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ON OCTOBER 12, 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

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TO THE SHIP'S DEPARTURE FROM THE PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT,  
[ ] AND HUSBAND 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 ARAZZI 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.

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[ ] 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.

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[ ] 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.

NEWARK WILL ACCORDINGLY ARRANGE FOR A DETAILED INTERVIEW OF [ ].

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~~ADMINISTRATIVE:~~

~~REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:~~

~~THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH THE ABOVE INFORMATION~~

~~TO LEGAT, ROME AND LEGAT, BONN.~~

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8	[REDACTED] HOSTAGE TAKING - TERRORISM; 00: WASHINGTON FIELD.		
	THIS COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED <del>SECRET</del> IN ITS ENTIRETY.		
6	[REDACTED] IS THE CODE NAME ASSIGNED TO THE OCTOBER 7, 1985		
	HIJACKING OF "LE ACHILLE LAURO," AN ITALIAN CRUISE SHIP SEIZED OFF		
4	THE COAST OF EGYPT BY MEMBERS OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION FRONT.		
	ON OCTOBER 10, 1985, THE HOSTAGE TAKERS WERE INTERCEPTED BY U.S.		
2	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  
20 TAKING, TITLE 18, SECTION 1203; PIRACY, TITLE 18, SECTION 1651;  
18 AND CRIME ON THE HIGH SEAS, TITLE 18, SECTION 2271, ET SEQ.

THE FOLLOWING IS A REUTER ARTICLE CONCERNING THE INCIDENT:

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

12 THE SWISS PASSENGERS, 14 OF WHOM FLEW BACK TO ZURICH TODAY,  
TOLD THE NEWS AGENCY SDA THAT THEY HEARD SHOTS OVER THE SOUND OF  
10 MUSIC SOON AFTER KLINGHOFFER, A 69-YEAR-OLD NEW YORKER, WAS  
PUSHED IN HIS WHEELCHAIR OUT OF THE DINING ROOM.

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

[ ] SAID THE FOUR TERRORISTS HAD SHOT WILDLY WITH  
2 MACHINE PISTOLS, INJURING TWO PERSONS, WHEN THEY BURST INTO THE  
SHIP'S DINING ROOM DURING LUNCH ON MONDAY.

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		<del>PAGE THREE DE HQ 0063 SECRET</del> '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."  [REDACTED] LOCATION IS NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME, NOR IS IT KNOWN WHETHER [REDACTED] HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED BY ANYONE OTHER THAN THE PRESS.  REQUEST OF LEGAT BERN:  LEGAT BERN IS REQUESTED TO ATTEMPT TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED] 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	DO NOT TYPE PAST THIS LINE
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THE TWO OTHER PASSENGERS ALLEGEDLY INJURED.

20 BERN SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT FBIHQ HAS NO INFORMATION THAT  
18 PASSENGERS OTHER THAN KLINGHOFFER WERE INJURED, NOR THAT  
16 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.

14 LEADS SHOULD BE HANDLED AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE.  
RESULTS SHOULD BE REPORTED VIA IMMEDIATE TELETYPE, ATTENTION:  
12 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER, FBIHQ, ROOM 5005.

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ON 03-22-2010

WATT Tel to Legat Bern

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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.

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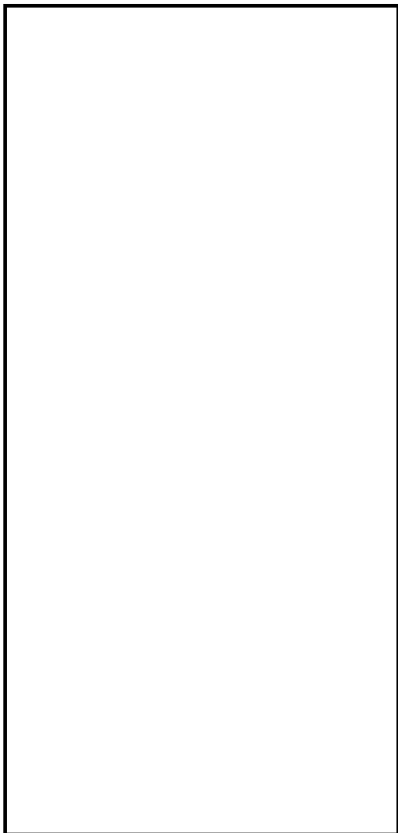
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PIRACY, TITLE 18, SECTION 1651; AND CRIME ON THE HIGH SEAS,  
20 TITLE 18, SECTION 2271, ET SEQ.

