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MESSAGE RELAY VIA TELETYPING (RESTRICTED USE)

Date: 10-12-85
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RE: LEGAT ROME
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☑ Director National Security Agency/NSA/
☑ Director Naval Investigative Service/DIRNAVINSERV/
☐ Drug Enforcement Admin./DEA/
☐ FAA Washington HQ/FAA/
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☐ INSCOM Ft. Meade/INSCOM/
☐ Nuclear Regulatory Commission/NRC/
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☐ U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Service/INS/
☐ U.S. Secret Service/USSS/
☐ Other: ________________________________

Classification: SECRET

Addressee Internal Distribution

For: 256-12-5

Subject: 256-12-5

☑ See Attached

Approved By: FC/9

Originator: 311

Tele Ext.: 50051

Room/Div.: 50051

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On October 12, 1985, SA______ (Newark), __________ (New York), and __________ (Defense Intelligence Agency), representatives of the Interagency Hostage Debriefing Group, interviewed __________ who had been released from captivity from the Achille Lauro. Summary results of interview as follows:

______ advised that one or two of the armed hostage-takers were always on site near the passengers, but never all four at
AT ONCE, THE PASSENGERS WERE ALL HERDED TOGETHER INTO ONE ROOM
AND SPLIT UP INTO GROUPS BY NATIONALITY. ALL PASSPORTS WERE
COLLECTED BY THE ARMED INDIVIDUALS AND THE PASSPORTS OF THE
AMERICANS WERE SET ASIDE. ON OCCASION, PASSENGERS, ALONE AND
SOMETIMES IN GROUPS OF TWO OR THREE, WERE ALLOWED TO LEAVE
THE IMMEDIATE AREA UNACCOMPANIED. THE HOSTAGE-TAKERS HAD
INDICATED THAT THE SHIP WAS BOOBY-TRAPPED.

☐ INDICATED THAT THE HIJACKERS DID NOT APPEAR TO KEEP
TRACK OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PASSENGERS. ☐ ALSO SAID THAT
SHE HEARD THAT THERE WAS AN AMERICAN DIPLOMAT ON BOARD THE SHIP
WHO MANAGED TO AVOID HAVING TO REVEAL HIS TRUE IDENTITY AS A
DIPLOMAT.

☐ STATED THAT SHE SAW NO EXPLOSIVES EXCEPT FOR HAND
GRENADES ON THE BELT OF EACH HIJACKER, DESCRIBED AS GRAY,
PIEAPPLE TYPE. ☐ SAW THE HIJACKERS USE WALKIE-TALKIES TO
COMMUNICATE AND ONE KEPT YELLING "GOOD-GOOD" WHEN USING SAME.

☐ INDICATED THAT THE BARTENDER SAID THEY USED THE WALKIE-
TALKIES FROM THE SHIP.

☐ SAID THE HIJACKERS SEEMED ON DRUGS AS THEY NEVER
SLEPT OR ATE, AND THEY APPEARED MORE AGITATED ON THE LAST DAY.

RECALLED THAT THE LIGHTS ON THE SHIP WERE CONTINUOUSLY ON DURING THE HIJACKING.

DESCRIBED THE WEAPONS CARRIED BY THE HIJACKERS AS SUB-MACHINE GUNS WITH A CURVED CLIP AND MAYBE A WOODEN STOCK.

RECALLED THAT THE HIJACKERS SPOKE AT TIMES IN ARABIC AND THEY MAY HAVE USED THE SHIP'S PA SYSTEM; IN ADDITION, PA ANNOUNCEMENTS WERE MADE AT OTHER TIMES IN SEVERAL LANGUAGES, PROBABLY BY A MEMBER OF THE CREW.

RELATED THAT, FOLLOWING THE TAKEOVER, SHE HAD NO IDEA WHERE THE SHIP WAS.

RECALLED THAT OIL DRUMS WERE PLACED BY THE HIJACKERS IN THE LOUNGE IN THE ROOF, AND IN THE LOUNGE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROOF WHERE THEY WERE KEPT, DESCRIBED THE DRUMS AS THREE FEET TALL BY ONE AND ONE-HALF FEET, PLASTIC WITH NO MARKINGS.

IN ADDITION, THE CAPS WERE REMOVED AND SHE COULD SMELL THE ODOR OF FUEL.

SAW NO EVIDENCE THAT ANY OF THE SHIP'S DOORS WERE LOCKED AND STATED THAT NO SEARCHES OF PASSENGERS WERE CONDUCTED
BY THE HIJACKERS.

ADvised that several times one of the hijackers said "Arafat" and gestured with his thumb up, then said, "Reagan bad".

Prior to the departure of the hijackers, recalled that they brought up some apparent crew members from the engine room for applause by passengers as thanks for keeping the ship running, then these crew members and the captain exchanged kisses as good-byes prior to their actual departure. The captain later indicated this was done to appease them and help to get them off the ship.

In connection with the criminal perspective, appeared to have good powers of observation and recollection. Did not observe violence directed at Leon Klinghoffer, but stated that early on in the first day she heard what she thought were two shots and then the sound of a splash from the side of the ship.

Provided descriptions of three of the four hijackers, indicating she had seen more of these three. It should be noted, however, that advised that when the plane landed in Sicily,
ITALY, she observed the four males on the airport appon from her window and felt that these were the hijackers who took over the ship.

She said her life was never personally threatened by any of the hijackers and she never knelt down and begged for her life as some press reports indicated. She was told by the captain after the hijackers departed the ship that she was scheduled to be the next American to be killed by the hijackers.

Distribution of information to U.S. Intelligence Community left to discretion of recipients.

Administrative.

The bureau is requested to furnish the above information to FBI, DOE, AND FCIR, CT.

CPY 6-3; PGA, FBI.

C. B.
Captioned cruise vessel was hijacked off the Egyptian coast on 10/7/85, with more than 450 passengers and crew on board including 28 Americans. According to the news media, some of the passengers had left the vessel in Egypt prior to the hijacking. The armed hijackers are threatening to kill the passengers and blow up the vessel unless certain demands are met.

On 10/8/85, at 5:40 a.m., an to Congressman Mario Biaggi of New York, asked what action will the FBI take in captioned hijacking. stated Congressman Biaggi is the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Merchant Marine and will appear on Good Morning America, instant date, between 7:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

Deputy Assistant Director Wayne Gilbert was advised and stated he would contact were also advised.
Date: 10-16-85
PRECEDENCE: IMMEDIATE
FM: DIRECTOR, FBI
TO: Legat, Rome
Legat, Bonn

□ White House/WH/
□ Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms/BATF/
□ Central Intelligence Agency/CIA/
□ CIA DCD/DCD/
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□ FAA Washington HQ/FAA/
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□ Other: ________________________________

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Classification: Secret

Addressee Internal Distribution

For: 

Subject: 

See Attached

Approved By: FJS

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Room/Div. 4239 6
USE AND PREPARATION OF FORM 0-73

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1. Only incoming teletype messages within the categories listed in MIOG Section 16-1.7 pages 1251 & 1252 may be prepared using form 0-73.

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**October 15, 1985**

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**PRECEDENCE:** IMMEDIATE

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**FM DIRECTOR FBI**

TO LEGAL ATTACHE, ROME IMMEDIATE {NIACT}  

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**SECRET**

MAIN SALON: IT - HOSTAGE TAKING; 00: WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

THIS COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED SECRET IN ITS ENTIRETY.

REFERENCE LEGAL ATTACHE, ROME TEL CALL TO BUREAU,

**OCTOBER 15, 1985.**

THIS CONFIRMS THAT FINGERPRINT EXPERT QUANTICO WILL PROCEED TO ROME VIA TWA FLIGHT 848, ARRIVING AT ROME ON OCTOBER 16, 1985, AT 8:00 A.M. WILL BE PRESENT AT THE AUTOPSY OF KLINGHOFFER'S BODY FOR POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION. LEGAL ATTACHE SHOULD FACILITATE HIS ARRIVAL AND MAKE LODGING ARRANGEMENTS.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE {USDS} HAS ARRANGED WITH THE ARMED FORCES TO HAVE A UNITED STATES AIR FORCE {USAF} PATHOLOGIST AVAILABLE TO ASSIST IN THE AUTOPSY. USDS COMMAND

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DO NOT TYPE MESSAGE BELOW THIS LINE
THE CENTER DOES NOT HAVE THE IDENTITY OF SAID USAF PATHOLOGIST, AS OF THIS TIME.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE, WILL REMAIN WITH THE BODY THROUGHOUT ITS TRAVEL, INCLUDING ITS RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES.

C BY G=3 D ON: QADR
Date: 10/24

PM: DIRECTOR, FBI
TO: FBI Washington Field

- White House/WH/
- Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms/BATF/
- Central Intelligence Agency/CIA/
- CIA DCD/DCD/
- Dept. of Energy HQS/DOEHQ/
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- Dept. of State/DOS/
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- Defense Intelligence Agency/DIA/

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Addressee Internal Distribution
For: 4

Subject: Main Salo - Hostage Taking - Terrorism 10/20

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Approved By: WR

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ATTENTION: CID/TERORISM SECTION

MAIN SALON: HOSTAGE TAKING - TERRORISM. CC: WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

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THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE U.S. EMBASSY, SOFIA, AND DEALS WITH THE CURRENT LOCATION OF ABUL AL ABBAS:

US OCTOBER 22 THAT ABUL ABBAS, PALESTINIAN TERRORIST PLF LEADER WHOM THE ITALIANS PERMITTED TO DEPART ITALY FOR YUGOSLAVIA OVER OUR PROTEST AND REQUEST FOR EXTRADITION MAY BE IN BULGARIA. (DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE SEEN CONFIRMATION OF THIS AND OF ABBAS'S DEPARTURE FROM BULGARIA THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS.) SOURCES CITED AN AFP REPORT THAT ABBAS LEFT BELGRADE FOR BULGARIA LAST THURSDAY (OCTOBER 17). THE CORRESPONDENT VISITED FLO OFFICE IN SOFIA TO FOLLOW-UP ON THE STORY. A FLO SPOKESMAN THERE TOLD...
PAGE TWO ROM 256-1 S.E. C.R.E.T.

HIM THAT ABBAS HAD LEFT BELGRADE, BUT WOULD NOT SAY FOR WHERE.

THE CORRESPONDENT IS SKEPTICAL OF THIS PLO RESPONSE AND THINKS

THERE IS A POSSIBILITY ABBAS MAY BE IN BULGARIA.

"BASED ON THE PUBLIC INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US, WE WILL

QUERY THE GOVERNMENT OF BULGARIA AT THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY RE

ABUL ABBAS'S PRESENCE IN BULGARIA."

AS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS RECEIVED YOU WILL BE ADVISED.

EPLHS RETRANSMIT ABOVE TELETYPETO NCS.

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U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

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ON 03-22-1010.

FM:  BERN  (256-1) (P)
TO:  DIRECTOR IMMEDIATE  328-31

LEGAT  ROME IMMEDIATE  328-31 VIA FBIHQ

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MAIN SALON: HOSTAGE TAKING - TERRORISM; 00: WFO.

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REBUTEL DATED OCTOBER 12, 1985, AND BERTEL DATED

THE SWISS CITIZEN WAS INTERVIEWED IN COOPERATION
WITH THE ZURICH CANTONAL POLICE ON OCTOBER 23, 1985, IN ZURICH
SWITZERLAND, BY ASSISTANT LEGAT, BERN.

THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THIS INTERVIEW:

WAS HAVING LUNCH ABOARD THE SHIP THE ACHELLE
LAURO AT ABOUT 1:10 PM LOCAL TIME, OCTOBER 7, 1985. WHEN SUDDENLY
HE HEARD A LOT OF SHOOTING FROM THE NEXT ROOM. WITHIN SECONDS
HE OBSERVED PEOPLE WITH THEIR HANDS HIGH FROM THE OTHER ROOM BEING
FORCED INTO THE DINING ROOM BY AT LEAST THREE PERSONS WITH AUTOMATIC
GUNS. THERE WERE ABOUT 100 PEOPLE IN THE DINING ROOM AT THAT TIME

LEGAT  ROMF  IMMEDIATE  328-31

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER, FBIHQ, ROOM 5005
U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

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ON 03-22-1010.
AND ABOUT 15 PEOPLE WERE FORCED INTO THE DINING ROOM BY THE GUNMEN AT THAT TIME. THIS OCCURRED ABOUT TWO HOURS AFTER THE SHIP HAD LEFT ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT, EN ROUTE TO PORT SAID, EGYPT.

