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THIS COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED "SECRET" IN ITS ENTIRETY.

ON OCTOBER 19, 1985, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE INTERAGENCY
HOSTAGE DEBRIEFING GROUP INTERVIEWED [REDACTED] WHO HAD BEEN
RELEASED FROM CAPTIVITY FROM THE ACHILLE LAURO. SUMMARY RESULTS
OF THE INTERVIEW ARE AS FOLLOWS:

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT SHE AND HER HUSBAND, [REDACTED], DEPARTED
GENOA, ITALY, ABOARD THE CRUISE SHIP ACHILLE LAURO ON OCTOBER 3,
1985 EN ROUTE TO VARIOUS PORTS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. SUBSEQUENT
TO THE SHIP’S DEPARTURE FROM THE PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT, AND MUSLIM WERE HAVING LUNCH IN THE MAIN DINING ROOM WHEN SHOTS WERE HEARD FROM THE VICINITY OF THE SHIP’S KITCHEN. TWO GUNMEN APPEARED CARRYING RifLES AND ORDERED EVERYONE TO GET DOWN. ORDERS WERE GIVEN IN SOME FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND ALSO IN BROKEN ENGLISH. PASSENGERS AND CREW WERE THEN ORDERED TO PRODUCE PASSPORTS. THE GUNMEN THEN ORDERED THE PASSENGERS TRANSFERRED TO THE AFRAZZI LOUNGE. THERE WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF ONE OF THE SHIP’S CREW (UNDER THE SHIP CAPTAIN’S ORDERS) PASSENGERS WERE SEGREGATED BY NATIONALITY. THE GUNMEN, FOUR IN NUMBER (_____ INDICATED THAT SHE NEVER SAW ALL FOUR TOGETHER), ORDERED BENZENE (FUEL OIL) WHICH THEY PLACED IN 6-10 BUCKETS AROUND THE LOUNGE AREA. THE GUNMEN SUBSEQUENTLY THREATENED TO THROW HAND GRENADES, WHICH THEY FREQUENTLY DISPLAYED INTO THE BUCKETS.

_____ AT THIS POINT OF THE DEBRIEFING ADVISED THAT SHE FELT FATIGUED AND WAS UNABLE TO CONTINUE THE INTERVIEW. AS A RESULT, ONLY LIMITED DESCRIPTIVE DETAILS WERE OBTAINED. 

_____ WAS COOPERATIVE AND ADVISED THAT SHE WOULD AGREE TO A
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MORE DETAILED INTERVIEW WITHIN SEVERAL DAYS.

AS A POINT OF POSSIBLE EVIDENTIARY INTEREST, ADVISED THAT SHE HAD TAKEN PICTURES ON THE SHIP SUBSEQUENT TO THE SURRENDER OF THE HIJACKERS AND MAY HAVE PHOTOS OF LEON KLINGHOFFER'S BLOOD. ADVISED THAT THE FILM WAS PACKED AWAY IN HER LUGGAGE AND THAT SHE WOULD MAKE IT AVAILABLE AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE.

NATIONAL WILL ACCORDINGLY ARRANGE FOR A DETAILED INTERVIEW OF ______.

DISTRIBUTION OF INTELLIGENCE REACHED TO DISCERNMENT OF NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE.

DEPUTY OF THE BUREAU:

THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH THE ABOVE INFORMATION TO LEGAT, ROME, AND LEGAT, BONN.

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FROM DIRECTOR, FBI
TO LEGAT BERN IMMEDIATE
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HOSTAGE TAKING - TERRORISM 00: WASHINGTON FIELD.

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IS THE CODE NAME ASSIGNED TO THE OCTOBER 7, 1985
HIJACKING OF "LE ACHILLE LAURO," AN ITALIAN CRUISE SHIP SEIZED OFF
THE COAST OF EGYPT BY MEMBERS OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION FRONT.

ON OCTOBER 10, 1985, THE HOSTAGE TAKERS WERE INTERCEPTED BY U.S.
MILITARY AIRCRAFT AS THEY ATTEMPTED TO FLEE EGYPT ABOARD AN
EGYPTIAN AIRCRAFT. ON OCTOBER 8, 1985, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
ESTABLISHED FBI JURISDICTION OVER THIS MATTER AND ADVISED THAT

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PROSECUTION CAN BE SOUGHT IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS: HOSTAGE
TAKING, TITLE 18, SECTION 1203; PIRACY, TITLE 18, SECTION 1651;
AND CRIME ON THE HIGH SEAS, TITLE 18, SECTION 2273, ET SEQ.

THE FOLLOWING IS A REUTER ARTICLE CONCERNING THE INCIDENT:

OCT. 11 - SWISS PASSENGERS WHO HAD BEEN HELD ABOARD THE
HIJACKED CRUISE SHIP ACHILLE LAURO TODAY TOLD HOW A
BLOODSTAINED HIJACKER HAD ORDERED FELLOW PASSENGERS TO THROW
THE BODY OF LEON KLINGHOFFER OVER THE SIDE.

THE SWISS PASSENGERS, 14 OF WHOM FLEW BACK TO ZURICH TODAY,
TOLD THE NEWS AGENCY SDA THAT THEY HEARD SHOTS OVER THE SOUND OF
MUSIC SOON AFTER KLINGHOFFER, A 67-YEAR-OLD NEW YORKER, WAS
PUSHED IN HIS WHEELCHAIR OUT OF THE DINING ROOM.

'THEN ONE OF THE TERRORISTS WITH BLOODSTAINED SHOES AND
TROUSERS CAME BACK INTO THE DINING ROOM AND ORDERED TWO
PASSENGERS TO THROW THE BODY OF KLINGHOFFER OVER THE SIDE,' SAID
ONE OF THE FORMER HOSTAGES, ACCORDING TO THE
AGENCY.

SAID THE FOUR TERRORISTS HAD SHOT WILDLY WITH
MACHINE PISTOLS, INJURING TWO PERSONS, WHEN THEY BURST INTO THE
SHIP'S DINING ROOM DURING LUNCH ON MONDAY.
'IT TOOK A LONG TIME BEFORE A DOCTOR COULD LOOK AFTER THE
PASSENGERS WHO HAD BEEN HIT,' ANOTHER PASSENGER WAS QUOTED BY
SDA AS SAYING.

THEY SAID THE FOUR HIJackers SPLIT UP THE PASSENGERS
ACCORDING TO NATIONALITY, CAREFULLY SORTING OUT THE AMERICANS.
THE U.S. CITIZENS WERE THEN FORCED ONTO THE TOP DECK WHERE THEY
SPENT FOUR HOURS EXPOSED TO THE HOT SUN WITHOUT BEING ALLOWED
ANYTHING TO DRINK.

THE NON-AMERICANS WERE 'TREATED WELL, UNDER THE
CIRCUMSTANCES,' THEY SAID."

LOCATION IS NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME, NOR IS IT
KNOWN WHETHER HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED BY ANYONE OTHER
THAN THE PRESS:

REQUEST OF LEGAT BERN:

LEGAT BERN IS REQUESTED TO ATTEMPT TO INTERVIEW
IN COOPERATION WITH SWISS AUTHORITIES, AS TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES
OF KLINGHOFFER'S MURDER, THE LOCATION OF THE SHIP AT THE TIME
THE BODY WAS THROWN OVERBOARD, AND THE IDENTITIES OF THE TWO
PASSENGERS WHO ALLEGEDLY WERE FORCED TO THROW KLINGHOFFER'S
BODY OVERBOARD. BERN SHOULD ALSO DETERMINE THE IDENTITIES OF
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THE TWO OTHER PASSENGERS ALLEGEDLY INJURED.

BERN SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT FBIHQ HAS NO INFORMATION THAT PASSENGERS OTHER THAN KLINGHOFFER WERE INJURED, NOR THAT PASSENGERS WERE FORCED TO THROW KLINGHOFFER'S BODY OVERBOARD. BERN IS THEREFORE REQUESTED TO OBTAIN ANY DETAILS POSSIBLE AND TO ATTEMPT TO CONDUCT OTHER INTERVIEWS LEGAT DEEMS LOGICAL.

LEADS SHOULD BE HANDLED AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE.

