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March 16, 1981

TO ALL STAFF:

As staff knows, the hostages being held since March 2 aboard the hijacked P.I.A. aircraft, including staff member Jeffrey Balkind, were finally freed on March 14 at about 4:30 p.m. Washington time.

On Sunday March 15, we were pleased to learn from Mr. Balkind's wife Tia, who arrived in Damascus only hours before the hostages were released that, "he is in good physical shape and has come through the ordeal most admirably."

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You should be aware that the hijacked airplane on the ground at Kabul has as a passenger a Bank staff member. As a result the Bank has established an informal Crisis Management Team to deal with the situation.

In this respect, Mr. James L. Theodores is the Coordinator and major spokesman for the Team and the Bank. To ensure that communications are kept open during this critical time the Cable Office will be manned 24 hours every day including weekends until this crisis is over.

However, on telephone calls concerning this situation, all such calls must be referred to Mr. Theodores. If a call should come in for Mr. Theodores at the Main Security Desk during hours that the Bank is not open for business the following action should be taken by the MSO Security Officer:

   a) Get the caller's name and the telephone number where that person can be reached and advise the caller you will have Mr. Theodores return his call immediately.

   b) Call Mr. Theodores' home number (965-0836)

   c) If he is not there call him on a beeper number (441-0435), When you have established contact with Mr. Theodores furnish to him the information you received from the caller.

   d) NOTE THE SUPERVISOR'S LOG OF ALL THAT TOOK PLACE!

cc: Mr. Theodores
March 5, 1981

Mr. Cummings:

Communications referring to Hijacking of Pakistan Airlines

1. For the period of this incident, the following distribution will take place exclusively.

2. All incoming messages will be distributed to:
   1. Mr. Theodores (who is the full-time coordinator for this matter).
   2. Miss Lacy Carter
   3. Myself.

3. Messages which are specifically addressed to the Region (Mr. Hopper, Mr. Chaufournier) should be copied to them. All messages coming from Field Offices which would normally be copies to the Region (Mr. Hopper, Mr. Chaufournier) should continue to be copied to them.

4. All these transmissions should be handled confidentially.

Martijn Paijmans

cc: Mr. Twining

P.S. All incoming messages referred to above should be brought to the attention of Mr. Theodores and myself immediately. This also includes the night shifts.
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HIJACKING UPDATE AS OF 10:30 A.M., MARCH 6

1. From Boorsma, UN New York

UNDP ResRep in Kabul (Bonev) telephone UN at 6:30 a.m., New York time and reported:
i) Afghan government has made urgent appeal to Secretary General Waldheim for his direct intervention with the Pakistani government in this situation.
ii) UNDP ResRep said in his telephone call that he felt the overall situation was deteriorating.

2. From Perez, State Dept. Task Force Center

i) Babrak Karmal (President of Afghan Government) made appeal to hijackers not to do anything to harm passengers. Hijackers agreed to 12 hour extension for demands to be met before taking further action.
ii) Asst. UNDP ResRep was reported to have talked with Balkind. Assumed this was via plane's radio as incoming message did not indicate otherwise. No details on what was said.

3. BBC Radio Report – 7:00 A.M. – March 6

Information obtained from pilots flying Kabul to Delhi. They report Soviets are now involved in ongoing negotiations but no further details are available.

4. Wire Services

i) Several wire services reported that one hostage was shot by hijackers and was removed from plane to hospital where he subsequently died. Dead hostage was said to be the son of a Pakistani Army General and reported to hold rank of Second Secretary of the Pakistani Embassy in Teheran. (In later report through UN, Afghan officials report hostage alive but in critical condition.)

cc: Mr. Paijmans, AOPVF
March 7 1981

To : Mr Theodores

From : Mr D Murray (supervisor, cable office, night shift)

Sir,

attached you will find copies of the messages received overnight from the Islamabad and New Delhi offices.

both these messages were telphoned to yourself, Mr Paijmans and Miss Carter. At Mr Paijman's suggestion I did not call Miss Carter until 0700.

Miss Carter asked for copies of the messages to be left at the Guard desk in the main building where she would pick them up this morning.
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Geoffrey Balkind, an employee of the World Bank in Washington, being interviewed from a bus in Damascus, Syria, moments after leaving the plane in which he and more than 100 others had been held hostage for nearly two weeks.
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Archives 01 (March 2017)
June 26.

Dear Jim,

Thanks again for letting me have these for so long.

Later, I may try to borrow them again. I have copies of some of the material for now.

Excuse, please, the delay in sending it back. I took the pages out of The Black Book to lessen the mail package. Everything you gave me so there, I believe. If not, pl. let me know.

I take care, all the best in your writings.

Best Regards to Rose,

Warmly and thanks always.

Jeffrey

Is. You may be aware, Wolfgang Seebach, was killed in a boating accident in the Chesapeake a few months ago. He had strange twists, after all of his assignments — retirement at the Chesapeake. But so with college the cut. Stay safe, dear friend.
SECTION 2 OF BB
Hijack Situation: List of Thank You Letters

United Nations
1. Sec. Gen. Waldheim (from McNamara)  draft attached
2. Mr. Ahmed (from MPaijmans)  draft attached
3. Mr. Timbrell (from MPaijmans)  draft attached
4. Mr. Boorsma (from JLTTheodores)  drafted for final typing

State Department
1. Ambassador Quainton (from MPaijmans)  draft attached
2. Frank Perez (Dep. Dir. from JLTTheodores)  copy of final attached
3. US Ambassador Damascus

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1. Siebeck - ResRep Pakistan (from JLTTheodores)  To-be drafted
2. Roulet - ResRep Delhi (from JLTTheodores)  To-be drafted
3. Thompson - UNDP ResRep Damascus (from JLT)  To-be drafted

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1. Haile-Mariam (while in Damascus from JLTTheodores)  To-be drafted
2. Fatoyinbo, IPA News Room (from JLTTheodores)  To-be drafted
3. Volunteer relief staff (from JLTTheodores)  Drafted for final typing
   (Hartanto, Evalyn Carter, Pat Hennessy, Ugo Finzi, Ross)

Note: Thank you letters already sent to Travel Communications and Security.

JLT:ccc
3/15/81
Dear Mr. Secretary-General:

On behalf of our staff member, Mr. Jeffrey Balkind, who was one of the hostages aboard the Pakistan International Airlines plane -- and indeed on behalf of all of us here in the World Bank -- I want to thank you for your persistent efforts to help resolve the crisis without additional bloodshed.

We are indebted to you for your effective intervention with all the parties involved.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Robert S. McNamara
March 17, 1981

Dear Mr. Ahmed:

We all feel a sense of immense relief, and deep gratitude, that the hijacking ordeal was resolved successfully after being only one misstep away from a tragedy of major proportions over each of the past 13 days.

This trying experience also brought with it many valuable lessons, not the least of which was the need for staff to be reassured of our concern, and of our willingness to do all that was humanly possible, to secure the safe release of all the hostages including one of our staff members.

It was particularly reassuring to me, and to our senior management as a whole, to know of your personal deep concern and extensive efforts in arranging for timely and effective representations. Your willingness to keep me fully informed of developments, even during the periods of intense time pressures for you, was particularly appreciated.

With many thanks for your valuable efforts,

Sincerely yours,

Martijn J.W.M. Paijmans
Vice President
Administration, Organization, Personnel Management

Mr. Rafeeuddin Ahmed
Chef de Cabinet
Executive Office of the Secretary-General
United Nations, Room 3800E
New York, N.Y., 10017

cc: Mrs. S. Boskey, IRD

bcc: Mr. Theodores,
Dear Mr. Ahmed:

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It was particularly reassuring to me, and to our senior management as a whole, to know of your personal deep concern and extensive efforts in making timely and effective representations on behalf of all the hostages. Your willingness to keep me fully informed of developments, even during the periods of intense time pressures for you, was particularly appreciated.

Perhaps simple words are still the best way to acknowledge valuable efforts -- thank you -- for a job well done.

Sincerely yours,

Martijn J.W.M. Paijmans
Vice President
Administration, Organization, Personnel Management

Mr. Rafeeuddin Ahmed
Chef de Cabinet
Executive Office of the Secretary-General
United Nations, Room 3800E
New York, New York 10017

cc: (Secretary-General/McNamara?)
March 17, 1981

Dear Mr. Timbrell:

Your concern and efforts in helping resolve the recent hijack crisis, without additional bloodshed, were most welcomed and appreciated.

It was particularly reassuring to me, and to the family of Mr. Balkind, to be regularly informed of the many representations made by you, and so many others, for the safe release of all the hostages.

On behalf of Mr. Balkind and his family—and all of us here in the World Bank—our deepest thanks.