ADvised that when the shooting occurred, glass was being broken everywhere and that he later counted 27 bullet holes in a column about one meter from where he was sitting. He described the gunmen as very nervous and yelling in a foreign language. The gunmen herded the people from the adjacent room and those who were already in the dining room into a corner by kicking them with their feet and poking at them with their guns.

Stated that he was poked with the end of a gun to his buttock by one of the gunmen who said "ALLE" to him, which understood to mean "GO ON" in French. During the shooting, observed one of the crew members had been shot and laid on the floor for about half an hour before a doctor could see him. And the others remained standing in this corner for over two hours at which time all others on board the ship were told to go to the dining room over the ship's loud speaker system. After about half an hour, one gunman said something to the effect "PLEASE EXCUSE US, BUT WE HAVE LOST A LOT OF OUR FAMILY THROUGH THE ISRAELIS." Recalled
HAMMAD ALI ABDELLAH SAYING, "THE GUN IS MY MOTHER, IT IS THE ONLY FAMILY I HAVE."


ADvised that after standing two hours in the dining room corner, they were told to go to the large dancing lounge or ballroom where they were divided into nationalities. They remained in this room for the remainder of the seize. The officers of the ship were told to check the passengers' passports. Some had been deposited with the ship, however, those who had theirs in their rooms or elsewhere were escorted to and from to retrieve them.

Knew Mr. Klinghoffer from the cruise as he normally sat only a few tables away from him to take meals.
HE DESCRIBED MR. KLINGHOFFER AS AN "UNSYMPATHIC AND UNPLEASANT PERSON" WHO WAS WELL KNOWN AMONG THE PASSENGERS IN THIS WAY.

[Blank space] IDENTIFIED A PHOTOGRAPH OF [Blank space]

AND ADVISED THAT THE FOLLOWING MORNING, BETWEEN 10:00 AND NOON, HE OBSERVED [Blank space] ABRUPTLY TAKE FROM MR. KLINGHOFFER HIS CIGARETTES, WRISTWATCH AND WHAT HE WAS DRINKING. [Blank space] EVEN TOOK AWAY THE CIGARETT KLINGHOFFER WAS SMOKING AT THE TIME AND YELLED SOMETHING TO THE EFFECT "AMERICANS NO GOOD, ISRAELIS NO GOOD."

AT ABOUT NOON, ALL OF THE AMERICANS, BRITISH AND SOUTH AFRICANS (EXCEPT KLINGHOFFER) WERE ORDERED ON THE UPPER DECK, ONE DECK ABOVE, WHICH WAS OPEN AIR. THEY REMAINED THERE FOR FIVE OR SIX HOURS. KLINGHOFFER REMAINED SEGREGATED FROM THE MAIN GROUP NEAR THE EXIT DOOR IN HIS WHEELCHAIR.


AFTER ABOUT FIVE MINUTES SEVERAL SHOTS WERE HEARD IN ABOUT SIX BURSTS OF AUTOMATIC FIRING. ABOUT ONE HOUR LATER [Blank space] RETURNED TO THE BALLROOM AT WHICH TIME [Blank space] OBSERVED BLOOD ON BOTH OF HIS SHOES AND TROUSERS. [Blank space] DESCRIBED THE SHOES AS WHITE HIGH TOPS WITH A BLUE TOE AND THE NAME "AMERICAN EAGLE"
WRITTEN ON THE INNER SIDE OF THE SHOES. REMAINED IN THE
ROOM FOR ABOUT TEN MINUTES AND DEPARTED. ABOUT HALF HOUR LATER
RETURNED WEARING DIFFERENT SHOES AND TROUSERS.

AT ABOUT 8:00 OR 9:00 PM THAT EVENING, A FEMALE SWISS
HOSTESS TOLD HIS GROUP THAT SHE LEARNED FROM A SHIP'S OFFICER
THAT THE GUNMEN HAD KILLED KLINGHOFFER AND NAMED THE SHIP'S HAIR-
DRESSER AND ANOTHER PERSON TO THROW HIS BODY OVERBOARD.

THE ONLY SHOTS HEARD FROM THE TIME MR. KLINGHOFFER
WAS PUSHED OUT OF THE BALLROOM TO THE OUTSIDE DECK THAT AFTERNOON
AND THE TIME HE HEARD OF MR. KLINGHOFFER'S DEATH FROM THE SWISS
HOSTESS WERE THE BURSTS OF ABOUT SIX HE DESCRIBED EARLIER.

ON WEDNESDAY AT ABOUT 2:30 PM TO 3:00 PM, THE CAPTAIN
INFORMED EVERYONE THAT A BOAT WAS EN ROUTE TO TAKE THE FOUR
GUNMEN AWAY. AT ABOUT 4:30 PM TO 5:00 PM A TUG BOAT "BASEL 2"
CAME AND PICKED UP THE GUNMEN. DOES NOT KNOW THE
LOCATION OF THE BOAT AT THAT TIME, BUT ADVISED THERE WAS NO
LAND INSIGHT.

A PASSENGER FROM AUSTRIA, WHO REPORTED
THAT THE SHIP'S HAIRDRESSER SAW KLINGHOFFER KILLED, IS BEING
INTERVIEWED ON OCTOBER 30, 1985, IN AUSTRIA.
ADMINISTRATIVE:

BUREAU RELAY THE ABOVE TO WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE.

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MAIN SALON: HOSTAGE TAKING - TERRORISM: 00: WASHINGTON FIELD

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RE SECURE CALLS BETWEEN FBIHQ AND RECEIVING OFFICES ON
OCTOBER 8, 1985.

MAIN SALON IS OUR CODE NAME FOR THE PALESTINIAN LIBERATION
FRONT HIJACKING OF THE ITALIAN CRUISE SHIP LE ACHILLE LAURO.

THIS IS TO CONFIRM FBIHQ INSTRUCTIONS THAT RECEIVING OFFICES
MONITOR TECHNICAL COVERAGES SPECIFIED IN REFERENCED SECURE CALLS.


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DECLASSIFIED BY 60324 UC BAN/SAE/HJS ON 03-22-2010
LIVE ON A 24-HOUR BASIS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. THIS COMMUNICATION ALSO CONFIRMS INSTRUCTIONS THAT AN ARABIC TRANSLATOR TRAVEL FROM KANSAS CITY TO CLEVELAND TO SUPPORT MONITORING THERE.

THIS INFORMATION IS TO BE HANDLED ON A STRICT NEED TO KNOW BASIS. ANY COMMUNICATIONS, INCLUDING TELEPHONE CALLS, MUST BE SECURE.

CAND E BY G-3: DECL: OADR.
NOTE:

THIS COMMUNICATION CONFIRMS INSTRUCTIONS THAT RECEIVING OFFICES MONITOR VARIOUS TECHNICAL COVERAGE ON A 24-HOUR BASIS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. THIS COMMUNICATION ALSO CONFIRMS THAT AN ARABIC TRANSLATOR WILL TRAVEL FROM KANSAS CITY TO CLEVELAND TO SUPPORT MONITORING ACTIVITIES THERE.
THE AUTOPSY OF THE BODY OF LEON KLINGHOFFER WAS COMPLETED BY ITALIAN AUTHORITIES DURING THE EARLY EVENING OF OCTOBER 17, 1985. U.S. ARMY PATHOLOGIST WAS ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AUTOPSY BUT WAS NOT ALLOWED TO TAKE TISSUE OR FLUID SAMPLES. WILL PREPARE A DETAILED AUTOPSY REPORT FOR THIS INVESTIGATION BASED UPON HIS PARTICIPATION BUT LIMITED ROLE IN THE AUTOPSY. PRELIMINARY FINDINGS, IN AGREEMENT WITH ITALIAN PATHOLOGISTS, IS THAT MR. KLINGHOFFER DIED FROM A GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE HEAD. THE BULLET ENTERED THE FRONT RIGHT PORTION WITH MINIMAL ANGULATION. ONLY MINIMAL BRAIN
TISSUE REMAINED WITHIN THE SKULL AND THEREFORE IT CANNOT BE
STATED WITH CERTAINTY THAT THE GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE HEAD WAS THE
ONLY CAUSE OF DEATH, ALTHOUGH, THAT IS THE OPINION OF [REDACTED]
AND THE ITALIAN PATHOLOGISTS. ADDITIONALLY, THE AUTOPSY REVEALED
A HOLE IN THE BACK OF THE BODY WHICH ITALIAN PATHOLOGISTS
BELIEVE WAS CAUSED FROM AN INTERNAL FRACTURE. [REDACTED] IS
UNCERTAIN OF THIS CAUSE AND ADVISED THAT CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE
GIVEN TO HAVING A PATHOLOGIST EXAMINE SURROUNDING SKIN TISSUE
FOR GUN POWDER RESIDUE ONCE THE BODY RETURNS TO THE U.S. THIS
CONSIDERATION SHOULD INCLUDE INFORMATION THAT MR. KLINGHOFFER
WAS SHOT TWICE, POSSIBLY BY TWO SEPARATE TERRORISTS.

AS OF THIS WRITING NO INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM
ITALIAN AUTHORITIES CONCERNING THEIR PLANS FOR SHIPMENT OF THE
BODY BACK TO THE U.S. REPORTS INDICATE THAT THIS MAY NOT TAKE
PLACE UNTIL SUNDAY OR MONDAY. THIS MATTER WILL BE CLOSELY MONI-
TORED AND FBI HQ WILL BE ADVISED AS MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION IS
DEVELOPED.

THE FOUR FBI LABORATORY PERSONNEL WHO ARRIVED IN GENOA ON
OCTOBER 17, 1985 ARRIVED MIDDAY, COMPLETED THEIR CRIME SCENE
EXAMINATION AND WERE ABLE TO DISEMBARK FROM THE "ACHILLF LAURO"
PRIOR TO ITS DEPARTURE FROM GENOA AT APPROXIMATELY 6:00 P.M. THAT EVENING. THOSE PERSONNEL BOARDED AN OVERNIGHT TRAIN FROM GENOA AND ARRIVED IN ROME THIS MORNING. THE LABORATORY TEAM WAS ABLE TO DUST THE SUITE OF THE TERRORISTS FOR FINGERPRINTS, OBTAIN METALLIC FRAGMENT SAMPLES FROM THE DINING ROOM CFILING, AND GATHER BLOOD SAMPLES FROM THE SHIP DECK AREA WHERE MR. KLINGHOFFER WAS SHOT. THE LABORATORY TEAM ALSO TOOK PHOTOGRAPHS OF THOSE AREAS EXAMINED. THE LABORATORY TEAM WILL DEPART FROM ROME TOMORROW MORNING, OCTOBER 19, 1985, ENROUTE TO THE U.S. THEIR ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

WFO'S INVESTIGATIVE TEAM ABOARD THE "ACHILLE LAURO" COMMENCED INTERVIEWS WITH AVAILABLE WITNESSES DURING THE AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 17, 1985. THESE INTERVIEWS ARE SCHEDULED TO CONTINUE DURING THE SHIP'S TRAVEL TO NAPLES. DUE TO THE LARGE NUMBER OF INTERVIEWS TO ACCOMPLISH, IT IS UNCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO COMPLETE THEIR WORK BEFORE THE SHIP DEPARTS FROM NAPLES ENROUTE TO PORT SAID, EGYPT, AND ON TO ASHDOD, ISRAEL. INFORMATION RECEIVED AT THE TIME OF WRITING REPORTS THAT THE "ACHILLE LAURO" ARRIVED IN NAPLES AT 2:00 P.M. THIS DATE. THE "ACHILLE LAURO" IS SCHEDULED TO REMAIN AT
NAPLES UNTIL 6:00 P.M., AT WHICH TIME IT WILL PROCEED TO PORT SAID. A STATUS REPORT IS EXPECTED FROM THE WFO TEAM DURING ITS STOP IN NAPLES. IF IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE TEAM TO CONTINUE THE CRUISE, THEY HAVE BEEN ADVISED NOT TO DISEMBARK AT PORT SAID AND TO REMAIN ONBOARD UNTIL THE SHIP REACHES ASHOD, ISRAEL, PFR FBIHQ INSTRUCTIONS.