RESULTS SHOULD BE REPORTED VIA IMMEDIATE TELETYPE, ATTENTION: EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER, FBIHQ, ROOM 5005.

C BY G-3; DECL QADR.
WATT Tel to Legat Bern
Re: ______________________

NOTE: This communication reports a Reuters news article and requests that Legat Bern conduct interviews to verify the contents of the article, and that Legat, Rome, report to Bern any details which may aid the interview process.
FM DIRECTOR FBI

TO FBI NEW YORK IMMEDIATE

{ATTN: {451}}

FBI WASHINGTON FIELD {C-1} IMMEDIATE

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PIRACY, TITLE 18, SECTION 1651; AND CRIME ON THE HIGH SEAS,
TITLE 18, SECTION 2271, ET SEQ.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE NAMES OF 20 FORMER PASSENGERS OF THE
ACHILLE LAURO WHO ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE AT JFK AIRPORT ON
OCTOBER 13, 1985 AT 6:35 P.M. ON AL ITALIA FLIGHT 608.

NEW YORK SHOULD CONFIRM THE FLIGHT WITH AL ITALIA.
NOTE: THIS TRANSMITS THE NAMES OF PASSENGERS DUE TO ARRIVE AT JFK 10/13/85 AT 6:35 P.M. EASTERN STANDARD TIME.
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HIJACKING OF ITALIAN SHIP ACHILLE LAURO

REF HIJACKING OF ITALIAN SHIP ACHILLE LAURO AND MURDER OF UNITED STATES CITIZEN LEONARD KLEINHOFFER.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REQUESTS ITALIAN LEGAL AUTHORITIES TO HOLD PERSONS IDENTIFIED AS INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER PRESENTLY IN ITALIAN CUSTODY PENDING RECEIPT OF FORMAL U.S. GOVERNMENT EXTRADITION REQUEST. UNITED STATES LAW PROHIBITING THE TAKING OF UNITED STATES CITIZENS HOSTAGE APPLIES IN THIS SITUATION.

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USE AND PREPARATION OF FORM 0-73

Restrictions on Use

1. Only incoming teletype messages within the categories listed in MIOC 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.

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

4. Addressee 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 addressee(s) abbreviation and the internal distribution, i.e. 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.

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HOSTAGE TAKING - TERRORISM. CC: WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

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CONFIDENTIAL CALLS TO WFO OIC AL WITZGALL ON OCTOBER 27, 1985 AND OCTOBER 30, 1985; AND TELCALL TO BUREAU TERRORISM SECTION CHIEF ON OCTOBER 31, 1985.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU AND WFO, ON MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 28, 1985, THE REMAINING THREE MEMBERS OF THE WFO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM, ALONG WITH LEGAT , TRAVELED TO SPOLETO, ITALY, TO CONDUCT PRE-ARRANGED INTERVIEWS WITH TWO OF THE FOUR INCARCERATED HIJACKERS OF THE "ACHILLE LAURO". THESE TWO HIJACKERS WERE IDENTIFIED AS BEING . FOLLOWING LENGTHY JUDICIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITALIAN LAW, PERMISSION WAS OBTAINED EARLY THAT EVENING FOR INTERVIEW ACCESS TO THE SUBJECTS. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED.
ATLY PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF THE INTERVIEW, ITALIAN JUDICIAL
AUTHORITIES IN SPOLETO WERE CONTACTED BY THE PROSECUTING MAGIS-
TRATE FROM GENOA, ITALY, WHO REQUESTED THESE INTERVIEWS BE
POSTPONED. HE ARGUED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED MESSAGES FROM THESE
TWO SUBJECTS INDICATING THAT THEY WERE WILLING TO TALK WITH
HIM, THEY HAVING PREVIOUSLY REFUSED TO COOPERATE. HE REQUESTED
THAT THE FBI LET HIM HAVE FIRST INTERVIEW ACCESS TO THESE SUB-
JECTS AND IN RETURN HE WOULD ALLOW INTERVIEW ACCESS TO ONE OF
THE SUBJECTS WHO WAS INCARCERATED IN TURIN, ITALY, WHO WAS BEING
COOPERATIVE WITH AUTHORITIES. HE FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE FBI
COULD THEN INTERVIEW THE FOURTH HIJACKER WHO WAS IN GENOA, AND
WHO WAS VERY COOPERATIVE, BEFORE RETURNING TO SPOLETO ON
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1985 TO COMPLETE THE INTERVIEW OF THESE
TWO SUBJECTS. HE ADVISED THIS WOULD ALLOW HIM TIME TO COMPLETE
HIS INTERVIEWS AND WOULD FACILITATE THE FBI'S INVESTIGATIVE
NEEDS OF INTERVIEWING ALL FOUR SUBJECTS. HE ALSO PROMISED THAT
THE SPOLETO SUBJECTS (2) WOULD NOT BE MOVED UNTIL THE FBI COM-
PLETED ITS INTERVIEWS. PRESENTED WITH THIS PROJECTED SCHEDULE
OF INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITY AND REALIZING THE TOTAL DEPENDENCY
UPON ITALIAN COOPERATION, THIS POSTPONEMENT WAS AGREED TO.
ON TUESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 29, 1985, PER AGREEMENT, THE
WFO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM ALONG WITH LEGAT [REDACTED] FLEW TO TURIN,
ITALY, TO CONDUCT AN INTERVIEW WITH SUBJECT [REDACTED].
THIS INTERVIEW HAD BEEN PRE-ARRANGED TELEPHONICALLY WITH
JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES AND SCHEDULED FOR 1:00 P.M. UPON ARRIVAL
AT TURIN, ITALY, AND APPEARANCE BEFORE JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES IT
WAS LEARNED THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, WHOSE
SIGNATURE WAS REQUIRED ON A DOCUMENT AUTHORIZING INTERVIEW, HAD
TAKEN THE AFTERNOON OFF AND INTERVIEW ACCESS WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE
UNTIL THE FOLLOWING DAY. ALL EFFORTS WERE UNDERTAKEN TO OVERCOME
THIS TYPICAL ITALIAN JUDICIAL INEFFECTIVE TO NO AVAL.

THE FOLLOWING DAY, OCTOBER 30, 1985, INTERVIEW ACCESS WAS
FINALLY PAINSTAKINGLY FACILITATED AND A SUCCESSFUL SIX-HOUR INTER-
VIEW WITH [REDACTED] WAS CONDUCTED. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HIS REAL NAME
WAS [REDACTED] AND THAT HE WAS THE LEADER OF THE FOUR-
MAN TERRORIST TEAM WHICH HIJACKED THE "ACHILLE LAURO". [REDACTED]
PROVIDED COMPLETE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PLANNING OF THE
OPERATION, IDENTIFIED INDIVIDUALS WHO SUPPORTED THE OPERATION,
DISSCUSSED THE ACTIVITIES OF HE AND HIS THREE COMRADES PRIOR TO
THE HIJACKING, AND GAVE A RUNNING ACCOUNT OF HIS GROUP'S ACTIONS
ON THE SHIP OF SPECIAL INTEREST IS THAT TOTALLY IMPLI-
CATED PALESTINE LIBERATION FRONT (PLF) LEADER ABU ABBAS AS BEING
KNOWLEDGEABLE AND ACTIVELY SUPPORTIVE OF THE OPERATION AS EARLY
AS EIGHT MONTHS PRIOR TO ITS INCEPTION. ADVISED THAT ABU
ABBAS WAS KEPT INFORMED OF THE GROUP'S ACTIVITIES AND PROVIDED
THEM WITH FINANCIAL SUPPORT DURING THEIR STAY IN ITALY BEFORE
BOARDING THE SHIP. ADVISED THAT THE PORT OF ASHDOD, ISRAEL,
WAS THE GROUP'S TARGET AND THAT THEY HIJACKED THE SHIP ONLY AFTER
BEING SURPRISED IN THEIR CABIN BY A CREW MEMBER. THIS STORY IS
NOT SUPPORTED BY INVESTIGATIVE DATA OBTAINED BY ITALIAN AUTHOR-
ITIES OR BY WFO TEAM WHICH BOARDED THE "ACHILLE LAURE".
ALSO DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE KILLING OF LEON KLINHOFFER IN
ALL RESPECTS. IT IS THE OPINION OF WFO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM
PERSONNEL THAT HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY ABOARD
THE INTERCEPTED EGYPTIAN AIRCRAFT, TO TELL AUTHORITIES THAT
WAS THE GROUP'S TARGET AND THAT THEY DID NOT
KILL KLINHOFFER. THE FULL DETAILS OF THE INTERVIEW OF
WILL BE EXPEDITIOUSLY DISSEMINATED TO THE BUREAU UPON WFO
INVESTIGATIVE TEAM'S RETURN TO THE U.S.