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



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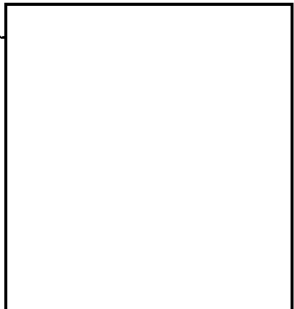
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HIJACKING OF ITALIAN SHIP ACHILLE LAURO

REF HIJACKING OF ITALIAN SHIP ACHILLE LAURO AND MURDER OF  
UNITED STATES CITIZEN ~~LEON KLINGHOFFER~~ *Deceased* *US*

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REQUESTS ITALIAN LEGAL *Italy*  
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

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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.

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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. **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:  
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~~RECENT TELCALLS TO WFO SSA AL WITZGALL ON OCTOBER 27, 1985 AND~~

OCTOBER 30, 1985; AND TELCALL TO BUREAU TERRORISM SECTION CHIEF

[Redacted]

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 INVESTI-

GATIVE TEAM, ALONG WITH LEGAT [Redacted], 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 [Redacted]

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FOLLOWING LENGTHY JUDICIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIRE-

MENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITALIAN LAW, PERMISSION WAS OBTAINED

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ATELY PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF THE INTERVIEW, ITALIAN JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES IN SPOLETO WERE CONTACTED BY THE PROSECUTING MAGISTRATE 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 SUBJECTS 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 COMPLETED ITS INTERVIEWS. PRESENTED WITH THIS PROJECTED SCHEDULE OF INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITY AND REALIZING THE TOTAL DEPENDENCY UPON ITALIAN COOPERATION, THIS POSTPONEMENT WAS AGREED TO.

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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]

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[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 INEFFICIENCY TO NO AVAIL.

THE FOLLOWING DAY, OCTOBER 30, 1985, INTERVIEW ACCESS WAS FINALLY PAINSTAKINGLY FACILITATED AND A SUCCESSFUL SIX-HOUR INTERVIEW 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, DISCUSSED THE ACTIVITIES OF HE AND HIS THREE COMRADES PRIOR TO THE HIJACKING, AND GAVE A RUNNING ACCOUNT OF HIS GROUP'S ACTIONS

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ON THE SHIP. OF SPECIAL INTEREST IS THAT [ ] TOTALLY IMPLICATED 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 AUTHORITIES OR BY WFO TEAM WHICH BOARDED THE "ACHILLE LAURO". [ ] ALSO DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE KILLING OF LEON KLINGHOFFER 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 KLINGHOFFER. 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

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TEAM AND LEGAT [REDACTED] TRAVELED TO GENOA, ITALY, VIA TRAIN AND LODGED FOR THE EVENING IN PREPARATION FOR INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT [REDACTED] 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 [REDACTED]. UPON COMMENCEMENT OF QUESTIONING [REDACTED] UNEXPECTEDLY ASSUMED A COMPLETELY UNCOOPERATIVE POSTURE. ITALIAN AUTHORITIES HAD PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED [REDACTED] 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, [REDACTED] 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. [REDACTED] ASSERTED THAT HE HAD PROMISED NEVER TO BETRAY THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE AND THEREFORE HE COULD NOT PROVIDE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED. [REDACTED] REPEATEDLY RECITED HIS COMMITMENT TO THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE IN HIS REFUSAL TO COOPERATE. [REDACTED] SPECIFICALLY DENIED

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ANY KNOWLEDGE OF EVENTS SURROUNDING THE KILLING OF LEON KLINGHOFFER. AFTER TWO HOURS OF ATTEMPTING TO SOLICIT INFORMATION FROM [REDACTED] INTERVIEW EFFORTS WERE DISCONTINUED. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT FBI PERSONNEL ON SCENE WERE OF THE OPINION THAT [REDACTED] FAILURE TO BE COOPERATIVE WAS SUSPICIOUS AND MAY HAVE BEEN PROMPTED BY COACHING FROM GENOA MAGISTRATES.

