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cc: VP, Baker, Danner, Other

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**TOP SECRET SENSITIVE**

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**TOP SECRET**
MEMORANDUM FOR: ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH
SUBJECT: Status of Hostage Recovery Efforts

The two independent hostage recovery activities briefed last Saturday have proceeded as follows:

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DEA operation. At the request of the two DEA officers who originated the contact in Lebanon, I met with their asset in Washington. Last week, their intermediary expressed concern with proceeding with the operation based on the instability inside Lebanon. In response to their urgings (the DEA officers were made aware of the possibility that the Dawa prisoners could be executed shortly after the end of Ramadan--June 19) and the death of one of his contacts inside Lebanon, he has now agreed to proceed as follows:

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He will depart Saturday, June 8, and meet a contact in Europe as well as [redacted] who was the secondary contact inside Lebanon. He will urge [redacted] to return to Lebanon and arrange for a meeting on Cyprus among one DEA officer (Tarlo), himself, and [redacted].

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Once contact has been established and a meeting arranged, the two DEA officers will depart for Cyprus via Vienna where they will deposit the $200K and establish an account for the $2M ($500K of which will be available immediately in U.S. dollars cash for use in Lebanon). Tarallo will then proceed to the meeting indicated above.

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The primary DEA contact believes that the hostages can be bribed free for $500K a piece as follows:

- The $200K will be sufficient to bribe will be passed

- will turn over the hostages to who will transport them

- Transport will cost in excess of $250K apiece in order to bribe believes that the $200K in cash will be sufficient to establish bona fides to agree to passage of at least 2 hostages. Once the operation is underway and the hostages are through will be provided with $500K in cash.

- will turn the hostages over to where they will be placed aboard a rented yacht for transport to Cyprus.

- One of the DEA officers (Dwyer) will have proceeded to Cyprus to rent a safehouse as a temporary holding location in the event that all hostages are not recovered in the first attempt.

- The remaining $1.5M made available by the donor will be released from the account in Vienna as soon as the hostages are aboard the yacht and at sea These funds will be used to pay the

It is assumed that the price cannot be negotiated down given the number of people requiring bribes. Both the DEA and believe that this effort will produce two hostages and that additional hostages will be released for $1M each. The safehouse will be used to harbor/treat the first two hostages while arrangements (both financial and operational) are being made for the remaining hostages believes that 72-96 hours would be required for a second round. This assumes that additional funding is available on a near real-time basis. The donor is aware that the price being asked is $1M each. He is unaware that we are proceeding with a plan to release only two if the price does not come down.
The DEA officers are prepared to take leave as soon as they are contacted by [_____] Travel arrangements and operational costs are currently being financed from funds normally available to the Nicaraguan resistance. Our normal point-of-contact in the resistance for these matters is not yet aware.

Summary. As discussed with ADM Poindexter, it appears that both these plans can proceed simultaneously without undue concern for compromise or mutual jeopardy. Given that arrangements for the DEA operation will take considerable time (contacts inside Lebanon, financial transactions, and rental of yacht/safehouse—

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That you approve proceeding with the plans outlined above.

   Approve [ ]     Disapprove [ ]

2. That you contact the Attorney General and ask that the two DEA officers (Bill Dwyer and Frank Tarallo) be placed on temporary detail to the NSC for a period of 30 days.

   Approve [ ]     Disapprove [ ]

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Attachments
- Tab A
- Tab B
- Tab C
The following six people were killed in the Kuwaiti bombing on December 13, 1984. The first four were killed instantly.

Ayad Mustan Aqil:
The driver of the suicide car. An Iraqi carrying an Armenian passport. He was atomized (the body was completely blown up).

Ali Al-Jamal:
Foreman of a contracting company carrying out repairs at the embassy. A Palestinian from Jordan. Injuries to the lower half of his body. The legs were missing. 80% of his body was burned. The eyes were missing.

Mu'afad Hakim Mufid:

Ahmad Mahmud:
Embassy FSN driver. A Palestinian from Jordan. Crushed by a falling wall.

Na'ib Al-Rafai:

Unidentified:
A Egyptian. Killed in a separate bombing at the airport on December 13, 1984.
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- The $300K will be sufficient to bribe the money will be passed
- The money will turn over the hostages to who will transport

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