Sincerely yours

Martiju J.W.M. Paijens
Vice President
Administration, Organization, Personnel Management

Mr. Clayton G. Timbrell
Assistant Secretary General
for General Services
United Nations
New York, New York, 10017

cc: Mrs. S. Boskey, IRD.

bcc: Mr. Theodores.
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REMARKS:

The Bank doesn't do everything well. But this kind of thing is one thing it does exceptionally well -- so in this case.

FROM: Doug Kane

ROOM NO.: E-8-139
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PERSONAL SERVICES
AND HEALTH

1981 MAR 26 PM 5:12
Dear Mr. Timbrell:

Your deep concern and personal efforts in helping resolve the recent hijack crisis, without additional bloodshed, were most welcomed and appreciated.

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Vice President
Administration, Organization, Personnel Management

Mr. Clayton C. Timbrell
Assistant Secretary-General for General Services
United Nations
New York, New York 10017

cc: (Secretary General/Mr. Ahmed?)
March 16, 1981

Mr. Sjoerd Boorsma
Chief, Emergency Coordination Unit
United Nations Development Programme
Room DC1628, 1 UN Plaza
New York, New York 10017

Dear Sjoerd:

Now that the hijacking ordeal has been resolved without further tragedy, and all of us can enjoy a deep sense of relief, I want to take this opportunity to extend both my thanks and apologies to you.

I want to thank you for your many efforts in keeping us informed of activities at your end and in mobilizing the information inputs and assistance of your field offices in Islamabad, Kabul and Damascus. These actions were welcomed and appreciated.

Apologies are in order for having telephoned you all too frequently at odd hours of the night and during weekends to either exchange and/or seek further information. Your patient understanding and willingness to follow-up on our requests was much appreciated.

We have learned much from this trying experience, and still have much more to learn and do, in dealing effectively with situations of this type should they arise in the future. In this context, your advice and inputs toward further improving our mutual efforts and coordination will be greatly valued.

With warm personal regards.

Sincerely,

James L. Theodores
Acting Field Coordinator

cc: Mr. Clayton C. Timbrell
Assistant Secretary-General for General Services
United Nations
New York, New York 10017

bc: Mr. Paijmans, AOPVP
March 17, 1981

The Honorable
Anthony C.E. Quainton
Department of State
C/CT, Room 2238
Washington D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

All of us here at the World Bank are indebted to you for the extraordinary assistance and advice that you so generously and patiently offered throughout the recent hijacking ordeal.

It was particularly reassuring to me, and to our senior management as a whole, to have the benefits of your experienced assessments even during periods of intense time pressures for you.

Mr. Theodores, who coordinated all of the Bank's efforts in dealing with the crisis, has reported to me only the highest praise for the generous cooperation received from your staff in keeping us fully informed of developments around the clock. He especially cited the efforts of Mr. Frank Perez in this regard. I would be grateful if you could convey to Mr. Perez, and all of your staff, our deepest appreciation.

Although we have learned some valuable lessons in dealing with these experiences which are new to us—we have much more to learn—and hope we can further avail ourselves of your valued advice.

Again, please accept my thanks to you, and to your fine staff.

Sincerely yours,

Martijn J.W.M. Paimans
Vice President
Administration, Organization, Personnel Management

cc: Mr. C. King, Executive Director, World Bank.

bcc: Mr. Theodores
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Vice President
Administration, Organization, Personnel Management

cc: (Haig/McN?)
March 15, 1981

Mr. Frank Perez
Department of State
D/CT Room 2238
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Frank:

Now that the roller-coaster pressures of the past 13 days have eased, and a sense of immense relief begins to set in with the successful resolution of the PIA hijack situation, I now have the further problem of knowing how to adequately express my deep gratitude for the extraordinary support, advice and assistance you so generously gave throughout.

Perhaps because we both rode the same roller-coaster, only a few simple words can say it all -- and none are simpler and more appropriate than thank you -- thank you for everything.

I would be remiss if I did not extend my deep appreciation to your fine staff as well. At the risk of overlooking some of them, I must cite the special help given by Al Eastham, Elizabeth Cummings, Ira Leavy, Al Higgins, Georgia Alexander, Bernie Alter and Ernestine Heck. I would be grateful if you would convey my personal thanks to each.

As we reflect on this recent experience, and focus ahead on what we yet need to do in preparing ourselves to deal more effectively with future contingencies of this type, any advice you may offer will be equally welcomed and appreciated.

With warm personal regards and thanks.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

James L. Theodores
Acting Field Coordinator

cc: Ambassador Quainton
Department of State
The Hon. Talcott W. Seelye  
U.S. Ambassador  
U.S. Embassy  
Damascus, Syria

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

On behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Balkind — and indeed on behalf of all of us here in the World Bank — I want to thank you for the extraordinary support and assistance you so generously gave in connection with the recent release in Damascus of Mr. Balkind from the hijacked PIA aircraft.

Your personal concern and the many kindnesses extended to Mrs. Balkind throughout her stay in Damascus, and to Mr. Balkind on his release, were deeply appreciated by both — and by all of us in the World Bank.

With gratitude and warm regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Martijn J.W.M. Paijmans  
Vice President  
Administration, Organization, Personnel Management

cc: Ambassador Anthony C. E. Quainton  
Office of Combating Terrorism  
Department of State  
Washington, D.C. 20520
March 16, 1981

Mr. Wolfgang E. Siebeck  
Chief, Resident Mission  
World Bank  
P. O. Box 1025  
Islamabad, Pakistan

Dear Wolfgang:

Now that a sense of immense relief and gratitude begins to set in with the resolution of the PIA hijacking and safe return of all but one hostage, I want to extend my deep personal appreciation for your special assistance throughout this ordeal.

Your efforts in providing fullest possible information throughout was reassuring to all of us here, particularly Jeffrey Balkind's wife, Tia.

As we reflect on this recent experience, and focus ahead on what we need to do in preparing ourselves to deal more effectively with future contingencies of this or other types, any advice you may offer will be most welcomed and appreciated.

With warm personal regards and thanks.

Sincerely,

[signature]

James L. Theodores  
Acting Field Coordinator

cc: Mr. Paijmans, AOPVP  
Mr. Hopper, ASNVP
March 16, 1981

Mr. Jean-David Roulet  
Chief, Resident Mission  
The World Bank  
P. O. Box 416  
New Delhi, India  

Dear Jean-David:

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With warm personal regards and thanks.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

James L. Theodores  
Acting Field Coordinator

cc: Mr. Paijmans, AOPVP  
Mr. Hopper, ASNVP
March 16, 1981

Mr. Robert Thompson
Deputy Resident Representative
United Nations Development Programme
P. O. Box 2317
Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Your many kindnesses and assistance extended to Mrs. Balkind throughout her stay in Damascus, and to Mr. Balkind on his release from the military hospital, were deeply appreciated by both -- and indeed by all of us in the World Bank.

I also want to extend my personal thanks for working in close cooperation with Mr. Haile-Mariam of our Bank staff in keeping me informed of developments relating to the safe release of the hostages.

With kind regards and appreciation, I am

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

James L. Theodeores
Acting Field Coordinator

cc: Mr. Sjoerd Boorsma
ECU, United Nations Development Programme
New York, New York 10017
March 16, 1981

Mr. Teketel Haile-Mariam
World Bank Mission
c/o United Nations Development Programme
P. O. Box 2317
Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic

Dear Mr. Haile-Mariam:

Now that the pressures of the past two weeks have eased, and a sense of immense relief begins to set in with the successful resolution of the PIA aircraft hijacking, I want to express my deep gratitude for the support you extended to Mrs. Balkind and your efforts in keeping us informed of developments.

It was particularly reassuring to me, and to all of us in the Bank, to know that you and other colleagues were on the spot and would respond in the first-rate manner that you did.

On behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Balkind, and all of us at Headquarters -- our deepest thanks.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
James L. Theodores

cc: Mr. Paijmans, AOPVP
Mr. Chaufournier, EMNVP
Mr. Naylor, EMP
March 16, 1981

Mr. Dasuki Hartanto  
EMNVP  
Room E715

Dear Dasuki:

I want to extend my deep personal thanks for your willingness to step in on short notice to provide relief coverage in our round-the-clock efforts to monitor developments in the recent hijack crisis which was resolved successfully without further bloodshed.

The monitoring role, which enabled us to keep fully abreast of and confirm developments as they occurred, proved particularly reassuring to the staff member's family throughout the ordeal. Your valued help in this regard was welcomed and appreciated.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

James L. Theodores

cc: Mr. Paimans, AOPVP  
Mr. Pollan, PMD  
Mr. Finzi, EMNVP
March 16, 1981

Mr. Francis D. Ross, Jr.
ADM
Room A106

Dear Frank:

I want to extend my deep personal thanks for your willingness to step in on short notice to provide relief coverage in our round-the-clock efforts to monitor developments in the recent hijack crisis which was resolved successfully without further bloodshed.