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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 ABEYANCE 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.

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BASED UPON THE ABOVE INFORMATION IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE REMAINING THREE MEMBERS OF THE WFO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM RETURN TO THE U. S. , ALLOWING ITALIAN MAGISTRATES TIME TO FULLY DEBRIEF SUBJECTS PRIOR TO REINITIATION OF FBI 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 KLEIN VIA REFERENCED TELEPHONE CALL, WHO APPROVED THE RETURN OF WFO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM TO THE U. S. SA'S [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] [REDACTED] WILL THEREFORE DEPART ROME ON THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 1, 1985 VIA TWA AIRLINES.

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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 [REDACTED] WHO, INVESTIGATION HAS SHOWN, WAS A GUIDE THROUGHOUT ITALY TO THE

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FOUR HIJACKERS PRIOR TO THEIR BOARDING THE SHIP. [ ] REPORT-  
EDLY 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 CONCEN-  
TRATION COMP 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 HI-  
JACKING 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.

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[ ] REMAINED ON THE SHIP AND WAS SOMEHOW CHECKED BY AUTHOR-  
ITIES, 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

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SICK AT THE LAST MINUTE BEFORE BOARDING THE "ACHILLE LAURO" AND DID NOT GO ALONG ON THE MISSION. AN ARREST WARRANT IS ALSO OUTSTANDING FOR A [REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED] A PALESTINIAN NATIONAL WHO WAS ON THE "ACHILLE LAURO" AND DISEMBARKED IN ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT, PRIOR TO THE HIJACKING. [REDACTED] REPORTEDLY HAD MADE PREVIOUS TRIPS ON THE "ACHILLE LAURO" TO SCOUT OUT THE TARGET. [REDACTED] MET WITH THE HIJACKERS ON THE SHIP TO ADVISE THEM ABOUT THEIR OPERATION. FBI INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT [REDACTED] CONFIRMED SUCH ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY AN INDIVIDUAL HE IDENTIFIED AS [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. ITALIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE ADVISED THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE IDENTICAL.

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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] [REDACTED] AND WAS THE KEY PLANNER AND ORGANIZER OF THE OPERATION.

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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

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ITALIANS IN THIS MATTER. THE GENCA 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.

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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 [REDACTED] WHOSE TIRELESS EFFORTS FACILITATED THE TEAM'S WORK AND WITHOUT WHOSE 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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COMMUNICATION TO LEGAT ROME.

FOR INFORMATION OF LEGAT ROME THE FOLLOWING ALEXANDRIA,  
WFO AND FBIHQ 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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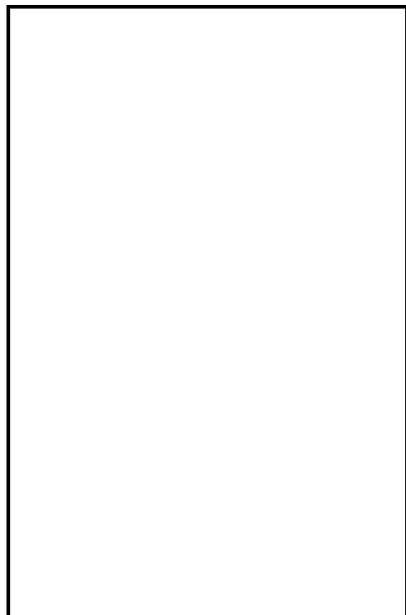
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RE NY TELE TO BUREAU 10/13/85 AND TELCALLS OF [Redacted]

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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.