NO FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS HAVE OCCURRED CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE TERRORISTS FOR FBI INTERVIEW. LEGAT ROMF CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT THE HAND DELIVERY OF A COPY OF THE LETTER OF ROGATORY, PRESENTED TO THE MAGISTRATE, WOULD VERY LIKELY WIN HIS COOPERATION AND ALLOW ACCESS TO THE TERRORISTS FOR INTERVIEW. THE ORIGINAL LETTER OF ROGATORY CAN THEN PROCEED SLOWLY THROUGH THE VARIOUS LEVELS OF ITALIAN GOVERNMENTAL AND JUDICIAL ENTITIES.

FBIHQ WILL BE KEPT ADVISED AS TO DEVELOPMENTS.

FBIHQ RELAY THIS TELETYPE TO THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE.

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THIS COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED "SECRET" IN ITS ENTIRETY.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF FBIHQ, "FO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM MEMBERS WHICH HAD BEEN ABROAD THE "ACHILLE LAURO" DEPARTED FROM RCMT THIS MORNING ENROUTE TO THE U.S. THESE AGENTS ARE: SSA       
SSA        SA        AND SA        . AS FBIHQ IS AWARE, THREE "FO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM MEMBERS REMAIN IN RCMT AWAITING INTERVIEW ACCESS TO THE FOUR PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS INCARCERATED IN ITALY. AUTHORIZATION TO INTERVIEW THE SUBJECTS HAS BEEN OBTAINED FROM ALL INTERESTED PARTIES WITHIN THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND EFFORTS ARE PROCEEDING THROUGH INTERPOL TO COORDINATE THE TIME AND LOCATION WHEREIN THESE INTERVIEWS CAN BE CONDUCTED.

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FBIHQ RETRANSMIT THIS COMMUNICATION TO 'FO.

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Date: 10-15-85

FM: DIRECTOR, FBI
TO: Hegar Bonn Rome

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☐ Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms/BATF/
☐ Central Intelligence Agency/CIA/
☐ CIA DCD/DCD/
☐ Dept. of Energy HQS/DOEHQ/
☐ Dept. of Energy Germantown DIV/DOE/
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☐ Dept. of the Army/DA/
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Classification: Secret

Address Internal Distribution

For: Main Salon

Subject: 250-12-77

Approved By: Orig: Tele Ext. 4575 Room/Div.: 4239 6

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FBI/DOJ
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SECTION ONE OF TWO

SECRET

INTERAGENCY DEBRIEFING OF HOSTAGES ON BOARD OF ITALIAN CRUISE SHIP "ACHILLE LAIO" ON OCTOBER 12, 1985.

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ON OCTOBER 12, 1985, PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING:

LEFT ABOARD THE VESSEL FROM GENOA ON OCTOBER 3, 1985,

WITH
AROUND OCTOBER 5, 1985, AND ONE OF THE OTHERS IN HER GROUP OBSERVED A MILITARY JET PLANE, DELTA WING TYPE, AT A DISTANCE FROM THE SHIP, WHICH DISAPPEARED THEN CAME BACK TOWARD THE SHIP. THE PLANE DID A "BARREL ROLL" WHILE APPROACHING THE VESSEL, FLEW VERY LOW OVER THE SHIP ABOUT 500 FEET AND THEN DISAPPEARED.

THE SHIP PULLED INTO PORT AT ALEXANDRIA AT ABOUT 7:00 A.M. MONDAY MORNING. STAYED ON BOARD WITH THE OTHERS LEFT.

THE SHIP DEPARTED AND WENT DOWNSTAIRS TO THE DINING AREA WITH FOR LUNCH AT ABOUT 12:30 P.M. AND WERE SITTING ALONE IN AN AREA AT WHICH INITIALS APPEAR ON A MAP OF THE LINER ACHILLE LAURO.

AT ABOUT 1:30 P.M., HEARD SHOTS. SAW A MAN ENTER THE DINING ROOM WITH A MACHINE GUN ABOUT THREE FEET LONG. THE MACHINE GUN WAS BLACK OR VERY DARK BROWN. THE MAN ENTERED FROM A POINT MARKED ON THE ABOVE MENTIONED MAP BY AN ARROW.

DESCRIBED THE MAN, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS UNKNOWN
Subject (UNSUB) Number One.

UNSUB One passed [ ] table and [ ] was among ten or twelve other individuals who ran down a staircase that enters into the dining room and which is circled on the aforementioned map. The room at the bottom of the staircase was very hot. [ ] and the others were there for about one-half hour. [ ] heard on the intercom an announcement by an English speaking male whom [ ] believed was the captain. The captain announced "Go to the dining room or you will be shot. Everyone please, please go to the dining room".

[ ] and the others went to the dining room where everyone else from the ship, including the crew, was sitting on the floor. [ ] sat with [ ] where a "S" appears on the aforementioned map.

One of the hijackers was standing on a table in the corner of the room. [ ] described this unknown subject, hereinafter referred to as UNSUB Two.

[ ] is sure that she could recognize UNSUB Two if she saw
UNS1B TWO WAS RAMBLING "AMERICA NO GOOD", "REAGAN NO GOOD", AND "PALESTINE GOOD". UNS1B TWO SAID THAT THE ISRAELIS HAD KILLED 25 BABIES.

IT WAS VERY HOT. AND THE OTHERS WERE CRAMPED SITTING ON THE FLOOR. THE HIJACKERS AT THAT TIME WERE NOT ALLOWING ANYONE TO GO TO THE BATHROOM. ONE OF THE HIJACKERS HAD ONE OF THE CREW BRING UP SOME BOTTLED WATER, WHICH THE HOSTAGES PASSED AROUND.

ANOTHER ONE OF THE HIJACKERS WAS WALKING BACK AND FORTH ON THE PERIMETER OF THE AREA IN WHICH EVERYONE WAS BEING KEPT, WHICH PERIMETER MARKED ON THE AFOREMENTIONED MAP.

AT ABOUT 5:30 OR 6:00 P.M., THE CAPTAIN MADE AN ANNOUNCEMENT OVER THE INTERCOM FOR EVERYONE TO PROCEED TO THE ARAZZI LOUNGE. EVERYONE WAS ESCORTED AT ONCE TO THE LOUNGE WITH THE GUNMEN BEHIND.

ALL THE HOSTAGES WERE SEATED IN CHAIRS IN THE LOUNGE IN AN AREA MARKED BY A NUMBER TWO ON THE AFOREMENTIONED MAP. THERE WERE ALWAYS TWO GUNMEN MARCHING BACK AND FORTH IN THE LOUNGE. ONE WAS
NOTICED THAT BOTH OF THESE GUNMEN HAD HANDY-TALKIES, ABOUT SIX INCHES TALL, THREE INCHES WIDE, WITH AN ANTENNA OF ABOUT TWO TO THREE INCHES IN LENGTH. SAW THE OTHER HIJACKERS WITH HAND-TALKIES ALSO. IN ADDITION, EACH HIJACKER HAD ONE MACHINE GUN, FOUR HAND GRENADES HOOKED ON HIS BELT IN THE FRONT AND TWO PISTOLS IN THEIR PANTS IN THE BACK.

ANYONE WHO WANTED TO GO TO THE BATHROOM WAS ALLOWED TO LINE UP; HOWEVER, THE PERSON NEXT IN LINE HAD TO WAIT UNTIL THE PERSON BEFORE HIM HAD RETURNED.


ABOUT 8:30 OR 9:00 P.M., UNSUB THREE ASKED FOR THE PASSPORTS OF EVERYONE. UNSUB THREE COLLECTED THE PASSPORTS OF THE AMERICANS AND THE BRITISH PASSENGERS. THEREAFTER, THEY PUT THE AMERICAN PASSENGERS IN THE CORNER MARKED BY AN "A" ON THE AFOREMENTIONED
MAP AND THE BRITISH IN A CORNER MARKED "B" ON THE MAP.

UNSUB THREE TOLD ALL THE AMERICANS, 12 OF THEM AT THAT TIME, "NO TOILET, NO FOOD". ONE HOUR LATER, UNSUB THREE SAID THAT THEY COULD GO. UNSUB TWO, SITTING NEXT TO THE AREA IN WHICH THE BRITISH WERE BEING HELD WOULD ALLOW THE PASSENGERS TO GO. UNSUB TWO'S POSITION IN THE ARAZZI LOUNGE IS DENOTED AS NUMBER THREE ON THE AFOREMENTIONED MAP.

A LITTLE BEFORE MIDNIGHT, THE CREW WENT DOWNSTAIRS ESCORTED BY ONE OF THE HIJACKERS AND CAME UP WITH SANDWICHES, FRUIT AND WATER. THERE WERE ALWAYS TWO GUARDS IN THE LOUNGE, SOMETIMES THREE, AND ALWAYS ONE ON THE BRIDGE.

THE PASSENGERS STAYED IN THE ARAZZI LOUNGE ALL NIGHT IN THEIR CHAIRS.

AT ABOUT 1:00 P.M., THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE HIJACKERS ORDERED THE 12 AMERICANS TO COME WITH THEM. MARILYN KLINGHOFFER PROTESTED THAT HER HUSBAND WAS IN A WHEELCHAIR AND COULD NOT COME AND SHE
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SECTION TWO OF TWO:

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MAIN SALON, IT HOSTAGE TAKING, GO: WFO

INTERAGENCY DEBRIEFING OF HOSTAGES ON BOARD OF ITALIAN CRUISE

SHIP "ACHILLE LAURO" ON OCT 12, 1985.
WANTED TO STAY WITH HIM. THE HIJackers TOLD HER NOT TO WORRY AND THAT THEY WOULD TAKE CARE OF HIM.


ONE OF THE HIJACKERS TOLD THE AMERICANS AND BRITAINS THAT IF THE HIJACKERS DID NOT GET THE RELEASE OF 50 PALESTINIAN PRISONERS, THEY WERE GOING TO KILL THE AMERICANS AND BRITISH.

While the Americans and the Britains were sitting there, ___HEARD TWO SHOTS. A FEW MINUTES AFTER THAT, SHE HEARD A BIG SPLASH IN THE WATER. THE BOAT AT THE TIME WAS STANDING STILL. ___ADVISED THAT THE SHIP'S CAPTAIN AND OFFICER SAW THE MURDER. ACCORDING TO ___, ONE OF THE PALESTINIANS, A LITTLE
Individuai, slapped Klinghoffer and Klinghoffer bit the hijacker on the arm.

After hearing the shots, one of the hijackers said there were negotiations and that the American ambassador and ________ believes the Italian ambassador or the British ambassador were coming to talk to them and that the hijackers might get what they want. If they did not, the Americans and British would be killed.

The Americans and British were there for three and a half hours. UNSB Two was giving the British girls cigarettes and candy and told one of the British girls that he loved her.

______ advised that she never saw the hijackers sleep nor eat and believes that they were on drugs.

Finally, _______ observed that UNSB Two was the kindest of the hijackers. At one point, one of the hijackers, the little one, had taken a watch away from Klinghoffer and gave it to UNSB Two. UNSB Two gave the watch back to Klinghoffer and instructed the Americans to hide their jewelry.

Administrative:
REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH ABOVE INFORMATION TO

LEGAT, ROME, AND LEGAT, BONN.

C BY G-3; DECL. ON CADR.

BT
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI
TO: Legati, Rome

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White House/WH/
Department of Justice/DOJ/
Department of State/DOS/
Department of Energy/HQ/DOEHQ/
Department of Energy/Germantown DIV/DOE/
Department of Defense/DOD/
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Director Naval Investigative Service/DIRNAVINSERV/
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FAA Washington HQ/FAA/
HQ AFOSI Bolling AFBC/AFOSI/
INSOM Ft. Meade/INSOM/
Nuclear Regulatory Commission/NRC/
U.S. Customs Service/UCS/
U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Service/INS/
U.S. Secret Service/USSS/
Other:

Classification: SECRET

Addressee Internal Distribution

For:

Subject:

See Attached

Approved By: FCh

Orininator: Tele Ext. 2805 Room/Div.: 5027-Div. 6

OCT 21 1985

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MAIN SALON; HOSTAGE TAKING- TERRORISM; 00: WFO
DENVER OFFICE (256-1) ADVISED BY TELETYPE OCTOBER 19, 1985, AS FOLLOWS:
THIS COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED "SECRET" IN ITS ENTIRETY.