DURING THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 30, 1985 WFO INVESTIGATIVE
TEAM AND LEGAL TRAVELED TO GENOA, ITALY, VIA TRAIN AND LODGED FOR THE EVENING IN PREPARATION FOR INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT INCARCERATED AT THAT CITY. FOLLOWING THE ROUTINE BURDENSOME JUDICIAL PROCEDURES REQUIRED, INTERVIEW ACCESS WITH THE SUBJECT WAS OBTAINED THE NEXT DAY, ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 31, 1985. THE SUBJECT WAS IDENTIFIED BY ITALIAN AUTHORITIES AS _______ UPON COMMENCEMENT OF QUESTIONING _______ UNEXPECTEDLY ASSumed A COMPLETELY UNCOOPERATIVE POSTURE. ITALIAN AUTHORITIES HAD PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED _______ AS THE MOST COOPERATIVE OF THE SUBJECTS AND AS HAVING PROVIDED THEM WITH VALUABLE INFORMATION AND HE WOULD BE HELPFUL TO THE FBI. UPON INTERVIEW, HOWEVER, _______ WOULD NOT PROVIDE HIS TRUE NAME AND REFUSED TO PROVIDE THE FBI WITH ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING HIS GROUP'S OPERATIONS IN ITALY OR ABOARD THE SHIP. REPEATED EFFORTS WERE MADE TO OBTAIN INFORMATION FROM THIS SUBJECT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. _______ ASSERTED THAT HE HAD PROMISED NEVER TO BETRAY THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE AND THEREFORE HE COULD NOT PROVIDE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED.

_________ REPEATEDLY RECITED HIS COMMITMENT TO THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE IN HIS REFUSAL TO COOPERATE. _______ SPECIFICALLY DENIED
ANY KNOWLEDGE OF EVENTS SURROUNDING THE KILLING OF LEON KLINGHOFFER. AFTER TWO HOURS OF ATTEMPTING TO SOLICIT INFORMATION FROM INTERVIEW EFFORTS WERE DISCONTINUED. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT FBI PERSONNEL ON SCENE WERE OF THE OPINION THAT FAILURE TO BE COOPERATIVE WAS SUSPICIOUS AND MAY HAVE BEEN PROMPTED BY COACHING FROM GENOA MAGISTRATES.

IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT EARLIER THAT DAY INFORMATION HAD BEEN RECEIVED THAT THE TWO SUBJECTS INCARCERATED IN SPOLETO HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED TO AN UNDISCLOSED LOCATION, CONTRARY TO PREVIOUS ASSURANCES FROM GENOA MAGISTRATES THAT THEY WOULD REMAIN IN SPOLETO AND BE AVAILABLE FOR FBI INTERVIEW ON OCTOBER 31 OR NOVEMBER 1, 1985. DISCUSSIONS WITH GENOA MAGISTRATE REVEALED THAT THE SUBJECTS HAD BEEN MOVED TO GENOA BUT THAT HE HAD NOT YET INTERVIEWED THEM AND STRONGLY URGED THAT FBI INTERVIEW OF THESE SUBJECTS BE HELD IN ABYANCE FOR AT LEAST A WEEK. HE MADE THIS REQUEST TO FACILITATE HIS DEBRIEFING OF THESE SUBJECTS AND REITERATED THAT THE SUBJECTS WERE DEATHLY AFRAID OF THE FBI AND THAT INTERVIEWS AT THIS TIME WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE IN HIS EFFORTS TO GAIN THEIR CONFIDENCE AND ULTIMATE COOPERATION WHICH WOULD BENEFIT BOTH ITALIAN AND U.S. INTERESTS.
PAGE SEVEN REDACTED SECRET

BASED UPON THE ABOVE INFORMATION IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE REMAINING THREE MEMBERS OF THE WFC INVESTIGATIVE TEAM RETURN TO THE U.S., ALLOWING ITALIAN MAGISTRATES TIME TO FULLY DEBRIEF SUBJECTS PRIOR TO REINITIATION OF F3I EFFORTS TO GAIN DIRECT ACCESS TO THE SUBJECTS. THIS PROCESS MAY TAKE SEVERAL WEEKS BUT MAY ALLOW ITALIAN AUTHORITIES TIME TO ACHIEVE THEIR INVESTIGATIVE NEEDS. IT IS HOPED THIS PERIOD WILL PRODUCE A MORE FORTHCOMING AND COOPERATIVE POSTURE ON THE PART OF ITALIAN AUTHORITIES. THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATION BY LEGAT WAS DISCUSSED WITH BUREAU TERRORISM SECTION CHIEF STAN KLEIM VIA REFERENCED TELEPHONE CALL, WHO APPROVED THE RETURN OF WFC INVESTIGATIVE TEAM TO THE U.S. SA'S WILL THEREFORE DEPART ROME ON THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 1, 1985 VIA TWA AIRLINES.

IN ADDITION TO THE INFORMATION SET FORTH ABOVE, ITALIAN AUTHORITIES WERE QUERIED TO OBTAIN A LISTING OF ALL ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS, BEYOND THE FOUR HIJACKERS OF THE "ACHILLE LAURO", WHICH THEY HAVE INCARCERATED IN THIS MATTER. IN ADDITION TO THE FOUR, THE ITALIANS HAVE INCARCERATED WHO, INVESTIGATION HAS SHOWN, WAS A GUIDE THROUGHOUT ITALY TO THE
FOUR HIJACKERS PRIOR TO THEIR BOARDING THE SHIP. REPORTEDLY OBTAINED THE PASSPORTS USED BY THE FOUR HIJACKERS. IS A PALESTINIAN WITH BLOND HAIR WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY INCARCERATED IN SPAIN FOR ONE YEAR AND PREVIOUSLY HELD IN AN ISRAELI CONCENTRATION CAMP LOCATED NEAR THE LEBANESE BORDER.

THE ITALIANS HAVE ALSO INCARCERATED SKETCHY INFORMATION INDICATES THAT WAS AMONG THREE PALESTINIANS WHO TRAVELED TO GENOA ABOARD A SHIP FROM TUNISIA ALONG WITH AN AUTOMOBILE IN WHICH THE WEAPONS USED IN THE HIJACKING WERE SECRETED. THE WEAPONS, FOUR KALASHNIKOV RIFLES AND EIGHT HAND GRENADES, WERE HIDDEN WITHIN A SECRET COMPARTMENT OVER THE GAS TANK OF THE AUTOMOBILE. UPON ARRIVAL IN GENOA TWO OF THE THREE DISEMBARKED WITH THE AUTOMOBILE FOR THE SHIP. REMAINED ON THE SHIP AND WAS SOMEHOW CHECKED BY AUTHORITIES, WHO FOUND HIS PASSPORT WAS FRAUDULENT AND THEREFORE ARRESTED HIM.