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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

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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 10/15/85. 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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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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[redacted] HOSTAGE TAKING - TERROPSM; OO: WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

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RE BUTEL CALL OF SSA [redacted] OCTOBER 15, 1985.

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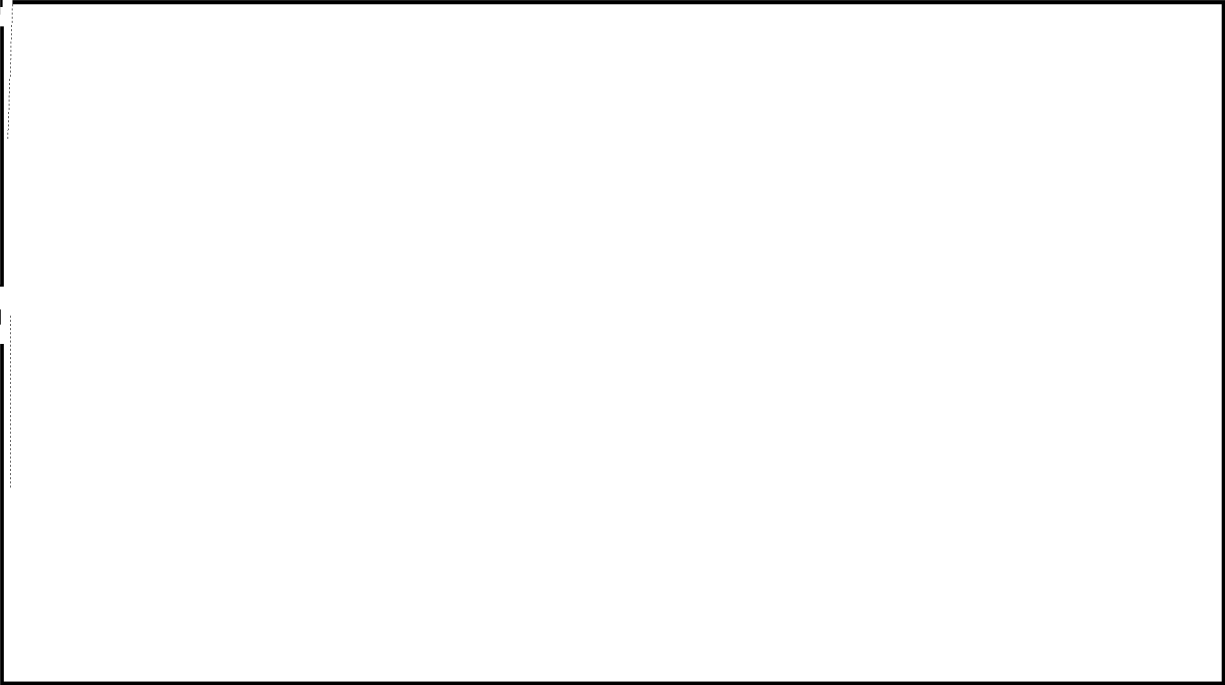
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BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO CONSIDER ADVISING CLEVELAND AS TO  
WHETHER 24 HOUR LIVE COVERAGE CAN BE DISCONTINUED.

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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 [REDACTED] 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.

[REDACTED]

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

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS ENTER THE RESTAURANT WIELDING "MACHINE GUNS". SHE AND [REDACTED] 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 GUNMEN STAYED IN THE DINING ROOM AND SHE AND HER FRIEND LEFT THE DINING ROOM.