RE WFO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, DATED OCTOBER 8, 1985,

CAPTIONED AS ABOVE.

HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE
PAST, PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE
SEIZURE OF THE ITALIAN CRUISE SHIP "ACHILLE LAURO".

ASSET ADVISED MOHAMMAD ABU EL ABBAS IS A MEMBER OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION
(PLO). HE IS ALSO THE HEAD OF ONE OF THE DIVISIONS THAT HAS
ORIGINALLY SPLIT FROM THE PALESTINIAN LIBERATION FRONT (PLF).
ABBAS SPLIT FROM THE ORIGINAL PLF, HOWEVER, HE MAINTAINS THE SAME NAME FOR HIS ORGANIZATION. ABBAS JOINED FORCES WITH YASIR ARAFAT WHEN HE, ABBAS, SPLIT FROM THE ORIGINAL PLF. THE ORIGINAL PLF IS HEADED BY TALAT YACOUB WHO JOINED THE UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION, THE PALESTINIAN NATIONAL SALVATION FRONT (PNSF). MEMBERS OF THE PNSF OPPOSE YASIR ARAFAT.

ASSET STATED ARAFAT AND HIS FATAH ORGANIZATION HAVE CLOSE TIES WITH IRAQ. THE PLO, THE UMBRELLA FOR ALL PALESTINIAN COMMANDO ORGANIZATIONS, ALSO HAS CLOSE TIES WITH IRAQ.
ASSET BELIEVES THAT YASIR ARAFAT AND FATAH PLANNED A
COMMANDO OPERATION TO TAKE PLACE IN ISRAEL BY THE FOUR
PALESTINIAN HIJACKERS AND COORDINATE THE ACTIVITIES WITH
ABBAS. ASSET FEELS THAT ARAFAT, POLITICALLY, HAS ARRIVED AT
MANY DEAD ENDS IN HIS POLITICAL MANEUVERS TO ACHIEVE SOME
VICTORY FOR THE PALESTINIANS, SUCH AS AN INDEPENDENT STATE IN
THE WEST BANK AND GHADA.

ASSET ALSO ADVISED ARAFAT'S PROBLEMS BECAME EVEN MORE
COMPLICATED WHEN ISRAEL BOMBED ARAFAT'S HEADQUARTERS IN TUNISIA.
ARAFAT THREATENED HE WOULD RETALIATE. ASSET BELIEVES ARAFAT
WILL TRY TO CONDUCT OTHER COMMANDO OPERATIONS IN HOPES OF
FORCING THE UNITED STATES AND THE WORLD COMMUNITY TO OFFER THE
PALESTINIANS AN ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU
DISSEMINATE TO B-OFFICE...

C.3;
C BY 9; D ON QADR.
Message Relay Via Teletype
(RESTRICTED USE)

Date: 10-15-85

FM: DIRECTOR, FBI
TO: Regat Bonn Rome

- White House/WH/
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Classification: Secret

Addressee Internal Distribution
For:

Subject: "Mblin Salon"

See Attached

Approved By: [Signature]

Tele Ext.: 4575
Room/Div.: 4239 6

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MAIN SALON: IT HOSTAGE TAKING; CO: AFO

INTERAGENCY DEBRIEFING OF HOSTAGES ON BOARD THE ITALIAN CRUISE 
SHIP "LE ACHILLE LAURO" ON OCTOBER 12, 1985.

THIS COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED "SECRET" IN ITS ENTIRETY.

ON OCTOBER 12, 1985, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE INTERAGENCY 
HOSTAGE DEBRIEFING GROUP INTERVIEWED THE FOLLOWING HOSTAGES WHO 
HAD BEEN RELEASED FROM CAPTIVITY FROM THE ACHILLE LAURO.

SUMMARY RESULTS OF INTERVIEW FOLLOW:
THE TERRORISTS WHO INSTRUCTED THEM TO SIT ON THE FLOOR AND REMAIN QUIET. DURING THE CONJUNCTION OF NEW PASSENGERS ARRIVING, THE TERRORISTS WERE VOCALIZING THEIR DISCONTENT WITH THE U.S. AND PRESIDENT REAGAN AND MANY TIMES STATED PRO-PLO CHANTS. THEY WERE KEPT IN THE DINING ROOM FOR THREE HOURS AND THEN WERE TAKEN UP TO THE LOUNGE AREA WHERE THEY WERE SEPARATED ACCORDING TO NATIONALITY. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY COLLECTING PASSPORTS AND SEGREGATING ACCORDINGLY. DURING THIS TIME, THEY WERE NEVER SEARCHED AND THEY WERE NOT ALLOWED TO GO TO THEIR ROOMS EXCEPT FOR THOSE WHO NEEDED MEDICINE, WHO WERE ESCORTED INDIVIDUALLY TO THEIR ROOMS. DURING THE PERIOD OF TIME, THEY WERE KEPT IN THE
The story is that of Mrs. Klinghoff, a passenger on the SS St. Louis who was a part of the ship's entertainment, was brought to the ship's bow and evenly spaced on the deck. The terrorists requested barrels of gasoline but were only able to obtain diesel fuel, which was placed in their vicinity. Mrs. Klinghoff stated that they were required to stay in a sitting position for approximately three and one-half hours and were guarded by one terrorist and at times two. During this time, she thought she may have heard a gunshot followed by a splash. Prior to their being taken to the bow of the ship, Mrs. Klinghoff pleaded with the terrorists to allow her husband to remain with the group or to allow her to remain with her husband. This was not allowed by the terrorists and they assured Mrs. Klinghoff that her husband would be taken care of. She advised that all the terrorists carried weapons similar to machine guns, handguns, and grenades. She always felt as if her life was threatened...
One of the three women who were told to sit in a circle on a platform, she did not know what was going to happen to her, but nothing happened other than being told to sit in a circle before she and the other two women were sent back to their group. At some point she heard that the
The terrorists guarded the hostages singly or with two guards. She never remembered seeing more than three of the terrorists. There was no noticeable routine to their relieving each other. She never saw them eat anything and she does not believe they slept much at all. She heard from the crew that they were using dope at night. The terrorists never made any reference to a leader or leaders off of the ship. They communicated by walkie-talkie and did not seem
Niding Schneider stated that the terrorists called each other by name but that the only name she could recall was that one sounded like "Wood". Of the three terrorists Schneider had contact with, she identifies with them as one being "Wood", the second being the meanest and the third being a younger man with a mustache who usually displayed signs of kindness and sympathy. She was unable to ascertain a leader but that in talking with other hostages believes she identifies as being the meanest could possibly have been the person in charge. The only description she could provide was that the meaner was shorter and well dressed. The "more compassionate was about 5'10", wore Levis and no other distinctive clothing. A third individual she remembers being about BT.

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INTERAGENCY DEBRIEFING OF HOSTAGES ON BOARD THE ITALIAN CRUISE SHIP "LE ACHILLE LAURO" ON OCTOBER 12, 1985.
WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY COMMUNICATION DEVICES OTHER THAN THE SHIP'S INTERCOM, RADIO AND 'ALKIE-TALKIES. SHE NOTICED NO COOPERATION BY THE CREW OR CAPTAIN OTHER THAN THAT WHICH WAS COERCED WITH THE TERRORISTS. IN FACT SHE DESCRIBED THE CAPTAIN AS BEING MARVELOUS THROUGH THE WHOLE ORDEAL. SHE AND THE OTHER HOSTAGES WERE ASSURED THAT NOTHING OF THEIRS WOULD BE STOLEN, BUT AT THE END OF THE ORDEAL SHE FOUND THAT JEWELRY AND MONEY OF HERS HAD BEEN TAKEN FROM THE SHIP'S PURSER'S OFFICE.

ADMINISTRATIVE

RE: DEMARK TELETYPING TO BUREAU, OCTOBER 12, 1969
MESSAGE RELAY VIA TELETYP E
(RESTRICTED USE)

Date: 10-16-85

FM: DIRECTOR, FBI

TO: Legat Rome, Bern

White House/WH/
Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms/BATF/
Central Intelligence Agency/CIA/
CIA DCD/DCD/
Dept. of Energy HQS/DOEHQ/
Dept. of Energy Germantown Div/DOE/
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Dept. of Treasury/DOT/
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Subject: 

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FOR THE INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES, ACCORDING TO US DEPARTMENT OF STATE, FROM AMERICAN EMBASSY, CAIRO, IT WAS LEARNED THAT A FEMALE PHOTO JOURNALIST WHO REPORTEDLY WORKED WITH THE ACHILLE LAURO IN GENOA, ITALY, TOOK A PHOTO OF A personne CLAIMING TO BE GREEK, IDENTIFIED ONLY AS "ARAB LOOKING" FRIENDS. DESCRIBED AS SHORT, DARK, THICK GLASSES, EYES THAT LOOK IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS, AND SPEAKING IN FRENCH AND ENGLISH. REPORTEDLY TOOK EARLIER CRUISES WITH
ACHILLE LAURO, POSSIBLY TWO TRIPS PREVIOUS TO THE MOST CURRENT ONE.

FOR ADDITIONAL LEAD VALUE, INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE SHIP'S PURSER, SENTOS FICL, MAY HAVE INFORMATION REGARDING HIJACKERS.

ON 10/15/85, INFORMATION RECEIVED AT FBIHQ CONCERNING [ ], WHO WAS INTERVIEWED BY FRENCH PRESS AND ADVISED THAT THE [ ] FOR THE ITALIAN CRUISE SHIP HAD POSSIBLY WITNESSED THE MURDER OF LEON KLINHOFFER. [ ] ALSO TOLD THE PRESS THAT ANOTHER PASSENGER ON THE SHIP, [ ], OF WEST GERMANY, HAD TOLD HIM SHE WAS ALONE IN THE SHIP'S INFIRMARY TUESDAY AFTERNOON. IT WAS CLAIMED THAT KLINHOFFER WAS SUPPOSEDLY IN THE INFIRMARY THAT DAY. [ ] IS POSSIBLY IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA.

ADDITIONALLY, [ ], AKA [ ], PALESTINIAN, WAS ARRESTED IN GENOA ON 9/28/85 IN POSSESSION OF TWO FALSE PASSPORTS. NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS KNOWN ABOUT THIS INDIVIDUAL.

THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO FORWARD THIS TELETYPE TO APPROPRIATE LEGATS AS WELL AS A COPY TO U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, OFFICE OF SECURITY, SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS BRANCH, AND SA [ ] LEADS. LEGAT DIVISION. AT LEGAT ROME. 1) WILL INTERVIEW [ ] SHIP'S PURSER, ACHILLE LAURO, RE ANY INFORMATION HE MAY HAVE REGARDING THE HIJACKERS.
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2) WILL IDENTIFY HAIRDRESSER FOR ACHILLE LAURO AND THEREAFTER INTERVIEW REGARDING HER/HIS KNOWLEDGE OF MURDER OF KLINGHOFFER.

3) WILL IDENTIFY FEMALE PHOTO JOURNALISTS REPORTEDLY WORKING FOR ACHILLE LAURO AND THEREAFTER INTERVIEW REGARDING HER TAKING A PICTURE OF PETROS AND HIS 3 "ARAB LOOKING" MALE FRIENDS. WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN THE PHOTO.

4) THROUGH ACHILLE LAURO PERSONNEL AND/OR FEMALE PHOTO JOURNALIST WILL IDENTIFY (FNU) PETROS AND CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION.

5) WILL CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION THROUGH GENOA AUTHORITIES REGARDING ________ WHO WAS ARRESTED ON 9/28/85 AT GENO FOR POSSESSION OF FALSE PASSPORTS. IF FEASIBLE, INTERVIEW ________ RE KNOWLEDGE AND/OR INVOLVEMENT IN HIJACKING.