IN ADDITION TO THOSE SIX INCARCERATED, WHICH INCLUDES THE FOUR HIJACKERS, ITALIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE OUTSTANDING ARREST WARRANTS FOR, WHO REPORTEDLY WAS TO HAVE BEEN THE FIFTH MEMBER OF THE HIJACKING TEAM. IS SAID TO HAVE GOTTEN

LASTLY, ITALIANS HAVE ISSUED AN ARREST WARRANT FOR AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED [REDACTED]. GENOA MAGISTRATE WAS UNABLE TO RECALL FURTHER INFORMATION RE [REDACTED] WHEN ASKED, BUT IT IS BELIEVED THIS INDIVIDUAL IS IDENTICAL TO A [REDACTED] ACCORDING TO SUBJECT [REDACTED] IS AN ASSISTANT TO PLF [REDACTED] AND WAS THE KEY PLANNER AND ORGANIZER OF THE OPERATION.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE ABOVE-NAMED INDIVIDUALS, IN ADDITION TO THE FOUR HIJackers, CONSTITUTE THE TOTAL LIST OF INDIVIDUALS INCARCERATED OR FOR WHOM ARREST WARRANTS HAVE BEEN ISSUED BY THE
ITALIANS IN THIS MATTER. THE GENOA MAGISTRATE ALSO STATED THAT 
INFORMATION HE HAS DEVELOPED INDICATES THAT AS MANY AS 12 
INDIVIDUALS MAY HAVE MET TOGETHER JUST PRIOR TO THE COMMANDO 
TEAM'S BOARDING OF THE SHIP. THE IDENTITIES OF THESE ADDITIONAL 
INDIVIDUALS HAVE NOT YET BEEN DEVELOPED. IT CAN BE ASSUMED THAT 
ADDITIONAL ARREST WARRANTS MAY BE ISSUED BY ITALIAN AUTHORITIES 
IN THE FUTURE. LEGAT WILL PURSUE THIS MATTER AND ADVISE OF 
DEVELOPMENTS.

WFO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM WISHES TO MAKE NOTE OF THE COMPLETE 
SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO THE TEAM BY THE ENTIRE STAFF 
OF THE LEGAT'S OFFICE IN ROME. SPECIAL CREDIT SHOULD BE GIVEN TO 
LEGAT [PERSONAL NAME] WHOSE TIMELESS EFFORTS FACILITATED THE TEAM'S 
WORK AND WITHOUT WHO'S ASSISTANCE, ADVISE AND COUNSEL THE FBI'S 
INVESTIGATIVE NEEDS IN THIS MATTER COULD NOT HAVE BEEN OBTAINED.

THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO RETRANSMIT THIS COMMUNICATION TO 
WFO AND ALEXANDRIA.

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HOSTAGE TAKING-TERRORISM; 00: WFO
THIS COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED "SECRET" IN ITS ENTIRETY.
THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO IMMEDIATELY FORWARD THIS
COMMUNICATION TO LEGAT ROME.

FOR INFORMATION OF LEGAT ROME THE FOLLOWING ALEXANDRIA,
WFO AND FBHQ PERSONNEL ARE ENROUTE TO ROME, ITALY FOR
ASSISTANCE IN CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION RE CAPTIONED MATTER.
ADDITIONALLY, THE BELOW INDIVIDUALS RESPECTIVE SECURITY
CLEARANCES ARE REFLECTED.

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THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO IMMEDIATELY FORWARD THIS COMMUNICATION TO LEGAT ROME.

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ST. LOUIS DIVISION PERSONNEL FAMILIAR WITH RECORDS ACQUISITION
PROCEDURES AT THE NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER-MILITARY BRANCH
ADVISE THAT GIVEN THE VICTIM'S YEAR OF BIRTH THAT IN ALL LIKELIHOOD
HIS MILITARY RECORD WAS DESTROYED IN THE FIRE AT THE RECORD CENTER
IN 1973. HOWEVER, IF THE VICTIM EVER MADE A VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
CLAIM IT IS LIKELY THAT THE DATA DESIRED WILL BE AVAILABLE VIA THAT
METHOD.

BOTH MILITARY RECORDS AND VETERANS ADMINISTRATION RECORDS ARE
UNAVAILABLE UNTIL EARLY TUESDAY MORNING AS THESE RECORDS ARE ONLY
AVAILABLE VIA INQUIRY THROUGH A CENTRAL COMPUTER WHICH HAS BEEN SHUT
DOWN FOR THE THREE DAY WEEKEND.

FBI ST. LOUIS ADVISES THAT NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER PERSONNEL ARE THE ONLY INDIVIDUALS CAPABLE OF SEARCHING THEIR RECORDS AND THAT SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WOULD HAVE TO BE INSTITUTED WITH A NUMBER OF THESE INDIVIDUALS TO ACQUIRE THE RECORDS DESIRED PRIOR TO TUESDAY 10/15/75. THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE IF THEIR NEED FOR THIS DATA IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO THAT TIME AND IF SO ST. LOUIS WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO OBTAIN SAME. UACB ST. LOUIS WILL OBTAIN DATA REQUESTED ON TUESDAY MORNING AND FORWARD IMMEDIATELY TO BUREAU.

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HOSTAGE TAKING - TERRORISM: OFFICE OF WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

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FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, CLEVELAND DIVISION IS AND HAS

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BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO CONSIDER ADVISING CLEVELAND AS TO WHETHER 24 HOUR LIVE COVERAGE CAN BE DISCONTINUED.

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HOSTAGE TAKING-TERRORISM

THIS TELETYPE IS CLASSIFIED "SECRET" IN ITS ENTIRETY.

FOR INFORMATION OF THE RECIPIENTS, ON OCTOBER 12, 1985, FBI AND DIA REPRESENTATIVES OF THE INTERAGENCY HOSTAGE DEBRIEFING TEAM INTERVIEWED FORMER HOSTAGES FROM THE ACHILLE LAURO AT NEWARK, NJ. THE FOLLOWING IS INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION GLEANED FROM THOSE INTERVIEWS.

ADvised that there were three or four young men that were carrying weapons that appeared to be approximately one yard...
LONG AND WOODEN STOCK. THE WEAPONS HAD BAYONETS FIXED.

THESE WEAPONS WERE WORN ON SLINGS. THEY APPEARED TO HAVE
ADDITIONAL WEAPONS IN THEIR POCKETS. THE MEN ALSO CARRIED
WALKIE-TALKIES AND GRENADES. THE MEN SPOKE BROKEN ENGLISH
AND MOSTLY SPOKE IN AN UNKNOWN LANGUAGE.

THE LEADER IS BELIEVED TO BE NAMED _______ AND WAS OVER
SIX FEET. THE TERRORISTS SEPARATED GROUPS ACCORDING TO THEIR
PASSPORTS SPECIFICALLY AMERICAN, ENGLISH, SPANISH, ITALIAN AND
FRENCH. THE TERRORISTS FREQUENTLY SHOUTED "REAGAN NO GOOD,
ARAFAT GOOD". THE FRENCH AND ITALIANS WERE NOT BOTHERED BY THE
TERRORISTS.

SOME TIME AFTER 1:00 P.M., AS THEY WERE READY TO ORDER DESSERT,
WAS STARTLED BY THE SOUND OF THREE GUN SHOTS. IT OCCURRED
TO HER THAT THE SOUNDS CAME FROM THE MOVIE SCENE BEING FILMED
ON THE DOCK BY THE SHIP. SHE THEN NOTICED THAT PASSENGERS AND
CREW WERE RUNNING FROM THE ENTRANCE OF THE DINING HALL TOWARD
THE REAR. SHE HEARD PASSENGERS YELLING, "GET DOWN, GET DOWN"
AND SAW PASSENGERS DUCKING UNDER TABLES. SHE THEN SAW TWO
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS ENTER THE RESTAURANT WIELDING "MACHINE GUNS". SHE AND RAN TO THE REAR EXIT WITH THREE CREW MEMBERS. WHILE THEY WERE RUNNING, SHE PASSED A MAN WHO WAS LYING ON THE FLOOR BLEEDING FROM A LEG WOUND AND CRYING "MOMMA MIA" IN ITALIAN. SHE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER HE WAS A PASSENGER OR CREW MEMBER. SHE DESCRIBED HIM AS CAUCASIAN AND MIDDLE AGED (40-50 YEARS OF AGE). THE GUNNERS STAYED IN THE DINING ROOM AND SHE AND HER FRIEND LEFT THE DINING ROOM.