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THE THREE CREWMEN AND SHE EXITED THE RESTAURANT, RAN DOWN THE STAIRS TO "B" DECK, TOWARD THE BOW, PASSED THE SHIP'S GALLEY TO THE CREWS' QUARTERS. SHE REMAINED IN THE CREW MEN'S QUARTERS UNTIL ALL OF THE AMERICANS WERE ROUNDED UP AND TAKEN TO THE HELICOPTER PAD ON THE LIDO DECK AT THE STERN OF THE SHIP. ONCE ON THE HELICOPTER PAD THE HOSTAGES WERE ORDERED ONE AT A TIME TO TAKE POSITION ON THE EDGE OF THE SHIP AND SIT DOWN FACING THE SEA, WHERE THEY REMAINED FOR THREE AND A HALF HOURS.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT NONE OF THE OTHER PASSENGERS IN HER GROUP UNDERSTOOD THE LANGUAGE SPOKEN BY THE HOSTAGE TAKERS AND THAT THEY GAVE ABRUPT COMMANDS TO THEM IN ENGLISH. THEIR MANNER

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WAS ABRUPT, THEIR VOICES LOUD AND GUTTERAL. THEY USED TERMS  
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

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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[REDACTED] ARRIVED IN GENOA SEPTEMBER 28,

1985 ABOARD THE SHIP "HABIB" FROM TUNISIA WITH A RENAULT 9 AUTO,  
LICENSE [REDACTED]. ON THE SAME SHIP ARRIVED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ARRESTED SEPTEMBER 28, 1985, IN POSSESSION OF FALSE  
MOROCCAN PASSPORT NUMBER 736635, MENTIONED EARLIER IN NAME

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[REDACTED] FOR [REDACTED] THE TRIBUNAL OF ROME  
ISSUED A WARRANT APRIL 20, 1985 FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING.

RE THE GREEK CITIZEN <sup>Greek</sup> [REDACTED] THE FOLLOWING IS KNOWN:

HE MADE A SIMILAR CRUISE ABOARD THE "ACHILLE LAURO" <sup>ITALY</sup>  
AUGUST 31, 1985; HE WAS ACCOMPANIED IN GENOA BY [REDACTED] WHO

HAD MOROCCAN PASSPORT NUMBER [REDACTED] ISSUED OCTOBER 19, 1983 AT <sup>ITALY</sup>  
<sup>MOROCCO</sup> RABAT. THIS IS THE PERSON WHO ON SEPTEMBER 3, 1985 RESERVED THE <sup>EGYPT</sup>

FIVE TICKETS FOR CABIN NUMBER 82 ON THE "ACHILLE LAURO" CRUISE

WHICH WAS HIJACKED. TO PAY, [REDACTED] ON TWO OCCASIONS CHANGED

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DOLLARS, THE FIRST WHEN HE PURCHASED HIS TICKET AUGUST 13, 1985,

AND THE SECOND WHEN HE PURCHASED THE FIVE SEPTEMBER 3, 1985.

AS A CONTACT [REDACTED] LEFT A TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE "MINI HOTEL"

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OF GENOA WHERE [REDACTED] AND A MOROCCAN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BORN [REDACTED] IN RABAT, CARRYING MOROCCAN PASSPORT [REDACTED]

MOROCCO

ITALY

WERE STAYING SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 2, 1985 AND WHO WOULD HAVE

EGYPT

BEEN IN CONTACT WITH [REDACTED].

FBIHQ RELAY ABOVE TO WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION.

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[REDACTED] HOSTAGE TAKING TOURS-TERRORISM; (OO:WFO).

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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 PERSON CLAIMING TO BE GREEK, IDENTIFIED ONLY AS [REDACTED] AND THREE OF HIS "ARAB LOOKING" FRIENDS. [REDACTED] DESCRIBED AS SHORT, DARK, THICK GLASSES, EYES THAT LOOK IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS, AND SPEAKING IN FRENCH AND ENGLISH. [REDACTED] 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, [REDACTED] MAY HAVE INFORMATION REGARDING HIJACKERS.

ON 10/15/85, INFORMATION RECEIVED AT FBIHQ CONCERNING [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WHO WAS INTERVIEWED BY FRENCH PRESS AND ADVISED  
THAT THE [REDACTED] ITALIAN CRUISE SHIP HAD POSSIBLY  
WITNESSED THE MURDER OF LEON KLINGHOFFER. [REDACTED] ALSO TOLD  
THE PRESS THAT ANOTHER PASSENGER ON THE SHIP, [REDACTED] 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. [REDACTED] IS POSSIBLY IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA.