LEGAT DIVISION. AT BERN, SWITZERLAND. WILL INTERVIEW ________ POSSIBLY IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA, RE HIS KNOWLEDGE OF KLINGHOFFER'S DEATH.

WASHINGTON FIELD. AT WASHINGTON, D.C. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

C BY: C-3; DECL ON: OADR

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THIS COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED "SECRET" IN ITS ENTIRETY.

AS FBI HQ IS AWARE, WFO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM IS CURRENTLY IN
ROME FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING INVESTIGATIVE ACCESS TO THE SHIP
"ACHILLE LAURO" FOR CRIME SCENE EXAMINATION, INTERVIEW ACCESS TO
CREW AND APPROPRIATE WITNESSES ABOARD THE "ACHILLE LAURO", AND
TO SECURE INTERVIEWS WITH FOUR PALESTINIAN TERRORIST HIJACKERS
INCARCERATED BY ITALIAN AUTHORITIES.

IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE OBJECTIVES LEGAT ROME HAS INITIATED
CONTACT WITH THE FOLLOWING ITALIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES:

ITALIAN NATIONAL POLICE; AND

ITALIAN MAGISTRATES ENGAGED IN THE PROSECUTION/INVESTIGATION
OF THIS MATTER. EACH OF THESE ENTITIES HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF WFO
INVESTIGATIVE TEAM NEEDS AND HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE/ACCESS SO THAT THOSE NEEDS CAN BE FULFILLED.

IN ADDITION TO LEGAT ROME'S INITIATIVES, THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO ITALY IN ROME HAS GIVEN NOTICE TO OFFICIALS OF THE ITALIAN MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, ADVISING THEM OF THE PURPOSE OF WFO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM'S PRESENCE IN ITALY AND OF U.S. JURISDICTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OVER THIS INCIDENT.

FBIHQ SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THE "ACHILLE LAURO" INCIDENT IS POLITICALLY EXTREMELY SENSITIVE AND THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IS PROCEEDING VERY CAUTIOUSLY. THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT'S RELEASE OF ABU EL-ABBAS HAS CREATED AN UPROAR AND THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT'S POLITICAL OPPOSITION HAS UNDERTAKEN TO MAKE A MAJOR ISSUE OF THIS INCIDENT. CONTINUED FALLOUT OVER THIS MATTER COULD CONCEIVABLY LEAD TO THE FALL OF THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT.

WITH THESE DEVELOPMENTS IN MIND, THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IS JUSTIFYING ITS LACK OF SUPPORT AND INACTION BY CITING THE ITALIAN JUDICIAL SECRECY ACT AS PREVENTING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION REGARDING THIS CASE. THE JUDICIAL SECRECY ACT COMPels AUTHORITIES TO SAFEGUARD ACCESS TO AND RESULTS OF INVESTIGATIONS. LEGAT ROME, HOWEVER, IS AWARE OF SEVERAL INSTANCES WHEREIN THE ITALIANS HAVE
WAIVED THIS LAW AND PROVIDED INFORMATION WHEN IT WAS IN THEIR INTERESTS TO DO SO. THE HIGH PROFILE OF THIS INCIDENT HAS MADE IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR ITALIAN OFFICIALS TO GO ON RECORD WAIVING THIS LAW AND THEY ARE RELUCTANT TO COMMIT THEMSELVES. ALL ITALIAN AUTHORITIES INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER HAVE BEEN FULLY MADE AWARE OF OUTSTANDING U.S. GOVERNMENT WARRANTS FOR THE SUBJECTS AND FBI INVESTIGATIVE JURISDICTION.

IN VIEW OF THE POLITICAL REALITIES AND THE LACK OF ITALIAN RESPONSE TO THE OUTSTANDING INFORMATION REQUEST FOR COOPERATION, LEGAT ROME RECOMMENDS THAT OFFICIAL LETTERS OF ROGATORY BE PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR MAKING FORMAL REQUEST OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TO WAIVE THE JUDICIAL SECRECY ACT AND ALLOW WFO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM ACCESS IN THE AREAS NEEDED. UPON RECEIPT OF SUCH A FORMAL REQUEST IT WOULD BE EXPECTED THAT A REPLY WOULD BE FORTHCOMING WITHIN FOUR TO FIVE WEEKS.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF FBI HQ, THE FOUR PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS ARRESTED BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM SICILY BY ITALIAN AUTHORITIES AND ARE CURRENTLY BEING LODGED IN A SECURE FACILITY IN THE UMBRIA REGION WHICH IS NORTH OF ROME ABOUT HALF-WAY TO GENOA. ITALIAN PROSECUTION WILL EVENTUALLY TAKE PLACE IN
GENOA WHICH IS THE PORT FROM WHICH THE "ACHILLE LAURO" SET SAIL BEFORE THE HIJACKING. IN ORDER FOR WFO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE SUBJECTS FOR INTERVIEW IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO GAIN THE AUTHORITY OF THE LOCAL ITALIAN MAGISTRATE HANDLING THE CASE. EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD ARE ONGOING WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE AMERICAN CONSUL GENERAL IN GENOA.

AS FBIHQ KNOWS, A BODY, BELIEVED TO BE THAT OF LEON KLINGHOFFER, WASHED ASHORE NEAR TARTUS, SYRIA, AND IS CURRENTLY UNDER THE CONTROL OF SYRIAN OFFICIALS. THE BODY WAS MISSING ONE OF ITS ARMS, WAS MISSING FALSE TEETH, AND WAS REPORTED TO BE IN BAD CONDITION. PER BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS, IN AN EFFORT TO ASSIST IN MAKING POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF THESE REMAINS, SA [REDacted] OF THE WFO. INVESTIGATIVE TEAM IN ROME WAS DISPATCHED THIS DATE TO DAMASCUS, SYRIA, CARRYING FINGERPRINT CARDS AND A PHOTOGRAPH OF MR. KLINGHOFFER TO PROVIDE SAME TO SYRIAN OFFICIALS TO ASSIST IN THE IDENTIFICATION PROCESS. IT HAS BEEN LEARNED THAT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS AGREED WITH THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT THAT THE REMAINS OF MR. KLINGHOFFER WILL BE TRANSPORTED TO ROME FOR COMPLETE AUTOPSY AND PATHOLOGICAL EXAMINATION. REPORTEDLY, THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY PERFORMED AN AUTOPSY AND DESIRFS...
That the body be embalmed prior to being transported out of Syria. Unconfirmed reports also indicate that Italian magistrates are traveling to Damascus to conduct examination of the body. Sa will remain in Syria and accompany the body to Rome and witness the autopsy.

The "ACHILLE LAURO" is scheduled at this time to return to Genoa, Italy, during the afternoon of October 16, 1985. The owners of the "ACHILLE LAURO" are reportedly in financial difficulty as a result of the hijacking and are anxious to have the "ACHILLE LAURO" set sail the following morning, October 17, 1985, to return another scheduled ten-day cruise. Reportedly, 600 people are awaiting to board the "ACHILLE LAURO" in Genoa and begin a cruise. Apparently lodging is limited in Genoa and if these people do not begin the cruise as scheduled, it will cause significant problems.

The sailing schedule for the "ACHILLE LAURO" is as follows:

Depart Genoa on Thursday, October 17, 1985, at 16:30;

Genoa, October 17, 1985;

Naples, October 17-18, 1985;

Alexandria, October 22, 1985;

Port Said, October 22, 1985;
ASHOD, OCTOBER 23, 1985;
LIMASOL, OCTOBER 24, 1985;
RHODES, OCTOBER 25, 1985;
CYPRUS, OCTOBER 25, 1985;
PIRAEUS, OCTOBER 25, 1985;
CAPRI, OCTOBER 26, 1985;

BASED UPON THE INFORMATION SET FORTH ABOVE, WFO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM IS EXPLORING, THROUGH AMERICAN CONSUL GENERAL IN GENOA, THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING A TEAM OF FOUR AGENTS BOARD THE "ACHILLE LAURO" IN GENOA AND ATTEMPT TO COMPLETE INVESTIGATION DURING THE SHIP'S CRUISE. IT WOULD BE HOPED THAT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION COULD BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE SHIP'S ARRIVAL IN ALEXANDRIA ON OCTOBER 22, 1985, WITH POSSIBLE COMPLETION PRIOR TO THE SHIP'S DEPARTURE FROM NAPLES ON OCTOBER 18, 1985. UPON COMPLETION OF INVESTIGATIVE NEEDS, THE WFO TEAM WILL DISEMBARK AT THE NEXT PORT FOR RETURN TO ROME OR THE U.S. AS REQUIRED. IN THE EVENT THAT THE AMERICAN CONSUL GENERAL IN GENOA CAN OBTAIN MAGISTRATE APPROVAL, SECURE PERMISSION FROM THE SHIP'S OWNERS, AND BOOK PASSAGE ON THE SHIP, FBI HQ SHOULD CONSIDER THE DESIRABILITY OF UNDERTAKING
THIS INITIATIVE, NOTING THAT FAILURE TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY INVESTIGATION VIA THIS METHOD WOULD POSTPONE THE NEXT OPPORTUNITY FOR TEN DAYS.

IF AUTHORITY TO UNDERTAKE THE ABOVE INVESTIGATION CANNOT BE OBTAINED, WFO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM INTENDS TO RETURN HALF THE TEAM TO THE U.S. AND RETAIN HALF THE TEAM TO REMAIN AVAILABLE TO INTERVIEW THE SUBJECTS IF GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY IN THE NEAR TERM. IF DELAYS PERSIST IN THAT REGARD, FBIHQ WILL BE CONSULTED ON WHAT ACTION TO NEXT TAKE. THE ABOVE WAS DISCUSSED WITH FBIHQ COMMAND CENTER THIS DATE.

FBIHQ WILL BE KEPT ADVISED AS TO DEVELOPMENTS.

FBIHQ RELAY THIS TELETYPE TO THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION.

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FM BERN (256-1) (P)
TO DIRECTOR PRIORITY 307R-21 U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

LEGAT ROME PRIORITY 307R-21 VIA FBI-RO

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MAIN SALON; HOSTAGE TAKING-TERRORISM; OO: WFO.

REBUTEL DATED OCTOBER 9, 1985.

THROUGH THE NEWS MEDIA IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT A LARGE
NUMBER OF THE PASSENGERS ABOARD THE ACHILLE LAURO ARE FROM
SWITZERLAND AND AUSTRIA. LEGAT, BERN, WILL BE HAPPY TO HAVE
THOSE PERSONS INTERVIEWED BY THE AUSTRIAN AND SWISS AUTHORITIES
IF THAT IS DEEMED APPROPRIATE. IF SO, ROME IS REQUESTED TO SEND
LEGAT, BERN, PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE FOUR TERRORISTS VIA DIRECT MAIL.
THE BUREAU AND/OR WFO ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE BERN WITH
APPROPRIATE QUESTIONS BY RETURN CABLE.

-Bureau administrative:

-BUREAU RELAY ABOVE TO WFO.

BT

-PRELIMINARIES:

-REREAT-'ABOVE TO WFO.
MESSAGE RELAY VIA TELETYPEx
(RESTRICTED USE)

DECLASSIFIED BY 60324 UC EAW/SAB/MJS
ON 03-22-2010

Date: 10/22/95

FM: DIRECTOR, FBI

TO: FBI

0-73 (Rev. 8-31-82)

DIRECTOR,
FBI

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Approved By:

Originator:

Tele Ext.: 4575

Room/Div.: 4259/6

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02397472 OCT 85 23 Oct 85 09 1107
FM LEGAT ROME (256-1) 29
TO DIRECTOR IMMEDIATE

MAIN SALON: HOSTAGE TAKING - TERRORISM. CO: WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

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The following is relayed from Legat Rome


FOR INFORMATION OF WFO, HOSTAGES VIEWED SUBJECTS IN A
LINE-UP NOT A PHOTO LINE-UP.

EDITING RETRANSMIT ABOVE TO "MARK 435 WASHINGTON FIELD."