STATED THAT NONE OF THE OTHER PASSENGERS IN HER GROUP UNDERSTOOD THE LANGUAGE SPOKEN BY THE HOSTAGE TAKERS AND THAT THEY GAVE ABRAFT COMMANDS TO THEM IN ENGLISH. THEIR MANNER
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WAS ABRUPT, THEIR VOICES LOUD AND GUTTERAL. THEY USED IRRIS
LIKE: "AMERICANS NO GOOD", "REAGAN NO GOOD", "ONLY ARAFAT GOOD"

ADvised THAT WHILE ON THE HELICOPTER PAD SHE WAS
placed NEXT TO AN OPEN 25 GALLON PLASTIC CONTAINER OF A GASOLINE
SUBSTANCE. Stated THAT THERE WAS NO DOUBT IN HER MIND
THAT ANYONE IN THE GROUP CHALLENGED THE HOSTAGE TAKERS IN ANY WAY.
THIS GASOLINE SUBSTANCE HAD BEEN DEMANDED FROM THE CAPTAIN BY
THE HOSTAGE TAKERS AT THE OUTSET OF THE SHIP'S SEIZURE ON
OCTOBER 7, 1985. Advised THAT ALL THE AMERICANS, WITH
THE EXCEPTION OF LEON KLINGHOFFER WHO WAS PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED
AND COULD NOT ASCEND THE STAIRS, WERE ON THE HELICOPTER PAD.
DURING THAT TIME, WAS AFRAID THAT SHE WOULD BE EITHER
SHOT, BURNED OR PUSHED OVERBOARD INTO THE SEA SINCE SHE WAS
SEATED SO CLOSE TO THE EDGE.

Advised THAT ONE OF THE TERRORISTS WAS OBSERVED
SOBBING HYSTERICALLY ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.

THE TERRORISTS REPEATEDLY DEMANDED THAT 50 PRISONERS BEING
HELD IN ISRAEL BE RELEASED FOR THE HOSTAGES OR THEY WOULD
BE KILLED ONE BY ONE. THE AMERICANS WERE SCHEDULED TO BE THE
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FIRST TO BE KILLED.

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REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH THE ABOVE INFORMATION TO LEGAT, BONN AND LEGAT, ROME.

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ARRIVED IN GENOA SEPTEMBER 23, 1985 ABOARD THE SHIP "HABIB" FROM TUNISIA WITH A RENAULT 9 AUTO.

LICENSE [REDACTED]. ON THE SAME SHIP ARRIVED [REDACTED].


RE THE GREEK CITIZEN [REDACTED] THE FOLLOWING IS KNOWN:


AS A CONTACT [REDACTED] LEFT A TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE "MINI HOTEL"
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FBHQ RELAY ABOVE TO WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION.

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HOSTAGE TAKING TOURS- TERRORISM; (O.O.: WFO).

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FOR THE INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES, ACCORDING TO US
DEPARTMENT OF STATE, FROM AMERICAN EMBASSY, CAIRO, IT WAS LEARNT
THAT A FEMALE PHOTO JOURNALIST WHO REPORTEDLY WORKED WITH THE
ACHILLE LAURO IN GENOA, ITALY. TOOK A PHOTO OF A PERSON CLAIMING
TO BE GREEK, IDENTIFIED ONLY AS AND THREE OF HIS
"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

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ACHILLE LAURO, POSSIBLY TWO TRIPS PREVIOUS TO THE MOST CURRENT ONE.

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

ON 10/15/85, INFORMATION RECEIVED AT FBIHQ CONCERNING ■ ■ ■ ■■■■■ WHO WAS INTERVIEWED BY FRENCH PRESS AND ADVISED THAT THE _______ ITALIAN CRUISE SHIP HAD POSSIBLY WITNESSED THE MURDER OF LEON KLINGHOFFER. _______ 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 KLINGHOFFER WAS SUPPOSEDLY IN THE INFIRMARY THAT DAY. _______ IS POSSIBLY IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA.

ADDITIONALLY, _______ 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 TELETYPETO APPROPRIATE LEGATS AS WELL AS A COPY TO U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, OFFICE OF SECURITY, SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS BRANCH, ATT: SA _______ LEADS. LEGAT DIVISION. AT LEGAT ROME. 1) WILL INTERVIEW _______ ACHILLE LAURO, RE ANY INFORMATION HE MAY HAVE REGARDING THE HIJACKERS.
2) WILL IDENTIFY HAIRDRESSER FOR ACHILLE LAURO AND THEREAFTER INTERVIEW REGARDING HER/HIS KNOWLEDGE OF MURDER OF KLINHOFFER.

3) WILL IDENTIFY FEMALE PHOTO JOURNALISTS REPORTEDLY WORKING FOR ACHILLE LAURO AND THEREAFTER INTERVIEW REGARDING HER TAKING A PICTURE OF \[\text{[XXX]}\] 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 \[\text{[PNU]}\] AND CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION.

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

   LEGAT DIVISION. AT BERN, SWITZERLAND. WILL INTERVIEW \[\text{[XXX]}\] POSSIBLY IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA, RE HIS KNOWLEDGE OF KLINHOFFER'S DEATH.

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RE: NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND RECEIVING OFFICES,

OCTOBER 15, 1985, CONCERNING REINTERVIEW OF

ON OCTOBER 14, 1985, THE WERE RECONTACTED BY MEMBERS

OF THE TERRORISM TASK FORCE (TTF) CONCERNING A TELEPHONE THREAT

THAT WAS RECEIVED BY THE ON A TELEPHONE ANSWERING MACHINE.

THE TURNED THE TAPE OVER TO THE AGENTS AND WERE ADVISED

THAT ANY FUTURE THREATS WOULD BE EXPEDITIOUSLY INVESTIGATED

AGOOD RAPPORT WAS ESTABLISHED WITH THE POLICE
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PROTECTION HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED AT THE RESIDENCE TO ALLAY ANY FEAR OR ATTEMPTS TO DO HARM.

ON OCTOBER 15, 1985, CONTACTED THE TTF AND ADVISED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED NO ADDITIONAL THREATS. STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN RECEIVING ADDITIONAL CALLS FROM THE PRESS SINCE THE DISCOVERY OF LEON KLINHOFFER'S BODY, BUT HAD DECLINED ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS.

THE NEWARK INTERVIEWING AGENT WILL BE BACK OFF ANNUAL LEAVE AND WILL BE AVAILABLE TO INTERVIEW THE WITH ASSISTANCE FROM TTF. NEWARK WILL HANDLE THE OCTOBER 18, 1985, REINTERVIEW APPOINTMENT.

SINCE THE ARE NEW JERSEY RESIDENTS, NEW YORK IS REQUESTED TO DIRECT THEM TO THE NEWARK OFFICE IF THEY CONTACT THE NEW YORK OFFICE IN THE FUTURE.

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In a statement received by The Associated Press, the PFLP said it had carried out its operation with the full support from its civilian presence and that its military wing, the FLP, had carried out its operation. The PFLP also said that the idea of 'combating the Israeli occupation' was implemented by the U.S. intelligence. The PFLP denied the presence of many Western journalists at the site and the Israeli Defense Minister, but the PFLP spokesman declined to answer.

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HOSTAGE TAKING - TERRORISM: 00: WASHINGTON FIELD

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RE SECURE TELEPHONE CALLS TO ABOVE FIELD OFFICES FROM SSA

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RE BUREAU TELCALL TO ST. LOUIS AND ST. LOUIS TELCALL TO BUREAU ON OCTOBER 13, 1985.

PERSONNEL, NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER-MILITARY BRANCH (NPRC-M), ADVISED ON THIS DATE THAT THE MILITARY SERVICE RECORD FOR LEON C. KLINGHOFFER WAS DESTROYED IN THE FIRE AT THE CENTER IN 1973. HOWEVER, A PAY VOUCHER WAS LOCATED FOR KLINGHOFFER, DPOB, SEPTEMBER 24, 1916, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, INDICATING SERVICE IN THE U.S. ARMY FROM MAY 5, 1942 TO JANUARY 17, 1944, UNDER SERIAL NUMBER 32 6331 339. VOUCHER ILLUSTRATED THAT KLINGHOFFER SPENT TIME WHILE IN THE SERVICE, AS A PATIENT AT BEAUMONT GENERAL HOSPITAL, EL PASO, TEXAS. IT WAS

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Also indicated that Klinghofer had filed for a medical claim (number 3396535). Klinghofer also apparently had or has two VA life insurance policies number V2267469 and number M2293462, which NPRC-M personnel speculated were on file at a VA center in St. Paul, Minnesota.

NPRC-M personnel stated that the best avenue remaining to ascertain Klinghofer's blood type would be to locate his VA claim folder and examine its contents. A location of the claim folder can be determined utilizing VA claim number, through inquiry at VA headquarters at Washington, D.C.