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ADDITIONALLY, [REDACTED]  
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, ATT: SA [REDACTED].

LEADS. LEGAT DIVISION. AT LEGAT ROME. 1) WILL INTERVIEW  
[REDACTED] 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 [ ] 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) [ ] AND CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION.

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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.

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RE: NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND RECEIVING OFFICES,

OCTOBER 15, 1985, CONCERNING REINTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]

ON OCTOBER 14, 1985, THE [REDACTED] WERE RECONTACTED BY MEMBERS

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

THAT WAS RECEIVED BY THE [REDACTED] ON A TELEPHONE ANSWERING MACHINE.

THE [REDACTED] TURNED THE TAPE OVER TO THE AGENTS AND WERE ADVISED

THAT ANY FUTURE THREATS WOULD BE EXPEDITIOUSLY INVESTIGATED.

A GOOD RAPPORT WAS ESTABLISHED WITH THE [REDACTED]

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PROTECTION HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED AT THE [REDACTED] RESIDENCE TO ALLAY ANY FEAR OR ATTEMPTS TO DO HARM.

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

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

SINCE THE [REDACTED] 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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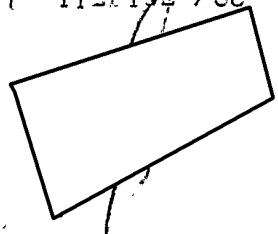
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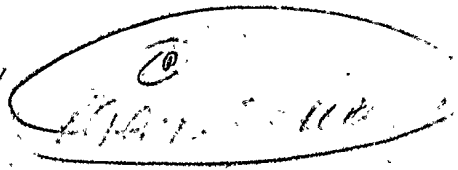
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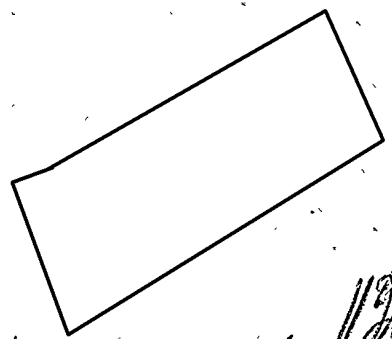
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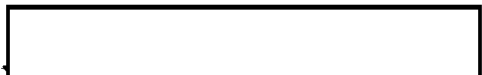
THE [REDACTED] DEMAND THAT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT RESCUE THE HIJACKER

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THE SUBJECT IS A MEMBER OF THE PLF, SAYING IT WAS SHUT  
OUT THE OPERATION WITH THE TOLL OF FIVE DEATHS AND CIVILIAN  
PASSENGERS WERE KILLED. THE PLF SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE ISSUE  
OF "SUSPECTING THE INVOLVING U.S. AIRCRAFT WAS IDENTIFIED BY  
THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES TO JUSTIFY THE OPERATION AGAINST THE  
PLANE.

HE DENIED HIM ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF



ON THE HIGH SEAS PLANE AS ASCERTAINED BY THE ISRAELI DEFENSE

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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 U.S. ARMY FROM  
MAY 5, 1942 TO JANUARY 17, 1944, UNDER SERIAL NUMBER 32 331 339.  
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 KLINGHOFFER HAD FILED FOR A MEDICAL CLAIM ( NUMBER 3596535). KLINGHOFFER ALSO APPARENTLY HAD OR HAS TWO VA LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES NUMBER V2267489 AND NUMBER N2299462, 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 KLINGHOFFER'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 KLINGHOFFER CLAIM FOLDER IS IN ST. LOUIS, ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED TO GAIN ACCESS TO VA RECORDS PRIOR TO TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1985, IF NECESSARY.