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MESSAGE RELAY VIA TELETYPE
(RESTRICTED USE)

Date: 10-19-85

FM: DIRECTOR, FBI

TO: LEGAT ROME
   LEGAT BONN

☐ White House/WH/
☐ Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms/BATF/
☐ Central Intelligence Agency/CIA/
☐ CIA DCD/DCD/
☐ Dept. of Energy HQS/DOEHQ/
☐ Dept. of Energy Germantown DIV/DOE/
☐ Dept. of Justice/DOJ/
☐ Dept. of State/DOS/
☐ Dept. of the Army/DA/
☐ Dept. of Treasury/DOT/
☐ Defense Intelligence Agency/DIA/
☐ Director National Security Agency/NSA/
☐ Director Naval Investigative Service/DIRNAVINSERV/
☐ Drug Enforcement Admin./DEA/
☐ FAA Washington HQ/FAA/
☐ HQ AFOSI Bolling AFBDC/AFOSI/
☐ INSCOM Ft. Meade/INSCOM/
☐ Nuclear Regulatory Commission/NRC/
☐ U.S. Customs Service/UCS/
☐ U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Service/INS/
☐ U.S. Secret Service/USSS/
☐ Other: __________________________

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Classification: SECRET

Addresser Internal Distribution

For: Main Salon

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Subject:

4 OCT 24 1985

Approved By: CI¥

Originator: 3111

Tele Ext.:

Room/Div.: 5005/6

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MAIN SENDER: IT- MT: DO: NWO
INTERAGENCY DEBRIEFING OF

TELEPHONE NUMBER 6ER-0591.

THIS ENTIRE COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED "SECRET".

ON OCTOBER 19, 1985, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE INTERAGENCY
HOSTAGE DEBRIEFING GROUP INTERVIEWED [--], WHO HAD
BEEN RELEASED FROM CAPTIVITY FROM THE ACHILLE LAUPO.

HE WAS MOST COOPERATIVE AND THE RESULTS OF THE INTERVIEW ARE AS
FOLLOWS:

[Redacted]
FURNISHED INFORMATION CONCERNING THE TAKE
OVER OF THE ACHILLE LAURO BY THE TERRORISTS. ALSO
FURNISHED INFORMATION COVERING THE CONDUCT OF THE TERRORISTS
WHILE THE SHIP WAS UNDER THEIR CONTROL, AS WELL AS A GENERAL
DESCRIPTION OF THE TERRORISTS. COULD FURNISH NO DETAILS
CONCERNING THE MURDER OF LEON WINGHOFFER.

DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION TO U.S. INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY
LEFT TO DISCRETION OF RECIPIENTS.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:
TERRORISTS REQUESTED TO FURNISH THE ABOVE INFORMATION
TO LEGIONARIO AND LEGATI, ROM.

C.Y.C. 1 DEC. 49 UDRA
MESSAGE RELAY VIA TELETYPewriter
(RESTRICTED USE)

Date: 10-20-86

To: LEGAT Rome

Name: [Redacted]

Subject: [Redacted]

Approved By: [Redacted]

Department: [Redacted]

Originator: DHD

Tele Ext.: 2805

Room/Div.: 5027/16

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ON 03-22-2010

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS CENTER
093724
OCT 21 1985

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MAIN SALON.

HOSTAGE TAKING—TERRORISM;

OO: WFO

THIS COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED "SECRET" IN ITS ENTIRETY.


ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR DELIVERY OF OFFICIAL CERTIFIED LETTERS OF ROGATORY AND TRANSLATION OF SAME FROM WASHINGTON, D.C., TO ROME ITALY, VIA TWA. TWA SUPERVISOR ___________ WILL ACCOMPANY SA__________ ON 10-20-85 AND PERSONALLY HAND-DELIVER ABOVE LETTERS TO PILOT OF TWA 0-73 TO LEGAT ROME 10-20-85 DHB
FLIGHT 744, DEPARTING WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT, SAME
DATE, 3:35 P.M., ARRIVING NEW YORK KENNEDY AIRPORT AT 4:47 P.M.
RESERVATIONS/FLIGHT SCHEDULES FOR TWA REFLECT FLIGHT NUMBER
840 DEPARTING NEW YORK KENNEDY AIRPORT, ON 10/20/85, AT 6:45 P.M.,
AND ARRIVING ROME, ITALY. 8:00 A.M. (ROME TIME), ON 10-21-85.
REQUEST OF BUREAU:
BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO FORWARD THIS TELETYPING TO LEGAT ROME.
NEW YORK DIVISION:
NEW YORK DIVISION WILL MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS TO
PERSONALLY MEET INCOMING TWA FLIGHT 744 AND OBTAIN ABOVE LETTERS
FROM PILOT THEREAFTER PERSONALLY DELIVER THEM TO PILOT OF
TWA FLIGHT 840 FOR HAND-CARRY TO ROME, ITALY.
LEGAT, ROME:
LEGAT, ROME WILL MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS TO PER-
SONALLY RECEIVE ABOVE LETTERS OF ROGATORY FROM PILOT OF
FLIGHT 840, SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ROME, ITALY AT 8:00 A.M.
CLASSIFIED BY G-3
DECL ON OADR
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MESSAGE RELAY VIA TELETYPETO:

WF Office

Date: 10/18/85

FM: DIRECTOR, FBI

TO: WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

□ White House/WH
□ Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms/BATF
□ Central Intelligence Agency/CIA
□ CIA DCD/CCD
□ Dept. of Energy HQS/DOEHQ
□ Dept. of Energy Germantown DIV/DOE
□ Dept of Justice/DOJ
□ Dept. of State/DO
□ Dept of the Army/DA
□ Dept of Treasury/DOT
□ Defense Intelligence Agency/DIA
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Classification: SECRET

Addressee Internal Distribution

For:

Subject:

256-12-46

See Attached

Approved By: 11-3
Originator: 4575
Tele Ext. 423916
Room/Div. 1352

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HOSTAGE TAKING - TERRORISM. OC: WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE.

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THE FOLLOWING WAS RECEIVED FROM LEGAT ROME ON 10-16-85:

FOR THE INFORMATION OF FBI HQ, SA OF THE WPO

INVESTIGATIVE TEAM IN ROME TRAVELED TO SYRIA DURING AFTERNOON OF
OCTOBER 15, 1985 TO ASSIST IN IDENTIFICATION OF THE BODY OF LEON
KLINGHOFER. DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF THIS DATE, OCTO-
BRE 16, 1985 SA WAS IN CONTACT WITH LEGAT ROME FROM DAMASCUS,
SYRIA, AND ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

SA ADVISED THAT HE WAS ALLOWED TO VIEW THE BODY IN
QUESTION DURING THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 15, 1985 AT A SYRIAN MILITARY
HOSPITAL. VISUAL EXAMINATION OF THE BODY INDICATES THAT ITS PHYSICAL
APPEARANCE, HEIGHT, WEIGHT, OVERALL BUILD, AND MOLE ON RIGHT CHEEK,
ALL INDICATE THIS IS THE BODY OF LEON KLINGHOFER. SA IS NOT
A FINGERPRINT EXAMINER, HOWEVER, HE ROLLED FINGERPRINTS FROM THE ONE
REMAINING HAND OF THE BODY AND COMPARISON OF THE ROLLED PRINTS WITH

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THE KNOWN FINGERPRINTS OF LEON KLINGHOFFER INDICATE THAT THEY MATCH.

SA[] ADVISED THAT SYRIAN AUTHORITIES MADE DENTAL X-RAYS OF THE BODY WHICH INDICATED THAT ONE NATURAL TOOTH REMAINED. DENTAL RECORDS OF LEON KLINGHOFFER ALSO REFLECT HE HAD ONE NATURAL TOOTH ONLY. BASED UPON THIS INFORMATION IT IS THE OPINION OF SA[] THAT THE BODY IN QUESTION IS THAT OF LEON KLINGHOFFER.

SYRIAN OFFICIALS HAVE RELEASED THE BODY TO THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO SYRIA AND IT IS TO BE TRANSPORTED TO ROME THIS DATE, ABOARD AN ITALIAN FLIGHT 743 WHICH ARRIVES IN ROME AT 3:30 P.M. LOCAL TIME. SA[] WILL ACCOMPANY THE BODY ON ITS FLIGHT TO ROME. SA[] IS BEARING A LETTER FROM THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR TO SYRIA ADVISING THAT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WILL ACCEPT THIS BODY FOR AUTOPSY. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT AT THIS POINT, DUE TO THE REQUEST OF THE FAMILY, NO AUTOPSY HAS BEEN PERFORMED.

SA[] ALSO ADVISED THAT HIS PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION OF THE BODY CONFIRMED THAT ONE GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE BODY WAS CLEARLY VISIBLE, AND THAT A SECOND GUNSHOT WOUND APPEARED POSSIBLY.

UPON ARRIVAL IN ROME, FBIHQ FINGERPRINT EXAMINER WILL BE REQUESTED TO EXAMINE THE BODY AND ATTEMPT TO MAKE A POSITIVE
IDENTIFICATION.

FBIHQ WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

FBIHQ RELAY ABOVE TO WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE.

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FROM ROME IN THE EVENING, THE TEAM WILL LODGE AT LEAST ONE NIGHT IN ROME AND PERHAPS TWO, DEPENDING UPON THE NEEDS SURROUNDING THE PROCESSING OF THEIR INVESTIGATIVE RESULTS OBTAINED ABOARD THE "ACHILLE LAURO".

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE WFO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM INDICATES THAT THEIR MISSION ABOARD THE "ACHILLE LAURO" WAS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL AND THAT THEY WERE ABLE TO OBTAIN MUCH DETAILED INFORMATION CONCERNING EVENTS WHICH OCCURRED ABOARD THE "ACHILLE LAURO" DURING THE HIJACKING, INCLUDING THE KILLING OF LEON KLINHOFFER. UPON WFO TEAM'S ARRIVAL IN ROME, FBIHQ WILL BE ADVISED AS TO THE SIGNIFICANT RESULTS OF THEIR EFFORTS.

FOR THE FURTHER INFORMATION OF FBIHQ, LEGAT ROME ANTICIPATES A REPLY THIS DATE FROM THE ITALIAN MINISTRY OF JUSTICE CONCERNING ITS RESPONSE TO THE LETTERS OF ROGATORY FROM THE U.S. WHICH WERE DELIVERED BY LEGAT ROME YESTERDAY. LEGAT ROME IS OPTIMISTIC THAT A POSITIVE RESPONSE WILL BE RECEIVED AND THAT INTERVIEW ACCESS WITH THE INCARCERATED PALESTINIAN TERRORIST HIJACKERS WILL BE PERMITTED. FBIHQ WILL BE ADVISED AS SOON AS ACCESS AUTHORITY IS OBTAINED.

VIA REFERENCED TELEPHONE CALL, FBIHQ QUESTIONED LEGAT ROME.
REGARDING REPORTS OF MISTREATMENT OF "UFO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM PERSONNEL BY ITALIAN AUTHORITIES. LEGAT ROM " IS UNAWARE OF ANY SUCH MISTREATMENT AND ITALIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN COOPERATIVE WITH FBI PERSONNEL. UFO TEAM ABOARD THE "ACHILLE LAURO" ALSO ADVISED THAT THEY HAD NOT BEEN MISTREATED IN ANY WAY.

FBIHQ WILL BE KEPT ADVISED AS TO DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER.

FBIHQ IS REQUESTED TO RETRANSMIT THIS COMMUNICATION TO WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE.

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REBUTEL DATED OCTOBER 12, 1985.

LEGAT, BERN HAS DETERMINED THAT THE SWISS CITIZEN
RESIDENT OF

WAS THE PERSON QUOTED IN REUTERS AS HAVING
INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THE SHOOTING OF THE HOSTAGE LEON
KLINGHOFFER. ATTEMPTS ARE BEING MADE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
INTERVIEW OF AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME.