The monitoring role, which enabled us to keep fully abreast of and confirm developments as they occurred, proved particularly reassuring to the staff member's family throughout the ordeal. Your valued help in this regard was welcomed and appreciated.

Sincerely,

James L. Theodores

cc: Mr. Paijmans, AOPVP
    Mr. Pollan, PMD
    Mr. Twining, ADM
March 16, 1981

Mr. Ugo Finzi.
EMNVP
Room E723

Dear Ugo:

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cc: Mr. Paijmans, AOPVP
Mr. Pollan, PMD
Mr. Chaufournier, EMNVP
March 16, 1981

Mr. Akintola Fatoyinbo
IPA
E828

Dear Mr. Fatoyinbo:

Now that the pressures of the past two weeks have eased, and a sense of immense relief begins to set in with the successful resolution of the PIA hijacking crisis, I want to express my deep appreciation for your personal interest and extensive initiatives in assuring that our "monitoring center" was provided with news releases on a continuous/immediate basis.

The news releases were an important contribution in helping us have the fullest information possible on developments. In this context, your willingness to come in at off-hours to monitor incoming stories, and informing us immediately by phone, enabled us to initiate confirmation actions and quickly update our information base.

Perhaps simple words are still the best way to acknowledge your valuable efforts -- thank you -- for a job well done.

Sincerely,

James L. Theodores

cc: Mr. Paijmans, AOPVP
    Mr. Merriam, IPA
    Mr. Sankaran, IPA
March 16, 1981

Mrs. Carmencita C. Cuadro  
AOPVP  
Room I 9-136  

Dear Cita:

If the true worth of one's performance is best measured in pressure situations, then you measure up to the highest standards for the way you came through during our round-the-clock monitoring of the PIA aircraft hijacking over these past two weeks. Your performance was "top-drawer" all the way and, in retrospect, we would not have been able to keep on top of developments without you.

I am particularly indebted to you for your willingness to work long days and weekends, even when this meant disruption of your own personal plans at relatively short notice. Perhaps even more important was how quickly you grasped what needed to be done, and in taking the initiatives in getting these things done promptly and efficiently.

In summary, I can only characterize your overall performance under intense pressure over these past two weeks as outstanding. Because your performance merits special recognition, I am asking that this letter of appreciation be included in your personnel record file.

Thank you for a job well done.

Sincerely,

James L. Theodores

cc: Mr. Paijmans, AOPVP  
Mr. Pollan, PMD  
Mr. Rohrbacher, OPD  
Miss Imhoof, PMD
March 16, 1981

Mr. C. Patrick Hennessy
PMD
Room I 3-113

Dear Pat:

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cc: Mr. Paijmans, AOPVP
    Mr. Pollan, PMD
    Mr. Elmendorf, PMD
March 16, 1981

Miss Evalyn H. Carter
PMD
Room I3-123

Dear Evalyn:

I want to extend my deep personal thanks for your willingness to step in on short notice to provide relief coverage in our round-the-clock efforts to monitor developments in the recent hijack crisis which was resolved successfully without further bloodshed.

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James L. Theodores

cc: Mr. Paijmans, AOPVP
Mr. Pollan, PMD
Mr. Dyck, PMD
March 17, 1981

Mr. James L. Theodores
Acting Field Coordinator, AOPVP
World Bank, 19-136

Dear Jim,

At the conclusion of the terrible hijacking ordeal, I wish to go on record to compliment you and thank you for your truly tireless efforts during the last two weeks. Your dedication to our institution and its staff have pushed you well beyond what could be expected even from the most loyal supporter of the Bank. You have literally worked day and night, demonstrating your tremendous concern for the human as well as the institutional dimensions of this tense situation; thereby helping the Bank to indeed act fully as the concerned employer it wants to be.

I want to thank you for a great achievement on which you can look back with considerable pride.

Sincerely yours,

Martijn J.W.M. Paijman
Vice President
Administration, Organization, Personnel Management

cc: PMD files
March 17, 1981

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Acting Field Coordinator, AOPVP  
World Bank, I9-136

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Message from Bonev - called in by Mr. Boorsma 11:00 a.m. 9 March 1981.

PP137 Confidential Morse, Joseph, Boorsma, info 30 Timbrell/Rohan Info 133

Priestly

After I delivered message reported my BP 136 Alam / asked to speak to heads of mission - Iraqi, Libya, Syria and PLO. Syria not represented in Kabul therefore he invited other three representatives to approach the plane. Iraqi Ambassador and PLO representative then approached plane while Libyan stayed back for fear he is being taken hostage. Alam / provided team with list of 42 political prisoners from Pakistan from the original list of 90 as to be released unconditionally/ first step in the negotiations. Alam Gir also said that the three Americans were CIA agents and he had got documentary proof and he would treat them as he wished. The list was then public communicated to Pakistan negotiators in control tower. Alam Gir's request confirmed by Islamic team on its return to control tower. Team stressed importance of urgent response as Alam Gir threatened drastic measures. Pakistani negotiators then consulted their government and replied that definite response could not be given immediately since release of prisoners with criminal charges was subject to jurisdiction of court but those prisoners with only political charges would be released. This question would necessitate study of each case which would take time. Islamic mediators felt that message could not be safely communicated to Alam Gir as he was insisting on unconditional release and such a proposal already discussed with Alam Gir and known to be unacceptable. Then at 1600 hours Alam Gir requested aircraft be prepared for takeoff and tablets for high blood pressure be sent on board. I offered Afghan authorities assistance in supplying medicine if lacking but was informed they had necessary medicine
which were provided promptly. Libyan representative appealed to Alam Gir to remain in Kabul while negotiations were pursued and offered himself as a hostage until negotiations are complete. Alam Gir agreed to see the Libyan representative at the aircraft but after consultations with negotiating team Afghan authorities did not allow Libyan to become a hostage or even to approach the plane as they responsible for his safety. At 1727 hours Alam Gir again requested preparations of aircraft for takeoff and asked that all baggages be unloaded. These preparations were in progress as of 1800 hours although slowly in order provide opportunity for more contacts. At 1730 hours Pakistan representatives announced privately to diplomats that his government thanked the Islamic negotiating team but to engage in no further negotiations and the matter now lay fully in the hands of the Afghan authorities and as the plane was on Afghan soil. Iraqi ambassador stressed his team's readiness to offer their services again at anytime as Pakistani government requests. At 1735 hours Libyan representative spoke to Alam Gir and stated that for the present the matter lay in the hands of Afghan and Pakistani governments and implied that negotiating process was continuing and stressed that they remain at disposal of all parties concerned. PLO representative then spoke to Alam Gir in similar vein reiterating concern for lives of people on aircraft. Alam Gir repeated his intention to have aircraft depart for an unspecified destination after two or three hours. At that point, Pakistan delegation, Islamic representatives and I left the airport. Bonev
Distribution below

March 5, 1981

Mr. Ernest Stern, Senior Vice President, Operations

Coordination in Dealing with Emergency Situations

1. Due to the absolute necessity for full coordination in all matters concerning the Pakistani aircraft which was hijacked with a staff member aboard, Mr. Theodore has been assigned full responsibility for coordinating all inputs effective immediately.

2. Your cooperation is required in ensuring that no initiatives are taken, nor any contacts made outside Headquarters concerning the hijack situation, without the prior knowledge and/or authorization of Mr. Theodore. In this same context, Mr. Theodore will obtain final clearance from Mr. Paijmans and me on all key actions required.

3. To facilitate communications and coordination efforts, Mr. Theodore has been temporarily relocated in Room 1-9-136 where he will be dealing exclusively with the hijack situation. His office telephone numbers are 61318 and 61319 and his home telephone is (202) 965-0836. Please ensure that your appropriate staff are accordingly informed.

Distribution

Messrs. Benjenk
Bart (acting Vice President)
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ISLAMABAD MARCH 6 1981
237 THEODORES PAIJMANS HOPPER
RE BALKIND

AAA INDIAN EMBASSY INFORMS ME THAT THEIR AMBASSADOR IN KABUL CALLED ON AFGHAN FOREIGN MINISTER SHAH MOHAMMED DHOST TO REGISTER CONCERN OVER WORLD BANK STAFF MEMBER ON HIJACKED PLANE.

