*

*through*

3. WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE THAT THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT WAS  
DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN INITIATING THIS REPREHENSIBLE  
AFFAIR, ~~ALTHOUGH~~ IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT THE HIJACKERS ARE  
AFFILIATED WITH THE IRANIAN-BACKED TERRORIST GROUPS  
OPERATING IN LEBANON AND ELSEWHERE. MOREOVER, WE ARE BY  
NO MEANS PERSUADED THAT IRAN HAS BEEN DOING EVERYTHING IT  
COULD OR SHOULD TO END THIS INCIDENT AND MAY, IN FACT, BE  
TRYING TO FIND WAYS TO USE THE HIJACKING TO SUPPORT ITS  
OWN INTERESTS. WE RECOGNIZE THAT SEVERAL GOVERNMENTS, IN  
A POSITION TO DO SO HAVE ALREADY MADE DEMARCHES TO THE

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HIJACKING. WHILE IT IS QUESTIONABLE THAT ADDITIONAL APPROACHES TO IRAN WILL HAVE MUCH EFFECT, WE BELIEVE IT IS VERY IMPORTANT NONETHELESS FOR THE WORLD COMMUNITY TO SEND A VERY CLEAR SIGNAL TO IRAN THAT THE WORLD CONDEMNS WHAT IS GOING ON AT TEHRAN AIRPORT AND EXPECTS IT TO TAKE WHATEVER MEASURES MAY BE NECESSARY TO RELIEVE THE SUFFERING OF THE INNOCENT PASSENGERS AND CREW STILL ON BOARD THE PLANE.

4. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO MAKE AN URGENT APPROACH TO THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT OUTLINING OUR CONCERNS AND URGING IT TO MAKE AN ADDITIONAL DEMARCHES TO THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN IN THE MANNER IT CONSIDERS MOST EFFECTIVE. IN YOUR APPROACH, YOU SHOULD MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

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-- ALTHOUGH THE U.S. DOES NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, WE PLAN TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO URGE THE IRANIANS TO LIVE UP TO THEIR INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES.

-- WE DO NOT BELIEVE IRAN IS DOING ALL IT COULD OR SHOULD BE DOING TO END THIS AFFAIR, AND WE INTEND TO ISSUE A STRONG STATEMENT AND TO WORK WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THOSE WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL AND OTHERS WHO MAY HAVE INFLUENCE IN TEHRAN, TO INCREASE PRESSURE ON IRAN TO TAKE EFFECTIVE ACTION.

-- AND IN VIEW OF THE SPECIAL REGARD WITH WHICH IRAN HOLDS FOR ALGERIA, WE HOPE THAT THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT WILL INTERCEDE WITH THE IRANIAN AUTHORITIES IN THE MANNER IT FEELS MOST EFFECTIVE. WE WOULD ALSO URGE YOU TO MAKE YOUR CONCERNS KNOWN IN AN APPROPRIATE WAY PUBLICLY AS A MEANS OF INCREASING INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE ON THE ISLAMIC GOVERNMENT OF IRAN TO ACT RESPONSIBLY.

-- ONLY THROUGH CONCERTED INTERNATIONAL ACTION WHICH DEMONSTRATES THAT THE CIVILIZED WORLD WILL NOT ACCEPT SUCH REPREHENSIBLE ACTS AS HIJACKING CAN WE HOPE TO

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SUCCEED AGAINST TERRORISM WHICH POSES SUCH AS SERIOUS  
THREAT TO US ALL.

5. AS NOTED ABOVE, SIMILAR DEMARCHES HAVE BEEN SENT TO  
THE EC, GCC, AND UN SECRETARY GENERAL.44

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MESSAGE NO 1905 CLASSIFICATION SECRET <sup>JAS, 5/27/99</sup> No. Pages 4

FROM: JOCK COVEY S/S \_\_\_\_\_  
(Officer name) (Office symbol) (Extension) (Room number)

MESSAGE DESCRIPTION (#6 of 6 cables)  
BLE- TO LONDON DEMARCHE TO KEY EC CAPITALS ON KUWAIT AIRLINES HIJACKING

<u>TO (Agency)</u>	<u>DELIVER TO</u>	<u>Extension</u>	<u>Room No.</u>
NSC	MR. ROBERT KIMMITT/ADM. POINDEXTER		
	THOMPSON		
	NSC-S		
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REMARKS

FOR IMMEDIATE CLEARANCE 12/6

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Covey  
S/S Officer: JOCK COVEY

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BY LOJ NARA, DATE 3/14/06



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12/06/84 EXT. 26630  
NEA:ARAPHEL

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MSC:JPOINDEXTER  
S/S-0:CJOHNSON

S/S:JCOVEY  
H/CTP:TARNOLD  
EUR:TWINDMULLER

IMMEDIATE LONDON, BONN IMMEDIATE, DUBLIN IMMEDIATE, PARIS IMMEDIATE,  
ROME IMMEDIATE  
PRIORITY THE HAGUE, LUXENBOURG PRIORITY, USUN PRIORITY  
BRUSSELS PRIORITY, ATHENS PRIORITY, COPENHAGEN PRIORITY

E.O. 12356: DECL:OADR

TAGS: PTER, PREL, US, KU, IR

SUBJECT: DEMARCHE TO KEY EC CAPITALS ON KUWAIT  
AIRLINES HIJACKING

1. -- ENTIRE TEXT

2. WE ARE VERY CONCERNED AT THE DIRECTION THE DECEMBER 4  
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*murdered*