AMERICAN CITIZEN AN EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPART-
MENT OF ENERGY, TEMPORARILY ASSIGNED TO THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC
ENERGY AGENCY IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA, WAS TELEPHONICALLY INTERVIEWED
BY LEGAT, INASMUCH AS HE WAS IMMEDIATELY LEAVING FOR A TRIP TO
CHINA. THE FOLLOWING IS THE GENERAL INFORMATION CONTRIBUTED BY
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HE AND HIS WIFE WERE MEMBERS OF AN AUSTRIAN TOUR GROUP OF OVER 200 PERSONS, ARRANGED THROUGH A TRAVEL AGENCY IN SALZBURG, AUSTRIA. HE BOARDED THE SHIP AT GENOA, ITALY, ON OCTOBER 3, 1985. THE SHIP-SAILED TO NAPLES (OCTOBER 4), AND FROM THERE LEFT FOR ALEXANDRIA, ARRIVING IN THE MORNING ON OCTOBER 7. AT THAT TIME, 600 OF THE PASSENGERS LEFT THE SHIP TO TRAVEL TO TOURISTIC SITES IN EGYPT, PLANNING TO RETURN TO THE SHIP IN PORT SAID ON ITS ARRIVAL THERE. AT APPROXIMATELY 12:50 PM ON OCTOBER 7, WHILE MOST OF THE REMAINING PASSENGERS WERE DINING IN THE SHIP’S DINING ROOM, THEY SUDDENLY HEARD NUMEROUS SHOTS FROM AUTOMATIC WEAPONS. IMMEDIATELY, THEREAFTER, THEY OBSERVED MEMBERS OF THE CREW BACKING INTO THE DINING AREA WITH THEIR HANDS ABOVE THEIR HEADS. THEY THEN SAW THE FOUR PALESTINIANS HERDING THE CREW INTO THE DINING ROOM. MANY MORE SHOTS WERE FIRED, INJURING NO ONE, BUT HAVING THE EFFECT OF TERRIFYING EVERYONE. AND HIS WIFE WERE AT THE TIME WITH AN AMERICAN COUPLE FROM CHICAGO). ONE OF THE PALESTINIANS LEFT THE DINING AREA AND WENT TO THE BRIDGE OF THE SHIP. AN ANNOUNCEMENT WAS THEREAFTER MADE, TELLING EVERYONE TO GO TO THE SHIP’S DINING ROOM. AT THAT TIME THE PASSENGERS WERE TOLD THAT THERE WERE TWELVE HIJACKERS. THE PALESTINIANS IN THE DINING
Everyone was told to sit on the floor in the dining room. The temperature was extremely high. The couple passed themselves off as Austrians, and were allowed to remain with the non-Americans. The Americans, British, and the two Austrian "Jews" were sent to the forward portion of the ship to the Arazzi lounge.

The hijackers alternately were kind to the hostages and very mean, cursing them, firing their weapons near them, etc. They occasionally allowed passengers out of the dining area to return to their cabins for medication and other needs. He explained was because he had
BEEN WEARING A BRIGHT RED SHIRT. HE TOOK OFF THE SHIRT TO AVOID BEING THE CENTER OF ANY ATTENTION. HE, THEREAFTER, ASKED THEM IF HE COULD GO GET A SHIRT. WHEN HE LEFT THE DINING AREA HE NOTED THAT THE SHIP WAS COMPLETELY DESERTED. HE CONTEMPLATED DONNING A LIFE VEST AND JUMPING OVERBOARD, BUT NOTED THAT HE WOULD HAVE CAUSED TOO MUCH WORRY FOR HIS WIFE WHO HAD REMAINED BEHIND.

AT ONE POINT NOTED THAT LEON KLINGHOFFER WAS IN A GROUP OF AMERICANS THAT WERE SEGREGATED. THE REMAINDER OF THAT GROUP WAS TAKEN TO THE BOW OF THE SHIP AND SURROUNDED BY GASOLINE CANS IN CASE OF A FORCED ATTACK ON THE SHIP. KLINGHOFFER WAS LEFT IN THE LOUNGE. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, SEVERAL SHOTS WERE HEARD BY EVERYONE (INCLUDING THE COUPLE). THEY LATER LEARNED THAT HE HAD BEEN SHOT, AND THEY OBSERVED BLOOD ON THE DECK AND ON THE SIDE OF THE SHIP NEAR THE LOUNGE.

ON TUESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 8, THE TERRORISTS ANNOUNCED THAT THEIR TERMS HAD BEEN ACCEPTED. THEY BOARDED A SMALL BOAT AND LEFT THE SHIP WITH A GREAT DEAL OF FANFARE. THE HOSTAGES WERE RELEASED, AND THEY SUBSEQUENTLY VIEWED THE PALESTINIANS IN A LINE UP IN SICILY. ACCORDING TO , HE, HIS WIFE, AND ALL OF THE HOSTAGES POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED THE FOUR INDIVIDUALS.
INVESTIGATIVE: INDICATED THAT HE WOULD DEFINITELY BE WILLING TO TESTIFY IN ANY COURT AGAINST THE TERRORISTS. HE PROVIDED HIS CONTACT ADDRESS AS LEGAT, BERN, NOTES THAT THERE MUST BE SOMEWHERE AROUND 250-300 PERSONS IN AUSTRIA AND SWITZERLAND WHO WERE PASSENGERS ON THE ACHILLE LAURO. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF THE BUREAU WOULD PROVIDE SOME GUIDANCE AS TO WHETHER THESE PERSONS HAVE TO BE INTERVIEWED, AND IF SO, WHAT THE LEGAL BASIS IS FOR THE U.S. TO FORESEE A PROSECUTION IN THE UNITED STATES. BOTH THE SWISS AND THE AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE INITIALLY INDICATED THAT THEY CANNOT UNDERSTAND HOW THE UNITED STATES FEELS THAT AN EXTRADITION FROM ITALY WILL EVENTUALLY TAKE PLACE.

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ARRIVED IN GENOA SEPTEMBER 28, 1985 ABOARD THE SHIP "HABIB" FROM TUNISIA WITH A RENAULT 9 AUTO, LICENSE ___________. ON THE SAME SHIP ARRIVED ___________. ARRESTED SEPTEMBER 28, 1985, IN POSSESSION OF FALSE MOROCCAN PASSPORT NUMBER ___________, MENTIONED EARLIER IN NAME ___________. FOR THE TRIBUNAL OF ROME ISSUED A WARRANT APRIL 20, 1985 FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING.

RE THE GREEK CITIZEN ___________, THE FOLLOWING IS KNOWN:


AS A CONTACT ___________ LEFT A TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE "MINI HOTEL"
OF GENOA WHERE ________ AND A MOROCCAN, ________, BORN 1956 IN RABAT, CARRYING MOROCCAN PASSPORT ________, WERE STAYING SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 2, 1965 AND WHO WOULD HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ________.

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ON OCTOBER 18, 1985, MADE AVAILABLE THE FIRST SECTION OF A REPORT MADE BY THEIR REPRESENTATIVE FOLLOWING HIS BOARDING OF THE "ACHILLE LAURO" ON OCTOBER 10, 1985, AT 12:30 PM IN THE COMPANY OF THE WEST GERMAN EMBASSY'S FIRST SECRETARY. HAS AN INVESTIGATION INSTITUTED IN THIS MATTER DUE TO THE NUMBER OF GERMAN PASSENGERS AND CREW MEMBERS AND BECAUSE ONE OF THE HIJACKERS BRAGGED TO ONE OF THE GERMANS THAT HE HAD 63-33 FRIENDS IN HANNOVER, WEST GERMANY. THE FOLLOWING IS EXTRACTED FROM THE REPORT AS SUPPLEMENTARY TO THAT WHICH EXISTS IN THE BOMI FILE. IT IS TRANSLATED FROM THE GERMAN AS FOLLOWS:

"PONTE PASEGGIATA (KLINGHOFER CRIME SCENE)."

"THE PROMENADE DECK AND PONTE PASEGGIATA CAN BE SEEN FROM THE STARBOARD AND PORT SIDES EACH WITH SIX DOORS THAT LEAD"
OF ABOUT 15 CM WIDTH RUNS DOWN BOTH SIDES OF THE SHIP. FROM
ABOVE, ON THE SKIRTING BOARD, COULD BE SEEN ABOUT A 5 CM ALMOST
ROUND, RED-BROWN SPOT WHICH ON THE EDGE WAS DARK BROWN TO
BLACK, BUT BECAME BRIGHTER TOWARDS THE MIDDLE, WHICH HAD IN
THE CENTER EITHER DARK PARTICLES OF AN UNKNOWN MASS OR DROPS OF
ALMOST BLACK BLOOD. THERE IS HARDLY DOUBT THAT THE SPOTS WERE
BLOOD. BECAUSE OF LEGAL GROUNDS THE BLOOD SPOTS COULD NOT BE
SECURED."

BOHN WILL FORWARD THE COMPLETE REPORT UPON RECEIPT FROM

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AT APPROXIMATELY 1:00 P.M. THIS DATE WFO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM ABOARD THE "ACHILLE LAURO" REQUESTED, THROUGH THE AMERICAN CONSULAR GENERAL IN GENOA, THAT LEGAT LONDON BE TASKED TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THE COMPANIES WHICH OWNS THE "ACHILLE LAURO", FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF SEVERAL GIRLS WHO WERE PART OF AN ENGLISH DANCING TRouPE WHICH WAS ABOARD THE "ACHILLE LAURO". REPORTEDLY BOOKED THIS GROUP TO APPEAR ABOARD THE SHIP, AND SHOULD BE IN A POSITION TO ASSIST IN THEIR LOCATION.
LEGAT LONDON IS REQUESTED TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW THESE INDIVIDUALS REGARDING THE "ACHILLE.LAuro" INCIDENT.

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WFO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM WITH LEGAT ROME ASSISTANCE WAS IN CONTACT WITH DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION'S OFFICE, U.S. EMBASSY IN CAIRO. THROUGH THIS CONTACT IT WAS LEARNED THAT THE SHIP "ACHILLE LAURO", AS OF THIS MORNING, REMAINED AT PORT SAID, EGYPT. THE EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN CONDUCTING A CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION ON THE SHIP FOR THE PAST THREE DAYS AND HAVE TAKEN STATEMENTS FROM THE CREW AND PASSENGERS. IT IS UNCERTAIN AS TO WHEN THE "ACHILLE LAURO" WILL DEPART FROM PORT SAID. UNCONFIRMED REPORTS INDICATED IT COULD LEAVE TODAY OR TOMORROW. THE CREW REPORTEDLY WISHES TO RETURN THE SHIP TO GENOA, ITALY, AND THE SHIP OWNERS WOULD LIKE THE SHIP TO PRO-
CEED TO ASHOD, ISRAEL, AND RESUME THE CRUISE. CURRENTLY, PASSENGERS WHO WISHED TO REMAIN ONBOARD OR RETURN TO THE VESSEL HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO DO SO. IT IS BELIEVED THAT OTHER PASSENGERS ARE LODGED ON LAND.

INFORMATION DEVELOPED IN ROME INDICATES THAT ABU EL-ABBAS, REPORTED LEADER OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION FRONT FACTION WHICH WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HIJACKING, HAS BEEN ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE EGYPTIAN EMBASSY IN ROME FROM WHERE HE HAD BEEN TAKEN AND HAS BEEN ALLOWED TO GO TO YUGOSLAVIA. ITALIAN TELEVISION SHOWED ABU EL-ABBAS GIVING A PRESS CONFERENCE IN YUGOSLAVIA AND HE REPORTEDLY HAS BEEN GIVEN DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY BY YUGOSLAVIA. LEGAT ROME LEARNED THAT WHEN THE EGYPTIAN AIRCRAFT WAS FLOWN FROM SIGONELLA TO ROME, CARRYING ABU EL-ABBAS AND OTHERS, THAT A U.S. NAVY AIRCRAFT WAS INSTRUCTED TO TAIL THIS AIRCRAFT TO ROME. AFTER THE EGYPTIAN AIRCRAFT TOOK OFF, THE ITALIAN BASE COMMANDER BLOCKED THE RUNWAY TO PREVENT THE U.S. NAVY AIRCRAFT FROM TAKING OFF. THE U.S. NAVY PILOT WAS ABLE TO TAKE HIS AIRCRAFT OFF FROM THE TAXI STRIP THEREBY EVADING ITALIAN BLOCKING EFFORTS. THIS INCIDENT ANGERED THE ITALIAN BASE COMMANDER WHO IMMEDIATELY CLOSED THE BASE. THIS INFORMATION IS PROVIDED TO DISPLAY THAT.
U.S./ITALIAN RELATIONS MAY BE BECOMING STRAINED OVER THIS ENTIRE INCIDENT AND THAT FBI INVESTIGATIVE NEEDS MAY HAVE TO PROCEED FORWARD IN A DELICATE MANNER.