BBB PAK FOREIGN SECRETARY ASSURED ME YESTERDAY THAT GOP WAS DOING EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER TO OBTAIN BALKIND'S RELEASE BUT POINTED TO INCREASING EVIDENCE OF AFGHAN SUPPORT TO HIJACKERS. HE WENT ON EXPRESSING CONCERN AT BALKIND'S BEING USED FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES AND SUGGESTED THAT BANK DISASSOCIATE ITSELF FROM BALKIND'S STATEMENT OVER COCKPIT RADIO. I EXPRESSED SURPRISE SINCE I WAS UNAWARE OF ANY OBJECTIONABLE STATEMENT KNOWING ONLY WHAT I HAD BEEN OFFICIALLY TOLD YESTERDAY MORNING (SEE MY TELEX 227 OF YESTERDAY). HE THEN INFORMED ME OF FULL CONTENT OF THE STATEMENT. I REQUESTED A TRANSCRIPT WHICH WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO ME LAST NIGHT AND STATED THAT I DID NOT KNOW IF THE BANK COULD DISAVOW THE STATEMENT BUT THAT I WOULD RELAY HIS SUGGESTION TO WASHINGTON. IN MY VIEW, I ADDED, THIS SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED UNTIL BALKIND WAS FREE AND SAFE.

CCC PLEASE NOTE THAT MY DISCUSSION IN BBB PRECEDED STERN'S TELEX 268 OF YESTERDAY.
REGARDS SIEBECK
URGENT

ISLAMABAD MARCH 4 1981

226 PAIJMANS COPY HOPPER

RE BALKIND

IN YOUR TELEPHONE CALL YOU WERE CONCERNS THAT WE WERE NOT DOING ALL THE NECESSARY AND POSSIBLE TO HELP THE RELEASE OF BALKIND.

AS YOU KNOW, WE LEARNED OF THE FACT THAT JEFF WAS ON THE HIJACKED PLANE ON MONDAY AT 10.00 P.M. I.E. FIVE HOURS AFTER THE EVENT. I CALLED DAVID HOPPER AND SUGGESTED THAT THE BANK CONTACT UN NEW YORK AND IF POSSIBLE THE KABUL GOVERNMENT. THE NEXT MORNING AT 9.00 A.M. I ADVISED THE GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE PROTOCOL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT BALKIND WAS ON THE HIJACKED PLANE. THE PROTOCOL IS OUR OFFICIAL CONTACT ON SECURITY MATTERS. I ALSO INFORMED THE DEPUTY UN RESIDENT COORDINATOR IN HIS CAPACITY AS DESIGNATED SENIOR OFFICIAL FOR UN STAFF SECURITY. HE CABLED UN NEW YORK AND THE UNDP RESPONDED IN KABUL. I ALSO INFORMED THE ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIVISION WHICH IS OUR REGULAR CONTACT, AND THE FINANCE MINISTER.

IN MY VIEW GOP HAS SO FAR DONE ALL IN ITS POWER TO OBTAIN THE RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES. AS YOU KNOW, ISLAMABAD DOES NOT RECOGNISE THE KABUL REGIME. ALTHOUGH RELATIONS WERE NEVER OFFICIALLY SEVERED AND BOTH COUNTRIES STILL MAINTAIN RELATIONS AT CHARGE D'AFFAIRES LEVEL, THIS ADDS A POLITICAL DIMENSION TO THE ON-GOING NEGOTIATIONS. AS THE KABUL REGIME IS TRYING TO GET POLITICAL MILEAGE OUT OF THE HOSTAGE AFFAIR UNTIL A FEW HOURS AGO, THE KABUL GOVERNMENT HAD NOT ALLOWED THE PAKISTANI NEGOTIATIONS TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH THE HIJACKERS, AND THE FREED 27 HOSTAGES WERE NOT ALLOWED TO MEET THE PAKISTANI CHARGE D'AFFAIRES.

I SO FAR DID NOT CONSIDER HANDING AN OFFICIAL NOTE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY BUT WILL DO SO IF YOU AND THE REGION SO ADVISE." I PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING TEXT:

QUOTE THE RESIDENT MISSION HAS THE HONOUR TO INFORM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT THE WORLD BANK IS INCREASINGLY CONCERNED AT THE SLOW PROGRESS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE HIJACKERS OF A PAKISTAN AIRLINES PLANE IN KABUL OVER THE RELEASE OF ITS STAFF MEMBER, MR JEFFREY BALKIND WHO WAS TRAVELLING ON OFFICIAL WORLD BANK DUTY WHEN TAKEN HOSTAGE. WHILE THE WORLD BANK RECOGNIZES THE EXTREMELY DELICATE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE BEING CONDUCTED, IT URGES THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN THROUGH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO OBTAIN THE EARLIEST RELEASE OF MR BALKIND.

UNQUOTE

REGARDS SIEBECK
FROM ISLAMBAD QUOTE WORLD BANK STAFF MEMBER JEFFREY BALKIND ON SUPERVISORY MISSION TO PAKISTAN IS AMONG PASSENGERS PIA PLANE HIJACKED TO KABUL AFTERNOON MONDAY SECOND MARCH. IBRD WASHINGTON ADVISED. FOREIGN OFFICE INFORMED AND REQUESTED ENSURE SAFETY AND RETURN STAFF MEMBER. APPRECIATE YOUR TAKING APPROPRIATE ACTION. SHALL ADVISE YOU DEVELOPMENTS THIS END (BOORSMA)

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MARCH 14, 1981
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DAMASCUS, SYRIA

MESSAGE NO

FOR URGENT DELIVERY TO HALE-MARIAM. WOULD ALSO BE MOST
GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR DELIVERING MY MESSAGE TO STAFF MEMBER
AND WIFE QUOTE AT THIS MOMENT OF YOUR RELEASE FROM THIS
TREMENDOUS AND LONG ORDEAL, WE SEND YOU OUR HEARTFELT
FELICITATIONS AND HOPE THAT YOU WILL SOON RECOVER AND BE BACK
ON STREAM AMONG US. WARMEST REGARDS AND ALL THE BEST.
HANS POLLAN, DIRECTOR, PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT.
UNQUOTE KIND REGARDS, POLLAN.
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MESSAGE NO
FOR URGENT DELIVERY TO MR. HAILE-MARIAM PLEASE.

AAA THANKS URTLX OF 14 MARCH ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OURS TO
YOU OF 13 MARCH. YOUR ACTIONS TAKEN ON BEHALF STAFF MEMBER
AND WIFE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

BBB WE ARE FULLY INFORMED OF LAST MINUTE HITCH IN RELEASE
ARRANGEMENTS AND HOPE SOON RESOLVED. CONFIDENT YOUR PRESENCE,
AND THAT OF OTHER COLLEAGUES, WILL PROVE FULLY SUPPORTIVE TO
TIA AT THIS CRITICAL JUNCTURE.

CCC FOR TIA. HOPE YOU HAD GOOD FLIGHT. WE CONTINUE TO
MONITOR 24 HRS. KEEP COOL AND TOGETHER AND POWER YOUR NOSE
BECAUSE EYE AM SURE YOU WILL SOON BE ON CENTER STAGE. JUST
REMEMBER WE ARE ALL WITH YOU. IF ANY MORE VEEPEES ASK TO BE
INFORMED EYE WILL NEED A SWITCHBOARD. TAKE GOOD CARE AND LET
MY LATIN MOTTO, IN FACT THE ONLY LATIN EYE REMEMBER, BE YOUR
GUIDE.

KIND REGARDS, THEODORES

END OF TEXT

NOT TO BE TRANSMITTED

SUBJECT
Security - Hijacked Airliner

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CC: Mr. Paijmans, AOPVP
    Miss Carter, PHD

JL Theodores:ccc
AOPVP

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UNDEVPRO

DAMASCUS, SYRIA

FOR MR. THOMPSON. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING TO HAILE-MARIAM

SOONEST POSSIBLE. QUOTE FOLLOWING OUR PHONE CONVERSATION

12 MARCH WISH TO INFORM FURTHER AS FOLLOWS.

AAA WIFE OF STAFF MEMBER ARRIVES LONDON ABOUT 2100 HOURS

13 MARCH AND PLANS TO PROCEED TO DAMASCUS ON 14 MARCH VIA

RB406 ARRIVING DAMASCUS 1800 HOURS. PLEASE EXPEDITE HER

ARRIVAL AND VISIT FULLEST POSSIBLE. GRATEFUL IF THOMPSON CAN

PROVIDE WHATEVER ASSISTANCE YOU MAY REQUIRE.

BBB IF WIFE UNABLE ARRIVE DAMASCUS PRIOR TO RELEASE OF

HOSTAGES, PLEASE PERSONALLY MEET AND TAKE CLOSE CARE OF STAFF

MEMBER UNTIL ARRIVAL OF WIFE.