In the event inquiry at VA headquarters determines that Klinghofer claim folder is in St. Louis, arrangements have been established to gain access to VA records prior to Tuesday, October 13, 1985, if necessary.

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TO U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ATTN: SY TERREP

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RE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE CABLE 317766.

IN REGARDS TO THE REFERENCED COMMUNICATION, THE IDENTITY

OF THE WHO REPORTEDLY SAW THE KILLING OF

LEON KLINGHOFFER, HAS SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN DETERMINED. THEREFORE,

IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE INTERVIEW OF FORMER

AUSTRIAN HOSTAGE, BE COORDINATED BETWEEN LEGAL ATTACHE BERN

AND RSO VIENNA RATHER THAN THE SPECIAL FBI INVESTIGATIVE TEAM

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RE ROMTEL, OCTOBER 12, 1985.

WFO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM ARRIVED IN ROME THIS DATE AND ACTING IN CONJUNCTION WITH LEGAT, ROME, GATHERED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

THE FOUR PALESTINIAN TERRORIST HIJACKERS OF THE ACHILLE LAURO ARE CURRENTLY IN ITALIAN CUSTODY AND AS OF THIS WRITING REMAIN IN SICILY AT THE SIGONELLA MILITARY BASE. ITALIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE INTERVIEWED THE FOUR SUBJECTS WHO HAVE FULLY ADMITTED TO THEIR ACTIONS IN THE HIJACKING, ALTHOUGH IT IS UNCERTAIN AS TO WHETHER

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OR ANY HAVE ADMITTED TO KILLING LEON KLINHOFFER. FBI
PERSONNEL HAVE NOT BEEN GIVEN ACCESS TO THE SUBJECTS AT THIS TIME
AND CONTROL OF THESE INDIVIDUALS IS UNDER THE COMPLETE CONTROL OF
THE LOCAL ITALIAN MAGISTRATEM THIS MAGISTRATE HAS BEEN COOPERATIVE
WITH LEGAT, ROME AND IT IS OF THE OPINION OF LEGAT, ROME THAT
A COPY OF THE POLICE INVESTIGATIVE RESULTS/INTERVIEWS WILL
EVENTUALLY BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE FBI. ITALIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE
OBTAINED NAMES, DESCRIPTIONS, AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE SUBJECTS WHICH
WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE FBI. THESE PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE HAND
CARRIED BY LEGAT, BON TO NEWARK.

LEGAT, ROME HAS ALSO LEARNED THAT IN ADDITION TO THE FOUR
SUBJECTS THAT TWO ADDITIONAL PALESTINIANS WERE ABOARD THE EGYPTIAN
AIRCRAFT WHICH WAS INTERCEPTED. ONE OF THESE PALESTINIANS IS
REPORTED OF THE PALESTINIAN LIBERATION FRONT
(PLF). THE OTHER PALESTINIAN MAY HAVE BEEN AKA
A CLOSE POLITICAL ADVISOR TO PLO CHAIRMAN ARAFAT.
ITALIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE ADVISED THAT THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS ARE
CURRENTLY BEING HELD INSIDE THE EGYPTIAN EMBASSY IN ROME AND ARE
NOT IN ITALIAN CUSTODY. IT APPEARS THAT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT
IS UNDER A GREAT DEAL OF PRESSURE AS A RESULT OF THIS INCIDENT AND IT IS UNCERTAIN AS TO WHAT LEVEL OF COOPERATION WILL BE AFFORDED AS A RESULT OF DEVELOPMENTS.

THE HOSTAGES WERE FLOWN FROM CAIRO TO THE SIGONELLA MILITARY BASE AND TWO OF THESE HOSTAGES VIEWED SUBJECT LINEUPS CONDUCTED BY ITALIAN AUTHORITIES. EACH SUBJECT LINEUP CONSISTED OF FOUR LOOKALIKES AND ONE SUBJECT. LINEUPS WERF PHOTOGRAPHED TO ACCOMPANY MUG SHOT PREVIOUSLY OBTAINED. BOTH HOSTAGES WERE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE SUBJECTS DURING THE LINEUP.

CURRENT AVAILABLE INFORMATION INDICATES THAT THE ACHILLE LAURO REMAINS IN PORT SAID, EGYPT AND THAT THE EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES MAY BE PLANNING TO HOLD THIS SHIP UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE INTERCEPTED EGYPTIAN AIRCRAFT IS RETURNED. LEGAT, ROME IS UNCERTAIN AS TO THE STATUS OF THE EGYPTIAN AIRCRAFT AT THIS TIME OR ITALIAN PLANS FOR SAME. AS WITH ACCESS TO SUBJECTS FOR INTERVIEW, WFO INTERVIEW TEAMS ABILITY TO CONDUCT INTERVIEW WITH ACHILLE LAURO CFRW IS DEPENDENT UPON THE RELEASE OF THE SHIP BY EGYPT AND THE APPROVAL OF THE ITALIAN MAGISTRATE HANDLING THIS MATTER. OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO LEGAT, ROME INDICATES THAT IF RELEASED, THE SHIP MAY
CONTINUE TO ISRAEL TO PICK UP ADDITIONAL CRUISE PASSENGERS OR MAY RETURN DIRECTLY TO GENOA, ITALY. IN EITHER EVENT, ACCESS TO THE SHIP’S CREW FOR INTERVIEW IS UNCERTAIN AND MINIMAL SAILING TIME FROM EGYPT TO GENOA IS TWO DAYS.

LEGAT, ROME HAS RECEIVED A U.S. EMBASSY CAIRO CABLE WHICH PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTIONS FOR THE HIJACKERS:

SUSPECT NUMBER 1: 5'6" - 5'8", SLENDER BUILD, EARLY ID-20'S, NO NOTICEABLE FACIAL HAIR. WEARING A WHITE SHIRT WITH BLUE V-NECK VEST. DESCRIBED AS HAVING A "MEAN" PERSONALITY.

SUSPECT NUMBER 2: 5'6" - 5'7", SLIGHT BUILD, BABY-FACED, POSSIBLY IN HIS LATE TEENS, NO NOTICEABLE FACIAL HAIR, DESCRIBED AS THE SHORTEST OF THE FOUR. SUSPECT NUMBER 2 PLACED A NAPKIN OR HANDKERCHIEF ON HIS SHOULDER OR NECK TO PREVENT CHAFING BY HIS WEAPON SLING, AND WORE DARK JACKET AND BLUE JEANS.

SUSPECT NUMBER 3: 6' OR OVER, THE TALLEST SUSPECT, SLENDER, GOOD BUILD, EARLY TO MID-20'S, NO NOTICEABLE FACIAL HAIR, STRONG JAW AND POSSIBLE CLEFT CHIN, WEARING GREY SPORT SHIRT, BLUE TROUSERS AND "GUCCI"-TYPE LOAFERS, POSSIBLE NAME OF
SUSPECT NUMBER 4: 5'10" - 6', SLENDER BUILD, EARLY TO MID-20'S, CURLY HAIR, MOUSTACHE, FRIENDLIEST, CALLED BY OTHER SUSPECTS AS AND/OR WORE A DISTINGUISHABLE TOP WHICH CONSISTED OF 1/3 QUILTED GREY, 1/3 WHITE WITH THE WORD "MAN" PRINTED IN BLACK AND 1/3 BLACK. THE LONG SLEEVES HAD PRINTED WORDS OR DESIGNS. HIS PANTS WERE BELIEVED TO BE GREY.

U.S. EMBASSY, CAIRO INTERVIEW OF HOSTAGE REVEALED THAT HE WAS TOLD BY ITALIAN SHIP THAT SUBJECT NUMBER FOUR (SEE ABOVE) WAS THE SUBJECT WHO MURDERED MR. KLINGHOFFER. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT SUBJECT NUMBER FOUR IS THE ONLY TERRORIST DESCRIBED AS HAVING A MUSTACHE. THE FOUR PHOTOGRAPHIC MUG SHOTS OBTAINED BY LEGAT, ROME FROM ITALIAN AUTHORITIES ONLY SHOWS ONE SUBJECT AS HAVING A MUSTACHE.