ITALIAN NEWS REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE FOUR TERRORISTS MAY BE MOVED TO A MORE SECURE AREA IN NORTHERN ITALY, POSSIBLY GENOA. ONE OF THE SEVERAL MAGISTRATES HANDLING THIS CASE IS FROM GENOA AND ITALIAN TRIAL WILL BE IN GENOA.

WFO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM IS ENGAGING IN ACTIVITIES DIRECTED TOWARD GAINING INTERVIEW/INVESTIGATIVE ACCESS TO THE TERRORIST HIJACKERS, BELIEVED TO STILL BE INCARCERATED AT SIONELLA. LFGAT ROME BELIEVES THAT THE HANDLING ITALIAN MAGISTRATE MAY BE AMENABLE TO OFFERING AT LEAST LIMITED ASSISTANCE TO THE WFO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM TO SECURE FBI NEEDS IN THIS MATTER.

FBIHQ WILL BE KEPT ADVISED AS TO DEVELOPMENTS AND THE INITIATIVES OF WFO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM.

REQUEST OF THE BUREA:

THE BUREA IS REQUESTED TO RETRANSMIT THIS COMMUNICATION TO NEWARK, NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE.

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FOR THE INFORMATION OF RECIPIENTS WFO HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS OFFICE OF ORIGIN CONCERNING CAPTIONED MATTER, THE INVESTIGATION OF THE ARMED SEIZURE OF THE ITALIAN CRUISE SHIP ACHILLE LAURO BY PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS OFF OF ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT.

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION INDICATES THAT THE ACHILLE LAURO WAS SEIZED BY A GROUP OF PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS (POSSIBLY SEVEN

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IN NUMBER) WHO ARE REPORTEDLY MEMBERS OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION FRONT (PLF). THE TERRORISTS HAVE THREATENED TO KILL PASSengers IF FIFTY PALESTINIAN PRISONERS ARE NOT RELEASED FROM ISRAELI JAILS. THE TERRORISTS HAVE ALSO THREATENED TO BLOW UP THE SHIP IF THEIR DEMANDS ARE NOT MET OR IF ANY OTHER BOAT APPROACHES.

INITIAL MEDIA REPORTS QUOTE THE ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY AS STATING THAT TWENTY-EIGHT AMERICANS WERE ABOARD THE SHIP AT THE TIME OF THE TAKE-OVER, WITH OTHER AMERICANS HAVING LEFT THE SHIP IN ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT FOR AN EXCURSION TO CAIRO. MEDIA REPORTS INDICATE THAT AS MANY AS FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY PASSENGERS AND CREW MAY BE ABOARD THE ACHILLE LAURO. REPORTS ALSO STATE THAT THE TERRORISTS HAVE LOCKED PASSENGERS IN THEIR CABINS AND WERE SYSTEMATICALLY CHECKING IDENTITY, NATIONALITY, AND RELIGION OF ALL ABOARD. RADIO BROADCASTS DURING THE AFTERNOON OF 10/8/85 INDICATE THAT TWO AMERICAN PASSENGERS HAVE BEEN EXECUTED BY THE TERRORISTS, ALTHOUGH THESE REPORTS HAVE NOT BEEN CONFIRMED AS OF THIS WRITING.

WFO ASSETS REPORT THAT THE PLF WAS FOUNDED IN 1976 OUT OF THE POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE—GENERAL
COMMAND (PFLP-GC) WHOSE LEADER IS [ ] The PLF is reported to be lead by Abu al Abbas and [ ] The PLF split from the PFLP-GC because of their collusion with Syria over the Lebanese situation. The PLF may be backed by Iraq.

The PLF is reportedly a small radical organization that is opposed to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and his ongoing peace initiative with King Hussein of Jordan. Preliminary examination of WFO records does not provide additional information regarding the PLF.

WFO assets have reported that PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat is not involved in this terrorist operation and is in the process of working with the Italian and Egyptian governments to mediate a resolution of this crisis. One important WFO asset speculates that the PLF undertook this operation in large part to embarrass Arafat and to torpedo this peace initiative. Official PLO statements in the press disavow involvement of the mainstream of the PLO.

WFO contact with U.S. Department of State Task Force and U.S. Passport Office preliminarily indicates that ten Americans remained aboard the ship at the time of seizure, their names [ ]
HAS YET BEEN OBTAINED REGARDING THESE INDIVIDUALS. USDS IS UNAWARE OF ANY OTHER AMERICANS BEING ABOARD THE SHIP.

ON 10/8/85, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ESTABLISHED FBI JURISDICTION OVER THIS MATTER AND ADVISED PROSECUTION CAN BE SOUGHT IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS: HOSTAGE TAKING, TITLE 18, SECTION 1203; PRIRACY, TITLE 18, SECTION 1651; AND CRIME ON THE HIGH SEAS, TITLE 18, SECTION 2271, ET SEQ.

RECEIVING FIELD OFFICES ARE REQUESTED TO REMAIN ALERT REGARDING ANY INFORMATION WHICH MAY COME TO THEIR ATTENTION REGARDING CAPTIONED MATTER AND EXPEDITIOUSLY ADVISE FBIHQ AND WFO.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO DISSEMINATE THIS COMMUNICATION TO ALL LEGATS, AND SPECIFICALLY TASK LEGATS
BERN, BONN, LONDON, PARIS, AND ROME TO INITIATE LIAISON WITH THEIR HOST COUNTRIES TO INSURE THE TIMELY RECEIPT OF INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION OBTAINED DURING THIS ONGOING CRISIS AND TO UNDERTAKE STEPS TO SECURE FBI INTERESTS SURROUNDING THE DEBRIEFING OF ANY HOSTAGES WHICH MAY BE RELEASED DURING THE PROGRESS OF THIS CRISIS.

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MAIN SALON HOSTAGE TAKING

MAIN SALON IS THE CODE NAME FOR THE OCTOBER 7, 1985 HIJACKING OF THE ITALIAN CRUISE LINER ACHILLES LAURO DURING WHICH ONE AMERICAN PASSENGER LEON KLINHOFFER WAS KILLED AND THROWN OVERBOARD.

IN VIEW OF THE CONTINUING INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL TENSION THAT REMAINS IN BOTH ITALY AND THE MIDEAST, RECEIVING OFFICES ARE INSTRUCTED TO MAINTAIN REAL TIME COVERAGE ON ALL UNTIL ADVISED OTHERWISE BY FBIHQ.

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RECEIVING OFFICES ARE ALSO REMINDED THAT ASSESSMENTS OF REAL TIME COVERAGE DURING THE PRECEDING WEEK ARE EXPECTED AT FBIHQ AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

FBIHQ IS AWARE OF THE CONTINUING STRAIN ON RESOURCES RESULTING FROM THESE INSTRUCTIONS, BUT AT THE PRESENT TIME THERE IS NO OTHER REALISTIC ALTERNATIVE.

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REFERENCE TEL CALL FROM SAC JAMES ESPOSITO, SAN JUAN, TO
FBI HEADQUARTERS, THIS DATE.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF SAN JUAN, BY ABOVE REFERENCED TEL
CALL, SAC, SAN JUAN ADVISED THAT HE HAD BEEN TELEPHONICALLY
CONTACTED BY MAJOR GENERAL [BLANK] ADJUTANT GENERAL
OF THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS NATIONAL GUARD, WHO
ADvised THAT IN 1975, HE WAS A COLONEL STATIONED WITH THE
UNITED STATES ARMY IN ANKARA, TURKEY. ON JUNE 29, 1975, WHILE
EN ROUTE FROM ANKARA TO ISTANBUL, HE WAS KIDNAPPED IN BEIRUT,
LEBANON, AND HELD THROUGH JULY 13, 1975. HE IDENTIFIED ONE OF
THE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN HIS KIDNAPPING AS ABU ABBASS.
A summary of the circumstances surrounding this kidnapping are contained in Department of Defense Intelligence Information Report 2212300175 (B or A) 010-01 (A) dated August 7, 1975. [blank] has a copy of this report and can make it available to FBI, San Juan if necessary.

San Juan is requested to expeditiously dispatch a special agent to the United States Virgin Islands to contact Major General [name] (Supra), and obtain from him a copy of Department of Defense Intelligence Information Report 22112300175 (B or A) 010-01 (A), dated August 7, 1975.

San Juan is requested to furnish said copy to FBI Headquarters, ATTN: EOC, Room 5005, by most expeditious means.

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RE: BU TELETYPING TO U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (USDS) AND LEGAT.

ROME DATED 10/13/85.

FOR INFORMATION OF LEGAT ROME, CONCURRENCE WAS RECEIVED

FROM USDS AT 7:45 EST ON 10/13/85 TO INTERVIEW THE BARTENDER

ABOARD "LE ACHILLE LAURO".

LEGAT ROME IS REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW BARTENDER AS REQUESTED IN REFERENCED TELETYPING.

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☐ Dept. of Treasury/DOT/
☐ Defense Intelligence Agency/DJA/

Classification: Unclassified

Addressee Internal Distribution

For: 256 - 12 - 100

Subject: 256 - 12 - 100

See Attached

Approved By: FIC
Originator: DAS
Tele Ext.: 2805
Room/Div.: 50276

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USE AND PREPARATION OF FORM 0-73

Restrictions on Use

1. Only incoming teletype messages within the categories listed in MIOG Section 16-1.7 pages 1251 & 1252 may be prepared using form 0-73.

2. Use of Form 0-73 is restricted to incoming teletype messages received at FBIHQ Communications Center within the last 72 hours.

3. Addressees must be Bureau Offices (LEGAT/Field) or other Government Agencies. Geographical location must be indicated if other Government Agency is located outside the Washington, D.C. area.

4. Editing of message text is restricted to typed or printed changes of a word or two. Changes to the existing text involving more than a word or two will require the originator to initiate a new message using Form 0-93. Administrative data may be added immediately following the text and must be identical for all addressees.

5. Teletype messages received by the Communications Center that do not meet the above criteria shall be returned to the originator for preparation using Form 0-93.

Preparation of 0-73 Form (Yellow)

1. Date & Precedence - Type or print date and indicate precedence by checking the appropriate box.

2. Addressee(s) - Type or print addressee(s) immediately following the "TO:" or place a check mark in the appropriate box. Note: When using block "Other," indicate geographical location if addressee(s) is located outside Washington, D.C. If addressee(s) is a military installation, the name of the base, fort, or station must be listed to ensure delivery.

3. Classification - Type or print the classification and if appropriate the caveat and warning notices.

4. Address Internal Distribution - Complete when the originator wishes the message to be distributed to a known entity within a Headquarters Agency (i.e. Division, Section, Unit, etc.). List the address(s), abbreviation and internal distribution, if a message to Dept. of State, Dept. of Justice, and Defense Intelligence Agency; list on the "For" line(s) as follows:
   Example: For: DOS For SY/TAG; DOJ for Asst. AG Criminal Div.; DIA For DSOP.
   Messages which do not list internal distribution shall be delivered to the agency headquarters where their analyst will effect in-house distribution.

5. Subject - Type or print the subject in the space provided or check "see attached" if subject is identical to attached message.

6. Originator's Boxes - Type or print the originator's name, telephone extension, room number, and division.

7. Approved By Box - Indicate approval for transmission by initialing the approved by box. Note: The person approving the message is solely responsible for assuring all necessary editing changes are accurate and are legible.

Preparation of Message To Be Transmitted

1. Duplicate Copy & Notations - Xerox 1 copy of the incoming teletype message. A notation shall be made on the original incoming teletype indicating one copy made for relay to SACS (or LEGATS) (or Government Agencies).

2. Editing of Duplicate Copy (Heading) - Using a lead pencil ONLY draw single lines through the first and last lines of the message heading; connect these lines from top right to bottom left forming a "Z" figure. (Do Not Obliterate the Heading)

3. Editing Changes to the Text - (See Restrictions on Use, Item 4)

4. Administrative Data - Type or print administrative data immediately following the text.
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