CCC FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE IN UNLIKELY EVENT WIFE

UNABLE PROCEED TO DAMASCUS FOR ANY REASON, BANK IS MOST

ANXIOUS THAT STAFF MEMBER SHOULD ON RELEASE HAVE OPTION AS TO

WHERE HE WOULD INITIALLY WISH TO TRAVEL. HE SHOULD HOWEVER BE

INFORMED THAT APPROPRIATE FIRST CLASS HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR

/c

Security - Hijacked Airliner

cc: Mr. Paijmans, AOPVP
Miss Carter, PMD

JLTheodores:ccc
JLTheodores
HIM AND HIS WIFE IN BOTH LONDON AND PARIS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE. PLEASE ARRANGE FIRST CLASS TRAVEL FOR HIM IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS WISHES AND ADVISE WASHINGTON, LONDON AND PARIS OF HIS TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS. WIFE WOULD BE ON HAND TO MEET STAFF MEMBER ON HIS ARRIVAL AT DESTINATION SELECTED BY HIM.

DDD THIS SECTION IS ONLY FOR YOUR REFERENCE IF OPTION CCC APPLICABLE. IF YOU DEEM BEST TO TELEPHONE TRAVEL DETAILS FOR EITHER LONDON OR PARIS PLEASE CONTACT MRS. ROCHE-RAINHORN IN PARIS OFFICE (723-54-21) OR AT HOME (233-82-37) WHO WILL ADVISE LONDON STAFF AS NECESSARY. MRS. BAZIN WILL FILL-IN FOR MRS. ROCHE-RAINHORN ON SUNDAY AND HER PARIS HOME PHONE IS 558-45-10.

EEE WE ARE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO ENSURE STAFF MEMBER IS GIVEN FULLEST PRIVACY THROUGHOUT FROM THE TIME OF RELEASE THROUGH HIS RETURN HOME. PLEASE TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES IN THIS REGARD. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IN RESPONSE TO ALL REPEAT ALL INQUIRIES, THE BANK'S OFFICIAL POSITION CONTINUES TO BE QUOTE NO COMMENT UNQUOTE. GRATEFUL YOU ADVISE STAFF

/c

Security - Hijack Situation

JLTheodores:ccc TTD
JLTheodores F. K. Theodoros
AOPVP
MEMBER OF THIS AS WELL AS MEMBERS YOUR MISSION.

FFF MANAGEMENT VERY ANXIOUS THAT YOU PLEASE CABLE SOONEST AND
FULLEST POSSIBLE AS TO STAFF MEMBER'S HEALTH AND GENERAL
WELLBEING.

GGG IMPORTANT THAT YOU TRY TO GET STAFF MEMBER IN YOUR CARE
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOLLOWING HIS RELEASE. PLEASE ASK THOMPSON
TO USE HIS GOOD OFFICES TO HELP IN THIS REGARD.

HHH PLEASE ADVISE THOMPSON HIS CABLE 12 MARCH RECEIVED AND
ALSO CONVEY OUR DEEP GRATITUDE FOR HIS MANY KINDNESSES AND
EFFORTS TO DATE. WISH ALSO REASSURE OUR POSITION FROM OUTSET
HAS BEEN TO RELY FULLY ON UN FOR ANY INITIATIVES REQUIRED.

III YOUR PERSONAL EFFORTS HAVE BEEN WELCOMED AND GREATLY
APPRECIATED. MANY THANKS. PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT THIS
CABLE SOONEST. REGARDS, THEODORES.
COPY OF TELEX

RE JB° MESSAGE

BY RADIO TRANSMISSION
FOREIGN OFFICE INFORMS ME THAT
AAA HIJACKERS HAVE EXTENDED DEADLINE BY 24 HOURS UNTIL
15:00 HOURS AFGHANISTAN TIME TOMORROW AFTER WHICH THEY THREATEN TO SHOOT FURTHER PASSENGERS.

BBC HAVE RELEASED TWO MORE WOMEN (NOT FOUR AS BBC WORLD NEWS EARLIER REPORTED). ALSO AIR HOSTESSE WERE ALLOWED TO LEAVE PLANE BUT REFUSED UNLESS WHOLE CREW FREED. EXPECT MORE DETAILS AFTER BRIEFING MEETING AT FOREIGN OFFICE AT 10:00 HOURS TOMORROW.

REGARDS SIEBECK.....
ISLAMABAD MAR 8 1981
241 THEODORES, COPY PAIJMANS, HOPPER
FOREIGN MINISTRY BRIEFING DELAYED UNTIL FOUR P.M. HOPE TO BE BACK TO YOU THEREAFTER.
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DPAQUE TO PRIESTLEY AAA EYE NOW UNDERSTAND LUGGAGE ONLY
PARTIALLY UNLOADED PRIOR AIRCRAFTS DEPARTURE FOR DAMASCUS
BAG LUGGAGE UNLOADED IN KABUL WAS ALL TRANSPORTED BACK TO
PASNAWAR BY PIA ON WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH (BONEV UNDEVPRO KABUL)
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cc: Mr. Timbrall/Miss Davis
Mr. Nusa
Mr. Vinde
Mr. Joseph/Ms. Globerman
Mr. Al-Shaikhly/Mr. Qursha
Mr. Theodores (World Bank)
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WASHINGTON D.C. 20433
DP58 BOORSMA REPEAT MISC 492 THEODORES AAA PLEASED TO INFORM
YOU PASSENGERS PIA FLIGHT WERE RELEASED TEN FORTYFIVE P.M.
LOCAL TIME 14 MARCH. BBB BALKIND ALONG WITH ALL OTHER PASSENGERS
IMMEDIATELY TRANSPORTED TO MILITARY HOSPITAL FIFTEEN KMS.
OUTSIDE DAMASCUS FOR MEDICAL CHECKUP DURATION WHICH YET TO
BE DETERMINED. BALKIND HIMSELF APPEARED GOOD HEALTH IF
NECESSARILY TIRED. CCC MRS. BALKIND ARRIVED NINETEEN HOURS
14 MARCH AND WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE REUNION AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE. DDD CONTACTING AUTHORITIES REFERENCE PROCEDURES
RELEASE BALKIND. WILL INFORM YOU IF NECESSARY YOUR INTERVEN-
TION. (THOMPSON UNDEVPRO DAMASCUS)
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Distribution:
Mr. Theodores
Mr. Paijmans
Staff Relations II
DAMAS 14/3/1981

TWO FOR NAYLOR, WORLD BANK, WASHINGTON DC.

AAA. APPRAISAL PROCEEDING SATISFACCTORILY.

BBB. NASR NEEDED PARTICIPATE COMPLETION WHITE COVER MAURAN

APRAISAL REPORT THROUGH MID JUNE EVEN IF SUPERVISION LIVESTOCK

PROJECT CANCELLED AND HE RETURNS WASHINGTON THREE DAYS EARLIER.

THAN PVRESENTLY SCHEDULED. AFTER COMPLETION REPORT, HE SAID HE WILL

NEED TOTAL FOUR WEEKS BEFORE DEPARTURE EGYPT TO STUDY MINIYA

PROJECT BACKGROUND AS PREPARATION FOR APPRAISAL AND ALSO TO TAKE

PLANNED VACATION WITH FAMILY.

HE SAID EARLIEST HE COULD BE AVAILABLE APPRAISALMINIYA IS

THIRD WEEK OF JULY.

CCC. EYE HAVE RECEIVED TELEXES SENT BY MR. THEODORES OF PMD

INCLUDING ONE OF MARCH THIRTEEN REGARDING BANK STAFF MEMBER ABOARD

HIJACED PAKISTANI PLANE NOW IN DAMASCUS. AT HIS INSTRUCTION

EYE HAVE CONTATED UNDP DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON TO

PROVIDE EVERY ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE. HAVE BEEN ADVISED WIFE STAFF

NUMBER WILL ARRIVE DAMASCUS MARCH 14. AS REQUESTED EYE I WILL

EXPEDITE HER ARRIVAL AND VISIT AND WILL RECEIVE AND ASSIST

HUSBAND AFTER RELEASE. PLEASE PASS ABOVE INFORMATION TO THEODORES.

REGARDS, HAILE-MARIAM.

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Telephone Call received from Haile-Mariam 10:55 a.m. from Syria, March 12, 1981.

"I received your telex today. I talked with Mr. Thompson about two days ago. He does not have much information of what is going on and the deadline has been extended to 6 p.m. local time. The Minister of Foreign Affairs has told us that they are doing what they can and are hopeful of the situation. It is impossible to reach the stewardess."

While Mr. Haile-Mariam was on phone, I informed him as follows:

"If hostages are released in Damascus, we hope it will be possible for Balkind's wife to be there to meet him on release and look after him. Please do everything possible to facilitate her arrival and stay. Get any help you need from UNDP too.

"If wife is unable to arrive on time, we want you (Haile-Mariam) to personally look after staff member with assistance as needed from Thompson. Please try to protect him fully as possible from being badgered by media or others keeping in mind our desire to keep everything low-key."

Mr. Haile-Mariam assured me he would be fully responsive to our request.
Message from Damascus, received UN New York 10:48 a.m., March 12.