U.S. EMBASSY, CAIRO, VIA CABLE DATED OCTOBER 11, 1985, PROVIDED A LIST OF AMERICAN HOSTAGES WITH IDENTIFYING DATA, ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS. FBIHQ SHOULD SECURE THIS LIST. THESE HOSTAGES ARE: MARILY KLINGHOFFER,
WFO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM IN COOPERATION WITH LEGAT, ROME WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP FBIHQ ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

FBIHQ IS REQUESTED TO DISSEMINATE THIS COMMUNICATION TO NEWARK, NEW YORK, AND WASHINGTON FIELD. FBIHQ IS ALSO REQUESTED TO DISSEMINATE REFERENCED LEGAT, ROME TELETYPE TO NEWARK, NEW YORK, WHO WERE NOT IN RECEIPT OF SAME.

ADMINISTRATIVE: RETRANSMIT TO NEWARK, NEW YORK, WASHINGTON FIELD.

BT
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: LEGAT, ROME (256-1)(P)
SUBJECT: HOSTAGE TAKING - TERRORISM

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of FD-302 dated 10/16/85; and enclosed for WFO is the original and four copies of FD-302 dated 10/16/85.

Enclosure reflects FD-302 reporting the show-up procedures conducted at Sigonella, Sicily, on 10/12/85. Ex-hostages participated in the line-up.

Original notes are being maintained at Legat, Rome.

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On October 12, 1985 Legal Attache, American Embassy, Rome, Italy, accompanied by U.S. Department of Justice Attorney assisted Italian Magistrates DOLCINO FAVI and ROBERTO PENNITI of Siragusa, Sicily, in the conduct of a line-up of the four suspects in the "Achille Lauro" hijacking. The line-up was arranged with the complete cooperation of Italian authorities in an effort to have suspects in Italian custody identified as the terrorists who hijacked the "Achille Lauro".

The line-up was conducted at the Sigonella NATO Base in Sicily where suspects were being held by the Italian Carabinieri Police.

The line-up was arranged with one suspect in each of four rooms. Each suspect was viewed along with four other males of similar stature, age and complexion. A total of four ex-hostages participated in the line-up identified as follows:

viewed all four line-ups and positively identified each of the four suspects as being identical with the four terrorists who hijacked the "Achille Lauro". Pointed to suspect #1 in Room #1 and identified him as one of the hijackers. Suspect #1 is Room #1 is identified as born in Jordan.

In Room #2 pointed to suspect #2 and positively identified him as one of the four terrorists who seized the "Achille Lauro" and held him hostage. Suspect #2 in Room #2 is identified as stated that played a version of Russian roulette with his wife and several other female U.S. hostages. He explained that had pulled the pin on one of his grenades and he handed it to one of the women and made them then pass it from one to another knowing that if one of them failed to hold down the handle or dropped it, they would all be killed.

Investigation on 10/12/85 Sigonella, Sicily

by Legal Attache Leone J. Flosi

Date dictated 10/15/85
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In Room #3 [redacted] positively identified suspect #3 as one of the terrorists who seized the "Achille Lauro" and held him hostage. Suspect #3 is identified as [redacted], born [redacted] at Tripoli (Lebanon).

In Room #4 [redacted] positively identified suspect #2 as one of the "Achille Lauro" terrorists who held him and other passengers hostage. Suspect #3 is identified as [redacted], born [redacted] at Damascus.

[redacted] described suspect #2 as the "nice" terrorist because he allowed them to go to the bathroom.

The second ex-hostage to view the four line-ups was Mrs. MARILYN KLINGHOFER, widow of LEON KLINGHOFER.

Mrs. KLINGHOFER viewed the four separate line-ups in Rooms #1, #2, #3 and #4 and positively identified the suspect terrorists who were in position #1, #2, #5 and #2 respectively, as being identical to the four terrorists who seized the "Achille Lauro" and murdered her husband, LEON KLINGHOFER. The identities of the subjects identified by Mrs. KLINGHOFER were [redacted] and [redacted] respectively. Mrs. KLINGHOFER's confrontation with the terrorists was a very emotional and stressful experience for her.

The third ex-hostage to view the line-up was [redacted] telephone [redacted] viewed only the first line-up and positively identified the suspect in position #1, identified as [redacted].

The fourth ex-hostage to participate in the line-up was identified as [redacted] telephone number [redacted].

[redacted] viewed three of the four line-ups and positively identified suspects #1, #2 and #5 in Rooms #1, #2 and #3 as being identical to three of the four terrorists who seized the "Achille Lauro" and murdered LEON KLINGHOFER. The suspects were identified as [redacted] respectively.
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Photos were taken with a .35 millimeter wide-angle lens of each line-up as well as individual passport-size photos of all suspects and individuals who made up the line-up.

The .35 millimeter photos were taken by [Blank].

The passport photos were POLAROID and taken by [Blank].
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FROM: LEGAT, ROME (256-1)(P)

SUBJECT: HOSTAGE TAKING - TERRORISM
CC: WFO

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Enclosure reflects FD-302 reporting the show-up procedures conducted at Sigonella, Sicily, on 10/12/85. Ex-hostages MARILYN KLINGHOFER, and participated in the line-up.

Original notes are being maintained at Legat, Rome.

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USE AND PREPARATION OF FORM 0-73

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1. Only incoming teletype messages within the categories listed in MID 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.

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HOSTAGE TAKING - TERRORISM. CC: WASHINGTON FIELD

THIS COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED "SECRET" IN ITS ENTIRETY.

THE FOLLOWING IS A BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF RESULTS OBTAINED BY
UFO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM ABOARD THE SHIP "ACHILLE LAURO" OCTO-
BER 17-22, 1985, AND IS RELAYED FROM ROME.

THE BUREAU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT ALTHOUGH APPROVAL FOR FBI
TO INTERVIEW PERSONNEL ABOARD THE "ACHILLE LAURO" WAS OBTAINED
BY U.S. CONSUL, GENOA, FROM THE OWNERS OF THE LAURO SHIP LINES,
OCTOBER 17, 1985, THERE WAS AN INITIAL TENSENESS ONBOARD THE
SHIP AND AN INABILITY TO HAVE KEY WITNESSES MADE AVAILABLE FOR
INTERVIEW. IT WAS LATER LEARNED THAT THE EGYPTIAN AND ITALIAN
AUTHORITIES HAD INTERVIEWED CREW MEMBERS IN AN ACCUSATORY TONE
FOR LENGTHY PERIODS OF TIME. IT WAS NOT UNTIL AFTER PRELIMINARY
INTERVIEWS OF THE SHIP'S AND STAFF

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\[ \text{Signature} \]

\[ \text{Date: 14 Dec. 1985} \]
CAPTAIN, [REDACTED] HAVE BEEN CONSULTED BY THE INVESTIGATIVE TEAM INTERVIEWS WERE INITIATED.

AFTER REVISING RESULTS OF APPROXIMATELY 30 KEY INTERVIEWS, INVESTIGATIVE TEAM BELIEVED SHIP'S HIJACKING WAS A PLANNED EVENT.

CONTRARY TO PRESS REPORTS, NO EVIDENCE WAS FOUND TO INDICATE THAT HIJACKERS WERE SURPRISED IN THEIR CABINS WITH WEAPONS IN THE OPEN AND THEREFORE DECIDED TO SEIZE THE SHIP.

HIJACKERS WAITED TO TAKE THE SHIP UNTIL SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS OF PASSENGERS HAD DISEMBARKED IN ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT, AND THE SHIP HAD SAILED INTO WHAT THEY LATER TOLD THE CAPTAIN THEY THOUGHT WAS INTERNATIONAL WATERS. ACTIONS OF HIJACKERS IN SECURING REMAINING PASSENGERS ONBOARD AND SEIZING SHIP'S BRIDGE INDICATED PRIOR PLANNING WITH SPECIFIC DUTIES ASSIGNED EACH HIJACKER AND A THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF SHIP'S DESIGN AND CONFUSING DECK AND PASSENGER LAYOUT.

FROM THEIR CABIN ON THE FOYER DECK, AT APPROXIMATELY 1:00 P.M., OCTOBER 7, 1985, TWO HIJACKERS, [REDACTED] ARMED WITH RUSSIAN-MADE KALISHNOKOV RIFLES AND HAND GRENADES STRAPPED TO THEIR WAIST, MOVED DOWN THE NEAREST STAIRWAY TO SEIZE THE SHIP'S CONTROL ROOM AND THE OCCUPIED DINING ROOM.
SECTION AT THE EXACT TIME PASSENGERS WERE GATHERED FOR LUNCH. NUMEROUS SHOTS WERE FIRED AND ONE ITALIAN SAILOR INJURED BY SHRAPNEL.