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	IN REGARDS TO THE REFERENCED COMMUNICATION, THE IDENTITY			
6	OF THE [REDACTED] WHO REPORTEDLY SAW THE KILLING OF			
	LEON KLINGHOFFER, HAS SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN DETERMINED. THEREFORE,			
4	IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] FORMER			
	AUSTRIAN HOSTAGE, BE COORDINATED BETWEEN LEGAL ATTACHE BERN			
2	AND RSO VIENNA RATHER THAN THE SPECIAL FBI INVESTIGATIVE TEAM			
	CURRENTLY IN EUROPE OR LEGAL ATTACHE ROME.			
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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 NOT ANY HAVE ADMITTED TO KILLING LEON KLINGHOFFER. 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 MAGISTRATE. 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

[REDACTED] REPORTED [REDACTED] OF THE PALESTINIAN LIBERATION FRONT (PLF). THE OTHER PALESTINIAN MAY HAVE BEEN [REDACTED] AKA

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[REDACTED] 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

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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 WERE 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 CRFW 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

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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

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SUSPECT NUMBER 4: 5'10" - 6', SLENDER BUILD, EARLY TO MID-20'S, CURLY HAIR, MOUSTACHE, FRIENDLIEST, CALLED BY OTHER SUSPECTS AS [REDACTED] AND/OR [REDACTED] WORE A DISTINCTIVE 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.

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U. S. EMBASSY, CAIRO INTERVIEW OF HOSTAGE [REDACTED] REVEALED THAT HE WAS TOLD BY ITALIAN SHIP [REDACTED] 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.

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THESE HOSTAGES ARE: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MARILY KLINGHOFFER, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
ALSO TRAVELING WITH THIS GROUP BUT NOT TAKEN HOSTAGE ARE: [REDACTED]  
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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.

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On October 12, 1985 Legal Attache [redacted] American Embassy, Rome, Italy, accompanied by U.S. Department of Justice Attorney [redacted] assisted Italian Magistrates DOLCINO FAVI and ROBERTO PENNISI 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".

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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:

[redacted] 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". [redacted] pointed to suspect #1 in Room #1 and identified him as one of the hijackers. Suspect #1 is Room #1 is identified as [redacted] born [redacted] in Jordan.

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In Room #2 [redacted] 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 [redacted]. [redacted] stated that [redacted] played a version of Russian roulette with his wife and several other female U.S. hostages. He explained that [redacted] 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.

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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).

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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 KLINGHOFFER, widow of LEON KLINGHOFFER.

Mrs. KLINGHOFFER 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 KLINGHOFFER. The identities of the subjects identified by Mrs. KLINGHOFFER were [REDACTED]

and [REDACTED] respectively. Mrs. KLINGHOFFER's confrontation with the terrorists was a very emotional and stressful experience for her.

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The third ex-hostage to view the line-up was [REDACTED] [REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED] [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] [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 KLINGHOFFER. The suspects were identified as [REDACTED] [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 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

The passport photos were POLAROID and taken by [REDACTED]  
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THIS COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED "~~SECRET~~" IN ITS ENTIRETY.

THE FOLLOWING IS A BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF RESULTS OBTAINED BY WFO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM ABOARD THE SHIP "ACHILLE LAURO" OCTOBER 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 [Redacted] AND STAFF

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CAPTAIN, [REDACTED] HAD BEEN CONDUCTED BY US THAT PRODUCTIVE ORAL INTERVIEWS WERE INITIATED.

AFTER REVIEWING RESULTS OF APPROXIMATELY 30 KEY INTERVIEWS, INVESTIGATIVE TEAM BELIEVES 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 PASSAGEWAY LAYOUT.

FROM THEIR CABIN ON THE FOYER DECK, AT APPROXIMATELY 1:00 P.M., OCTOBER 7, 1985, TWO HIJACKERS, [REDACTED] [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

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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, [REDACTED] IDENTIFIED AS THE LEADER, AND [REDACTED] 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 [REDACTED] GAVE THEIR REASONS FOR SEIZING THE SHIP AS: 1.) FOR A PALESTINE HOMETLAND; 2.) THEIR FAMILIES; AND 3.) FOR THEIR DEAD. THEY WERE WILLING AND READY TO DIE FOR THEIR CAUSE.