To Boorsma

AAA Authorities aware UN staff member among passengers.

BBB Informed negotiations taking positive turn and government negotiators cautiously optimistic. Thompson
URGENT.

HIJACK - DELEGATION.

DAMASCUS, MARCH 11 (AFP) - AN OFFICIAL PAKISTANI DELEGATION WAS EXPECTED HERE LATER TODAY WITH A FINAL REPLY TO THE DEMANDS OF THE HIJACKERS ABOARD THE PAKISTANI AIRLINER, AN OFFICIAL SYRIAN SOURCE SAID.

THE HIJACKERS, HOLDING 104 HOSTAGES, EARLIER TODAY EXTENDED THEIR DEADLINE BY 20 HOURS TO 6 P.M. LOCAL (1600 GMT) TOMORROW (THURSDAY), FOR THE RELEASE OF A NUMBER OF PRISONERS FROM PAKISTANI JAILS.

THE SOURCE ADDED THAT SYRIA HAD RULED OUT LIBERATION OF THE HOSTAGES BY FORCE, BECAUSE IT WAS "AGAINST ANY MILITARY SOLUTION THAT WOULD LEAD TO THE MASSACRE OF INNOCENT PEOPLE."

THE HIJACKERS WERE BLAMING PAKISTAN'S GOVERNMENT ENTIRELY FOR FAILURE OF THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, THE SOURCE SAID.

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AFP 111248
URGENT

HIJACK - DEADLINE.

DAMASCUS, MARCH 11 (AFP) - THE HIJACKERS HOLDING MORE THAN 100 PEOPLE HOSTAGE ABOARD A PAKISTANI AIRLINER HERE HAVE EXTENDED THEIR DEADLINE FOR THE MEETING OF THEIR DEMANDS BY 30 HOURS, OFFICIAL SOURCES SAID HERE.

THE DEADLINE, WHICH WAS TO HAVE EXPired AT 1600 GMT TODAY, HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO 1600 GMT TOMORROW, THE SOURCES SAID.

THE HIJACKERS WARNED IN A RADIO MESSAGE TO THE DAMASCUS CONTROL TOWER THAT THIS WAS THEIR "LAST ULTIMATUM" AND THREATENED TO TAKE "DRAGIC ACTION" IF THEIR DEMANDS FOR THE RELEASE OF PAKISTANI PRISONERS WERE NOT MET.

AP 111043

URGENT

HIJACK - DEADLINE 2 (DAMASCUS) REOPENS.

OFFICIAL SOURCES IN ISLAMABAD SAID THE DEADLINE WtS EXTENDED AFTER A SYRIAN NEGOTIATOR TALKED TO THE HIJACKERS FROM THE CONTROL TOWER IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR TO JORDAN WHO HAS FLOWN FROM AMMAN TO HELP HANDLE THE SITUATION.

AP 111056

URGENT

HIJACK - DEADLINE 3 (DAMASCUS) REOPENS.

AN OFFICIAL PAKISTANI SOURCE IN DAMASCUS SAID THE AMBASSADOR TO JORDAN, SHAHAB KHAN, WAS HANDLING THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE PAKISTANI SIDE UNTIL THE RETURN TOMORROW OF THE PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR TO SYRIA ITSELF, WHO IS ON HOLIDAY.

AP 111124
Hijack - Relatives

Karachi, Feb 11 (AFP) - The father and brother of one of the Pakistani hijackers holding more than 100 people hostage at Damascus airport were put on an international flight out of Pakistan today, informed sources said.

The relatives of hijackers' spokesman Alan Gir were named as Islamuddin and Abdul Wahid. Their destination was not disclosed but observers said they could be on their way to Damascus.

Alan Gir demanded the release of his father and brother from prison as one of the conditions for freeing the passengers of the aircraft he and accomplices hijacked to Kabul then took on to Damascus.

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AFP 111204

Hijack - Relatives 2 (Karachi) Reopens.

In another development, sources said that Pakistan's ambassador to Syria, Sarfraz Khan, was leaving for Damascus today with an important message to help Syrian and Pakistani officials handling the hijack crisis.

Police here said that no formal charge had yet been made against the hijackers. Under Pakistan's martial law, hijacking is punishable by death.

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AFP 111313

Message sans objet

AFP 111313
HIJACK 1 (NEW SERIES) BY PIERRE BAYLE.

DAMASCUS, MARCH 11 (AFP) - FRANTIC LAST-MINUTE NEGOTIATIONS WERE EXPECTED TO RESUME IN UTMOST SECRECY TODAY TO SAVE THE 104 HOSTAGES ABOARD THE HIJACKED PAKISTANI AIRLINER HERE, AS THE 1000 GMT DEADLINE SET BY THE CAPTORS EDGED CLOSER.

THE BOEING 720-B, HIJACKED TO KABUL TEN DAYS AGO AND FLOWN HERE ON SUNDAY NIGHT, WAS STANDING AT THE END OF DAMASCUS AIRPORT'S SOUTHEAST RUNWAY UNDER A MENACING DAWN SKY, AFTER A NIGHT OF TORRENTIAL RAIN WHICH TURNED MUCH OF THE REGION INTO A QUAGMIRE.

THE THREE HIJackers HAD THREATENED IN THEIR LATEST DEADLINE TO BLOW UP THE JET WITH THE HOSTAGES AT NOON (1000 GMT) IF PAKISTANI AUTHORITIES FAILED TO MEET THEIR DEMANDS FOR THE RELEASE OF 55 PRISONERS.

NEGOTIATIONS BROKE OFF LAST NIGHT ON A NOTE OF OPTIMISM THAT A DEAL COULD BE REACHED, AND WERE EXPECTED TO RESUME THIS MORNING.

THE SYRIAN AUTHORITIES ACTING AS GO-BETWEENS HAD APPARENTLY BEEN IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE ISLAMABAD GOVERNMENT, AND PAKISTANI OFFICIALS AT THE AIRPORT HAD BEEN UNABLE TO PLAY ANY PART IN THE DRAAMA.

LAST NIGHT THEY WERE UNAWARE OF THE REPORTS THAT THE HIJackers HAD REDUCED THEIR DEMANDS FROM THE FREEING OF 92 PRISONERS IN PAKISTAN TO 55 -- PERHAPS EVEN TO 40, ACCORDING TO CERTAIN SYRIAN SOURCES.

MORE SIN/63

APP 110944

HIJACK 2 LAST (DAMASCUS).

EVEN IF A DEFINITIVE SOLUTION DID NOT EMERGE IN THE COMING HOURS, EXPERTS BELIEVED A COMPROMISE COULD BE REACHED FOR PURELY PRAGMATIC REASONS: AFTER 10 DAYS SHUT INSIDE AN AIRCRAFT, HIJACKERS AND HIJACKED WERE LIKELY TO BE REACHING THE LIMITS OF THEIR ENDURANCE.

THE PAKISTAN INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES BOEING WAS HIJACKED TO AFGHANISTAN ON MARCH 2 AND FLOWN TO SYRIA ON SUNDAY NIGHT AS NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUED.

AN AIR HOSTESS FREED ON MONDAY SAID THE HOSTAGES WERE NOW IN "CRITICAL PSYCHOLOGICAL CONDITION".

WITH THE DEADLINE APPROACHING TODAY, HOPES PERSISTED THAT A PAKISTANI PLANE WOULD APPEAR OUT OF THE CLOUDY, OVERCAST SKY AT DAMASCUS AIRPORT TO HAND OVER PRISONERS FROM PAKISTANI JAILS AND BRING AN END TO THE 10-DAY NIGHTMARE.

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APP 110946
HIJACK - WALDHEIM.

UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK, MARCH 11 (AFP) - U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM APPEALED TO THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT TUESDAY TO DO ALL IT CAN TO SAFEGUARD THE LIVES OF THE HOSTAGES ABOARD THE HIJACKED PAKISTANI AIRLINER CURRENTLY PARKED ON A DAMASCUS AIRSTRIP AND TO FIND A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE AFFAIR.

MR. WALDHEIM MADE A SIMILAR APPEAL TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN WHEN THE PLANE TOOK OFF AT KABUL IN THE FIRST STAGE OF THE HOSTAGES' NINE-DAY ORDEAL.

RM/MS
AFP 110443

HIJACK - GUARDIAN.

LONDON, MARCH 11 (AFP) - THE GUARDIAN NEWSPAPER SUGGESTED HERE TODAY THAT THE HIJACKING OF THE PAKISTANI AIRLINER STILL HELD BY TERRORISTS AT DAMASCUS AIRPORT WAS ORGANIZED BY MURTAZA BHUTTO, ELDEST SON OF EXECUTED PAKISTANI EX-PRESIDENT ZULFIKAR ALI BHUTTO.