THE OTHER TWO HIJACKERS, ___________ IDENTIFIED AS THE LEADER, AND ___________ MOVED TO THE SHIP'S INFORMATION DESK CONTAINING THE PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM, FIRED NUMEROUS SHOTS AND DIRECTED CREW TO THE DINING ROOM. THESE TWO HIJACKERS THEN MOVED TO SEIZE THE BRIDGE, DISABLE SHIP'S FIREARMS AND OBTAIN SHIP'S THREE WALKIE-TALKIES. THE CAPTAIN, WHO HAD LEFT THE BRIDGE TO INVESTIGATE REPORTS OF TERRORISTS ON THE SHIP, WAS SUMMONED BACK OVER THE PA SYSTEM. THE SHIP WAS ORDERED STOPPED AND ___________ GAVE THEIR REASONS FOR SEIZING THE SHIP AS: 1.) FOR A PALESTINE HOMELAND; 2.) THEIR FAMILIES; AND 3.) FOR THEIR DEAD. THEY WERE WILLING AND READY TO DIE FOR THEIR CAUSE.

THE CAPTAIN AND ENTIRE OFFICER COMPLIMENT WERE THEN ORDERED TO THE DINING ROOM WHERE THE OTHERS WERE HELD. HE WAS TOLD TO OBEY AND BE QUIET OR HE WOULD BE KILLED AND NUMEROUS ASSOCIATES OF THE HIJACKERS ONBOARD THE SHIP WOULD BLOW IT UP.

IN THE DINING ROOM, THE CAPTAIN WAS DIRECTED TO INFORM
The passengers were ordered up, and then, one by one, to the damaged large ARAZZI lounge located on the main deck, front section of the ship. Stayed with the captain during the entire hijacking, issuing his orders and conversing with the captain in English.

While in the ARAZZI lounge, the hijackers demanded gasoline tanks be brought to them, but utilized tanks of diesel fuel to spread among the hostages as no gasoline was onboard. The Americans and English passengers were separated and placed on one side of the lounge. The other passengers and some crew were placed on the other side.

The American and English passengers were kept isolated and were verbally abused to a much greater extent than either the crew or passengers of other nations. The terrorists continuously railed against Americans and Israelis, and while the captain was told at various times to speak to the other passengers and crew (many of whom went about their normal duties) to assure them the hijackers had no grudge against them or the Italians, no such assurance was given to the Americans or British.
The captain was told that once the ship reached Tartus, Syria, they would be met by their friends, they would take the Americans and English with them, letting the captain sail away unharmed with his crew and other passengers.

On October 8, 1985, after sailing through the night, the ship arrived 1:40 P.M. (Tartus time) offshore. The hijackers initiated VHF conversations in Arabic with land-based stations.

The captain does not understand Arabic but advised that

became agitated after several conversations with land bases and apparently heard other broadcasts that the American fleet and others were steaming into the area as well as sighting a helicopter in the distance. Who had been on the
A few moments later, shortly thereafter all American and English passengers, except Leon Klinghoffer, were brought on deck to an open area in front of and one deck down from the bridge. The captain counted 19 passengers on the deck.

At this time, approximately 1:30 P.M., investigation has established that the captain left the bridge, went to the Anazzi lounge and ordered a Portuguese crew member to push the remaining American passenger, Leon Klinghoffer, from the lounge through the forward starboard side door directly onto the outside promenade deck. Klinghoffer was pushed down the deck to the rear starboard side, promenade deck and stopped at a point several yards in front of stairway down to next lower deck. This is a point almost as far as possible from the bridge and other Americans as possible without taking an elevator. There was no indication of distress on the part of Klinghoffer (no words were spoken), nor overt anger on the part of .

Then was ordered to go inside the nearest door which adjoins the Belvedere discotheque. Immediately after stepping inside he heard one shot, followed by a second. Came directly inside and ordered to come back outside.
Saw Klinghoffer slumped to the side in his wheelchair. Large pools of blood were on the deck and Klinghoffer's body. Blood covered Klinghoffer's head and could not say where Klinghoffer was shot.

Ordered to throw Klinghoffer's body overboard; however, he was unable to do so and while ordering to remain, went toward the Arazzi Lounge, disappearing from sight and reappeared several minutes later with the ship's officers ordered to throw both Klinghoffer and his wheelchair overboard. Was given no indication why Klinghoffer was killed by and during this time no other hijackers were in the area.

Were ordered to change clothes and return to the Arazzi Lounge.

Returned to the bridge at approximately 3:00 a.m. with a stack of passports in his hand and engaged in conversations with who appeared to become agitated and very excited. Gave a passport to and while rubbing his right arm said, "American finished." The captain noticed blood on shoes and trousers. At 3:05 a.m., Octo-

[REDACTED] WAS INSTRUCTED TO [REDACTED] THAT TWO AMERICANS HAD BEEN KILLED AND MORE COULD BE.

FOLLOWING THIS, THE PASSAGERS OUTSIDE WERE BROUGHT BACK INTO THE LOUNGE AND THE SHIP WAS ORDERED TO SAIL FOR LIBYA.

IT IS THE OPINION OF INVESTIGATIVE TEAM THAT AT THIS TIME, SHORTLY AFTER 3:15 P.M., OCTOBER 9, 1963 [REDACTED] WAS POSITIVE THAT KLINKHOFFER WAS DEAD. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, BOTH CREWMEMBERS WHO TORE KLINKHOFFER'S BODY OVERBOARD WERE BROUGHT TO THE BRIDGE AND THE CAPTAIN WAS INSTRUCTED TO TELL THEM IN ITALIAN NOT TO DISCUSS THE KILLING WITH ANYONE.

THE BUREAU IS AWARE OF OTHER SHIP-TO-SHORE COMMUNICATIONS FROM BOTH THE CAPTAIN AND HIJACKERS TO LAND BASES. AN ADDITIONAL POINT OF INTEREST IS THAT WHEN HIJACKERS RECEIVED A COMMUNICATION FROM PORT SAID OCTOBER 9, 1963, WHILE SHIP WAS STEAMING FOR LIBYA, THEY BECAME VERY EXCITED AND HAPPY AND TOLD [REDACTED]
SEVERAL TIMES, "WE ARE GOING TO PORT SAID, WE WILL BE NEAR AT PORT SAID." PRIOR TO THIS COMMUNICATION, THEY HAD TOLD THE CAPTAIN TO SAIL TO AN UNSPECIFIED DECELERATED AREA OF THE LIBYAN COAST WHERE THE HIJACKERS WOULD TAKE ALL THE AMERICANS, IN A LIFEBOAT, AND PUT THEM ASHORE.

AS THE SHIP WEARED PORT SAID, AFTER FURTHER CHIPTO-SHORE COMMUNICATIONS, THE HIJACKERS TOLD THE CAPTAIN THAT THEY WERE VERY HAPPY AND THAT THEIR MAN FROM ANAFAT WOULD BE COMING TO PORT SAID IN TWO HOURS. THEY SAID, "ANAFAT IS NUMBER ONE" AND "THERE ARE MANY NUMBER TWOS, INCLUDING THEIR MAN ".

LOG REFLECTS THAT AT 7:00 P.M., OCTOBER 3, 1985, SHIP WAS DIRECTED TOWARD PORT SAID 7:30 A.M., OCTOBER 9, 1985. AT 4:30 P.M., OCTOBER 9, 1985, A TUGBOAT REMOVED THE HIJACKERS FROM "ACHILLE LAURO".

THE ABOVE IS A BRIEF SUMMARY OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS ABOARD "ACHILLE LAURO" DURING THE HIJACKING PERIOD. INVESTIGATIVE TEAM PHOTOGRAPHED NUMEROUS AREAS ONBOARD SHIP WHERE SHOTS WERE FIRED AND KLINGHOFFER WAS KILLED, AND HAS OBTAINED SHIRT WORN BY CREW MEMBER JOAQUIN WHEN HE THREW KLINGHOFFER OVERBOARD
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