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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

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THE PASSENGERS TO BE CALLED, UPON WHICH THE TERRORISTS ENDEAVORED TO MOVE THE PASSENGERS AMONG THEM, AND TO MOVE ONE BY ONE TO THE LARGE ARAZZI LOUNGE LOCATED ON THE PROMENADE DECK, FRONT SECTION OF THE SHIP. [REDACTED] STAYED WITH THE CAPTAIN DURING THE ENTIRE HIJACKING, ISSUING HIS ORDERS AND CONVERSING WITH THE CAPTAIN IN ENGLISH.

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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.

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THE CAPTAIN WAS TOLD FROM THE ARABIC LOUNGE IN THE BRIDGE WHEEL HE RECEIVED FOR THE DEPARTURE OF THE HIJACKING.

ALL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CAPTAIN WERE GIVEN TO HIM BY AL HASAN. THE SHIP WAS ORDERED TO SET SAIL FOR TARTUS, SYRIA, AND DROP ANCHOR OFF THE COAST. AT THIS TIME, APPROXIMATELY 8:02 P.M., OCTOBER 7, 1985, THE CAPTAIN WAS ORDERED TO GIVE HIS FIRST MESSAGE IN ENGLISH CONCERNING THE HIJACKING AND THE DEMAND FOR THE RELEASE OF 50 ISRAELI-HELD PRISONERS.

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 1:00 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 [REDACTED] 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. [REDACTED] WHO HAD BEEN ON THE

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BRIDGE WITH [REDACTED] LEFT THE BRIDGE. 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.

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AT THIS TIME, APPROXIMATELY 1:30 P.M., INVESTIGATION HAS ESTABLISHED THAT [REDACTED] LEFT THE BRIDGE, WENT TO THE BRAZZI LOUNGE AND ORDERED A PORTUGUESE CREW MEMBER, [REDACTED] 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 [REDACTED]. THEN [REDACTED] 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. [REDACTED] CAME DIRECTLY INSIDE AND ORDERED [REDACTED] TO COME BACK OUTSIDE.

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[ ] 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, DISAPPEARED FROM SIGHT AND REAPPEARED SEVERAL MINUTES LATER WITH THE SHIP'S [ ] WERE 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.

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[ ] WERE ORDERED TO CHANGE CLOTHES AND RETURN TO THE ARAZZI LOUNGE.

[ ] RETURNED TO THE BRIDGE AT APPROXIMATELY 3:00 P.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 P.M., OCTO-

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APR 4, 1985, [REDACTED] GAVE KLINGHOFFER'S PASSPORT TO CAPTAIN [REDACTED] AND SAID, "THIS IS THE FIRST ONE.", AND HOLDING UP THE PASSPORT OF [REDACTED] SAID, "THIS WILL BE THE NEXT ONE." DURING THIS TIME BOTH [REDACTED] HAD SEVERAL AGITATED VHF CONVERSATIONS IN ARABIC WITH LAND BASES.

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

FOLLOWING THIS, THE PASSENGERS 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 8, 1985, [REDACTED] WAS POSITIVE THAT KLINGHOFFER WAS DEAD. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, BOTH CREWMEMBERS WHO THREW KLINGHOFFER'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.

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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 8, 1985, WHILE SHIP WAS STEAMING FOR LIBYA, THEY BECAME VERY EXCITED AND HAPPY AND TOLD [REDACTED]

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SEVERAL TIMES, "WE ARE GOING TO PORT SAID, WE WILL BE MET AT PORT SAID." PRIOR TO THIS COMMUNICATION, THEY HAD TOLD THE CAPTAIN TO SAIL TO AN UNSPECIFIED DESERTED AREA OF THE LIBYAN COAST WHERE THE HIJACKERS WOULD TAKE ALL THE AMERICANS, IN A LIFEBOAT, AND PUT THEM ASHORE.

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

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[REDACTED] LOG REFLECTS THAT AT 7:20 P.M., OCTOBER 8, 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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AS WELL AS SUCCESSIONS TO BE USED TO TIE UP OFF HIS  
LEGS. SEVERAL BULLET SLUGS HAVE ALSO BEEN RETRIEVED.

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