THE DAILY SAID HE WAS HELPED BY LIBYAN LEADER MOAMER KADHAFI AND SHADOWY INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST "CARLOS."

THE GUARDIAN, WHICH DID NOT QUOTE SOURCES, IDENTIFIED MURTAZA BHUTTO AS SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE PAKISTAN LIBERATION ARMY, WHICH HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE LONGEST HIJACKING DRAMA EVER.

THE GUARDIAN SAID COL. KADHAFI SUPPORTED MR. BHUTTO FOR HIS POLITICALAIMS AND INTRODUCED HIM TO "CARLOS."

THE NEWSPAPER REPORTED THAT BEFORE HIJACKING THE AIRLINER WITH WELL OVER 100 PEOPLE ABOARD, MR. BHUTTO HAD VISITED KABUL AND DAMASCUS, THE TWO STOPS THE COMMANDEERED PLANE HAS MADE SINCE LAST MONDAY.

RM/NG
AFP 110307
PAKISTANI 1 BY ALAIN FAUDEUX.

ISLAMABAD, MARCH 10 (AFP) - A WAVE OF ARRESTS OF PROMINENT OPPOSITION FIGURES OVER THE WEEKEND HAD YET TO CAUSE ANY SERIOUS INCIDENTS NOR REACTION FROM OPONENTS OF THE REGIME.

THE HUNDREDS OF OPPONENTS OF PRESIDENT MOHAMMED ZIA UL-HAQ'S MARTIAL LAW REGIME IMPRISONED OR PLACED UNDER HOUSE ARREST INCLUDE BEGUM NUSRAT BHUTTO AND HER DAUGHTER BENAZIR, THE WIDOW AND DAUGHTER OF EXECUTED FORMER PRIME MINISTER ZULFIKAR ALI BHUTTO.

THE ARRESTS CAME JUST BEFORE PRESIDENT ZIA, FACING HEAVY OPPOSITION CRITICISM OF HIS FOUR-YEAR-OLD MILITARY RULE, RESHUFFLED HIS CABINET REPLACING SOME MILITARY MINISTERS WITH TECHNOCRATS, CIVIL SERVANTS AND FORMER POLITICIANS.

SOME OBSERVERS HAD FEARED THAT THERE MIGHT BE RIOTING AFTER THE ARRESTS OF PROMINENT FIGURES CLOSE TO THE LEFT OR TO MRS. BHUTTO'S PAKISTAN PEOPLES PARTY, BUT THIS HAS APPARENTLY NOT MATERIALISED.

AMONG THE MANY HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE WHOSE ARRESTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED BY OPPOSITION SPOKESMEN OVER THE PAST FIVE WEEKS ARE MANY CADES FROM THE FORMER POLITICAL PARTIES BANNED UNDER MARTIAL LAW SINCE THE JULY 1977 COUP.

BUT THERE ARE ALSO OTHERS FROM OUTSIDE THE PARTY APPARATUS SUCH AS PAKISTAN'S MOST FAMOUS ACTOR MAHABBAT ALI.

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AFP 102234

PAKISTANI 2 LAST (ISLAMABAD).

THEY WERE ALL ARRESTED UNDER MARTIAL LAW WHICH CHAINS DOWN THE PROVISIONAL DETENTION OF PEOPLE SUSPECTED OF BEING IMPLICATED IN SERIOUS CRIMES, BUT THE AUTHORITIES HERE WERE UNABLE TO STATE THE CRIMES INVOLVED, SAYING ONLY THAT "THOSE MATTERS COME UNDER JURISDICTION OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS".

HOWEVER SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE DEFENCE MINISTRY GENERAL RAKIM KHAN TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY THAT THE DETENTION OF BEGUM BHUTTO "HAS NO CONNECTION WITH THE CASE OF THE BOEING HIJACKED 10 DAYS AGO".

MURTAZAR BHUTTO, THE SON OF BEGUM NUSRAT, IS SAID BY THE PAKISTANI AUTHORITIES TO BE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE AL ZULFIKAR GROUP WHICH THE HIJACKERS OF THE BOEING HELD IN ISLAMABAD CLAIM TO BELONG TO.

BUT DIPLOMATIC SOURCES HERE CONFIRMED THAT THE ARRESTS HAD BEEN DECIDED UPON BEFORE THE HIJACKING TOOK PLACE.

THE ARRESTS FOLLOW THE SETTING UP ON FEBRUARY 6 OF A "MOVEMENT FOR RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY" BY NINE BANNED PARTIES TO "MOBILISE THE PEOPLE TO DEMAND DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS WITHIN THREE MONTHS".

THE MAIN PARTICIPANTS IN THAT MEETING HAVE SINCE BEEN ARRESTED.

THE REGIME HAS ANNOUNCED THAT ITS ULTIMATE AIM WAS TO RETURN POWER TO AN ELECTED GOVERNMENT, BUT GEN. ZIA HAS SAID THE SITUATION WAS "NOT YET RIPE FOR AN ELECTION".

BZ/W

AFP 102238
NIJACK - STUDENT.

DAMASCUS, MARCH 12 (AFP) - A PAKISTANI STUDENT CLAIMING TO BELONG TO FORMER PRESIDENT ZULFIKAR ALI BHUTTO'S PAKISTANI PROGRESSIVE PARTY TODAY ASKED AIRPORT AUTHORITIES TO LET HIM SPEAK WITH THE THREE NIJACKERS HOLDING 163 HOSTAGES ABOARD AN AIRLINER HERE.

AIRPORT SECURITY OFFICIALS SAID THEY WERE CHECKING WHETHER HE COULD BE GIVEN PERMISSION TO SPEAK TO THE TRIO.

"I WANT TO SEE THE NIJACKERS AND SPEAK TO THEM PERSONALLY TO FIND A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM," THE STUDENT SAID ON ARRIVAL AT THE AIRPORT EARLY TODAY. THE THREE HAVE THREATENED "DRAMATIC ACTION" IF THEIR DEMANDS ARE NOT MET BY 6 P.M. (1600 GMT).

THE YOUNG MAN IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS A STUDENT FROM ISTIKLAL (INDEPENDENCE) UNIVERSITY AT DAMASCUS, WHO HAD LEFT PAKISTAN FOR POLITICAL REASONS. HE WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, BUT STRESSED THAT HE WAS NOT TRYING TO MEDIATE ON THE PLO'S BEHALF.

THE NIJACKING WAS "A POLITICAL AFFAIR, BECAUSE PAKISTAN IS IN THE GRIP OF A DICTATORSHIP", HE TOLD REPORTERS.

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AFP 120332
LEAD HIJACK 1.

DAMASCUS, MARCH 12 (AFP) - THE PAKISTANI RESPONSE TO THE DEMANDS OF THE HIJackers HOLDING MORE THAN 100 PASSENGERS ABOARD A PAKISTANI AIRLINER HERE WILL BE MADE KNOWN IN THE NEXT FEW HOURS, AN OFFICIAL PAKISTANI SOURCE SAID HERE.

THE SOURCE SAID NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE THREE HIJackers AND THE PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT THROUGH SYRIAN INTERMEDIARIES WERE TAKING THE FORM OF "A MURDER: GAME" TO DECIDE HOW MANY POLITICAL PRISONERS SHOULD BE RELEASED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HIJACKERS' CHANGING DEMANDS.

THE SOURCE PREDICTED THAT THE HOSTAGE DRAMA, WHICH BEGAN WHEN THE AIRCRAFT WAS HIJACKED TO KABUL ON MARCH 2, COULD END SOON. "NEITHER WE NOR THE HIJACKERS CAN CARRY ON LIKE THIS," HE SAID.

THE HIJACKERS HAVE THREATENED TO BLOW UP THE AIRLINER AND THOSE ABOARD IF THEIR DEMANDS ARE NOT MET BY 1600 GMT TODAY. THEIR DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED SEVERAL TIMES BUT YESTERDAY THEY SAID THIS WAS THE "FINAL" ULTIMATUM.

THE PAKISTANI SOURCE SAID THAT HOSPITALS IN DAMASCUS HAD BEEN PREPARED TO TAKE THE HOSTAGES IF THEY WERE RELEASED, BUT ADDED THAT HE KNEW OF NO PLANS HERE TO RECEIVE ANY PRISONERS WHICH ISLAMABAD MIGHT FREE.

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LEAD HIJACK 2: LAST (DAMASCUS)

HE ALSO SAID THAT TWO PEOPLE WHO ARRIVED HERE LAST NIGHT WITH PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR TO SYRIA SAEED ZIAH HERE WERE THE FATHER OF HIJACKERS' SPEAKERS ALAM GIR AND THE BROTHER OF ANOTHER HIJACKER. EARLIER REPORTS SAID THAT BOTH MEN, WHO HAD APPARENTLY BEEN RELEASED FROM JAIL, WERE RELATED TO ALAM GIR.