*Although*

3. WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE THAT THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT WAS  
DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN INITIATING THIS REPREHENSIBLE  
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OWN INTERESTS. WE RECOGNIZE THAT SEVERAL GOVERNMENTS,  
INCLUDING MANY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

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IN A POSITION TO DO SO, HAVE ALREADY MADE DEMARCHES TO THE IRANIANS, URGING THEM TO TAKE STEPS TO END THE HIJACKING. WHILE IT IS QUESTIONABLE THAT ADDITIONAL APPROACHES TO IRAN WILL HAVE MUCH EFFECT, WE BELIEVE IT IS VERY IMPORTANT NONETHELESS FOR THE WORLD COMMUNITY TO SEND A VERY CLEAR SIGNAL TO IRAN THAT THE WORLD CONDEMNS WHAT IS GOING ON AT TEHRAN AIRPORT AND EXPECTS IT TO TAKE WHATEVER MEASURES MAY BE NECESSARY TO RELIEVE THE SUFFERING OF THE INNOCENT PASSENGERS AND CREW STILL ON BOARD THE PLANE.

4. ACCORDINGLY, ACTION ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO MAKE AN URGENT APPROACH TO THEIR RESPECTIVE MOST GOVERNMENTS OUTLINING OUR CONCERNS, THANKING THEM FOR PREVIOUS EFFORTS, AND URGING THEM TO MAKE ADDITIONAL DEMARCHES TO THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN IN THE MANNER THEY CONSIDER MOST EFFECTIVE. IN YOUR APPROACH, YOU SHOULD MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- ALL CIVILIZED NATIONS VIEW WITH REPUGNANCE AND DISGUST THE BRUTAL EVENTS WHICH HAVE UNFOLDED IN TEHRAN SINCE THE HIJACKING OF A KUWAIT AIRLINES AIRBUS ON DECEMBER 4.

-- THE MURDER, TORTURE, AND MISTREATMENT OF INNOCENT PASSENGERS ARE UNACCEPTABLE AND VIOLATE EVERY RELIGIOUS AND LEGAL PROCEDURE ACCEPTED BY THE CIVILIZED COMMUNITY OF NATIONS.

-- ALTHOUGH THE U.S. DOES NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, WE PLAN TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO URGE THE IRANIANS TO LIVE UP TO THEIR INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES.

-- WE DO NOT BELIEVE IRAN IS DOING ALL IT COULD OR SHOULD BE DOING TO END THIS AFFAIR, AND WE INTEND TO ISSUE A STRONG STATEMENT AND TO WORK WITH OTHER COUNTRIES TO INCREASE PRESSURE ON IRAN TO TAKE EFFECTIVE ACTION.

-- IN THIS REGARD, WE HOPE THAT (YOUR MOST GOVERNMENT) WILL INTERCEDE WITH THE IRANIAN AUTHORITIES IN THE MANNER YOU FEEL MOST EFFECTIVE. WE WOULD ALSO URGE YOU TO MAKE YOUR CONCERNS KNOWN IN AN APPROPRIATE WAY PUBLICLY AS A MEANS OF INCREASING INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE ON THE ISLAMIC GOVERNMENT OF IRAN TO ACT RESPONSIBLY.

-- ONLY THROUGH CONCERTED INTERNATIONAL ACTION WHICH DEMONSTRATES THAT THE CIVILIZED WORLD WILL NOT ACCEPT SUCH REPREHENSIBLE ACTS AS HIJACKING CAN WE HOPE TO SUCCEED AGAINST TERRORISM WHICH POSES SUCH A SERIOUS THREAT TO US ALL.



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5. A SIMILAR DEMARCHE IS BEING PLANNED FOR GCC CAPITALS AND THE UN.

6. FOR BERN: YOU SHOULD INFORM THE SWISS OF THE DEMARCHE WE ARE MAKING TO THE EC AND THE GCC. WE APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS THEY HAVE TAKEN IN TEHRAN ON OUR BEHALF.

7. FOR LONDON: PLEASE USE THE OCCASION OF YOUR DEMARCHE TO THANK FCO ONCE MORE FOR THE INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE IT HAS PROVIDED US CONCERNING THIS MATTER.44

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NEA PRESS STATEMENT

December 6, 1984

The United States Government received information today, December 6, that strongly suggests that two of its diplomats have been murdered aboard the hijacked aircraft at Tehran Airport. Citizens of other countries have suffered the same fate. There is strong evidence that those responsible for the hijacking have abused their captives in a fashion which amounts to wanton torture. This evidence is available to the Government of Iran, indeed much of it has appeared in international media with Iranian Government approval.

Despite these facts, we know of no effective steps the Government of Iran has taken to secure the release of the captives aboard the aircraft and to stop the serial

orders executions. The Government of Iran's continued delay in carrying out its international, humanitarian and religious obligations amounts to complicity in this ongoing tragedy. Previous actions by the Iranian Government have demonstrated that it has the capability to act firmly when it so wishes. On this occasion it sadly has chosen otherwise.

The United States Government strongly condemns the failure of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to live up to its commitments under the Hague Convention for the Suppression

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apparent indifference of the Government of Iran to its responsibilities under international law to ensure the safety of the aircraft, its crew and passengers. Aside from its solemn treaty commitment, the Government of Iran has a humanitarian and religious obligation to ensure the safety of individuals located on its territory. The United States has seen no evidence that either obligation has been met.

The United States Government calls upon the Government of Iran, even at this late date, to fulfill its obligations and take effective measures to protect those passengers remaining aboard the hijacked aircraft. We ask the international community to exert every effort toward achieving this same goal.

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