MR. ZIAH SAID THAT HE TOO WAS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE OUTCOME. "WE ARE TRYING TO MEET THE HIJACKERS' DEMANDS AS BEST WE CAN," HE ADDED. "WE ARE STILL NEGOTIATING AND WE ARE DOING OUR BEST TO ENSURE THAT THEY EXTEND THEIR DEADLINE." THE AMBASSADOR CONFIRMED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO DIRECT CONTACT BETWEEN THE PAKISTANI AUTHORITIES AND THE HIJACKERS. "WE DO NOT WANT IT," HE SAID.

THE PAKISTANI POLICY (PICTURING OF HIJACK 2 EX-DAMASCUS)

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HIJACK - FOOD.

DAMASCUS, MARCH 12 (AFP) - NEARLY 11 DAYS INCARCERATED IN A JET AIRLINER DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE DENTED THE APPETITE OF MORE THAN 100 PASSENGERS HELD AT DAMASCUS AIRPORT.

TODAY THEY ORDERED 310 BREAKFASTS, NEARLY TRIPLE THE NUMBER OF CAPTTIVES, ESTIMATED AT 104 PLUS THREE HIJACKERS, THE AIRPORT OFFICIAL WHO DELIVERS THE MEALS REPORTED, SHOWING THE ORDER FORM AS EVIDENCE.

"THE MENU OF SYRIAN SPECIALITIES, IS THE SAME EVERY DAY, BUT THEY NEVER LEAVE ANYTHING, WHICH IS A GOOD SIGN," HE SAID.


"WE EXCHANGE A FEW WORDS IN ENGLISH JUST TO KNOW WHAT THEY WANT," HE ADDED.

THE CAPTTIVES ALSO RECEIVED SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITIES OF MINERAL WATER, SOFT DRINKS, AS WELL AS CIGARETTES, PAPER HANDKERCHIEFS AND OTHER SUPPLIES.

"THEY ALSO ASK FOR ASPIRIN, BUT NO OTHER DRUGS FOR THE MOMENT. AS FOR NEWSPAPERS, WE ONLY HAVE THE SYRIAN PRESS HERE AND THEY SAID THEY COULD NOT READ ARABIC," HE ADDED.

THE PLANE'S TOILETS WERE ALSO PUMPED OUT EVERY TWO HOURS, HE ADDED.

AP: 121106

HIJACK - THREAT 2 LAST (DAMASCUS).

THE HIJACKERS SAID THAT THE PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT HAD NOT YET RESPONDED TO THEIR DEMANDS FOR THE RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS, AND WOULD HAVE TO TAKE THE CONSEQUENCES "WHICH WILL BE EXTREMELY SERIOUS."

A PAKISTANI OFFICIAL INDICATED EARLIER THAT A REPLY WOULD BE FORTHCOMING IN THE NEXT FEW HOURS.

AP: 121314
Hijack 2 last (Damascus).

The Pakistani policy apparently created negotiating difficulties that were not likely to be surmounted by the arrival of close relatives of one of the hijackers, observers said. They noted that the presence of the father and brother of Alan Gir, the reputed hijack leader, seemed futile if they could not speak to him.

Sending the relatives might have been a simple goodwill gesture, or it could have amounted to a last-ditch attempt to show the hijackers that Pakistan could make no further concessions, observers speculated.

Meanwhile, in New York, United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim repeated his plea "to those concerned to refrain from taking any violent measures, which endanger innocent lives, and to release the hostages without delay."

"Hijacking is a grave violation of international law and the United Nations General Assembly has repeatedly condemned the taking of hostages," Mr. Waldheim said.

The Soviet news agency Tass, meanwhile, accused Islamabad of using the hijacking to "intensify repression aimed at smothering opposition forces in the country," and to spread propaganda about Afghanistan and the Soviet Union.

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AFP 120444
HIJACK (NEW SERIES) 1.

DAMASCUS, MARCH 12 (AFP) - THE LIVES OF 104 PASSENGERS ABOARD A HIJACKED PAKISTAN INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES BOEING TODAY HINGED ON DIFFICULT TRIANGULAR TALKS BETWEEN THEIR CAPTORS, PAKISTAN OFFICIALS AND SYRIAN INTERMEDIARIES, AS PAKISTAN STILL REFUSED DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE HIJACKERS, SOURCES SAID.

THE THREE HIJACKERS, WHO TOOK OVER THE PLANE ON MARCH 2, ORDERED IT TO KABUL AND THEN HAD IT FLOWN HERE SUNDAY NIGHT, THREATENED TO SLOW IT UP AT 6 P.M. LOCAL TIME (1600 GMT) TODAY UNLESS THEIR DEMANDS WERE MET.

THEY SAID THIS WAS THE LAST IN A SERIES OF DEADLINES. PAKISTAN WOULD BEAR "FULL RESPONSIBILITY" IF THE NEXT 12 HOURS OF TALKS WERE UNSUCCESSFUL, THEY SAID.

BUT CONFUSION SHROUDED THE HIJACKERS' DEMANDS AND THE PAKISTANI NEGOTIATING METHODS. THE HIJACKERS HAVE FREQUENTLY CHANGED THEIR LIST OF PRISONERS THEY WANT FREED FROM PAKISTANI JAILS IN EXCHANGE FOR THE PASSENGERS AND PLANE. THE LATEST DEMAND REPORTEDLY WAS FOR THE RELEASE OF 46 DETAINERS.

MEANWHILE, PAKISTAN, RELUCTANT TO NEGOTIATE WITH PEOPLE IT CONSIDERS COMMON CRIMINALS, Appeared HAPPY TO ALLOW SYRIANS ACT AS INTERMEDIARIES, SOURCES SAID.

A PILOT ABOARD THE AIRCRAFT CONFIRMED TO AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE THAT THE PAKISTANIS STILL HAVE NOT SPOKEN DIRECTLY WITH THE HIJACKERS.

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CORRECTION HIJACK (NEW SERIES) EX-DAMASCUS AFP-029.

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APP 120441
AFP NEWS SUMMARY I -- MARCH 12 (SINCE 1600 GMT YESTERDAY)

- ISLAMABAD: PAKISTAN AMBASSADOR TO SYRIA SARFRAZ KHAN RETURNED TO DAMASCUS WITH A FREE HAND FROM PRESIDENT MOHAMMED ZIA UL-HAQ TO COMPLETE A DEAL WITH THE HIJACKERS OF A PAKISTANI AIRLINER WHO HAVE THREATENED TO TAKE "DRAGIC ACTION" AGAINST THE 103 PEOPLE THEY HAVE HELD HOSTAGE ABOARD THE PLANE FOR THE PAST 10 DAYS UNLESS PAKISTAN RELEASES 55 PRISONERS BY 1600 GMT TODAY. THE FATHER AND BROTHER OF ONE OF THE HIJACKERS ALSO FLEW TO DAMASCUS, WHERE THE PLANE IS GROUNDED AT THE SYRIAN CAPITAL'S AIRPORT, TO PERSUADE HIM TO FREE THE HOSTAGES. (AFP)

- OTTAWA: U.S. PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN'S ENTHUSIASTIC ENDORSEMENT OF CANADIAN PREMIER PIERRE TRUDEAU'S PROPOSAL FOR A TRILATERAL NORTH AMERICAN SUMMIT MEETING INVOLVING THE U.S., CANADA AND MEXICO APPEARED TO BE THE MOST TANGIBLE RESULT OF MR REAGAN'S TWO-DAY VISIT HERE. BUT THE TWO LEADERS SEEMED STILL DIVIDED ON POLICY TOWARDS EL SALVADOR AND THEIR OWN CROSS-BORDER RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY OVER FISHING RIGHTS, ENERGY POLICIES AND THE CONTROL OF AIR POLLUTION. (AFP)

- TEHERAN: THE IRANIAN PARLIAMENT REACHED A PARTIAL COMPROMISE OVER THREE VACANT CABINET POSTS DISPUTED BY PRESIDENT ADOLHASSAN SANISABER AND PRIME MINISTER MOHAMMAD ALI RAJAI. BUT MR SANISABER, STILL BITTERLY AT ODDS WITH THE PREMIER AND HIS GOVERNMENT, THREATENED TO RESIGN UNLESS THE CLUB-WIELDING PEOPLE WHO BROKE UP HIS RALLY AT TEHERAN UNIVERSITY LAST THURSDAY WERE NOT BROUGHT TO JUSTICE. (AFP)

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AFP 120408
Hijack - Threat 3 (Damascus) Reopens.

A representative of the U.S. embassy here meanwhile went to the offices here of Pakistan international airlines and asked for a meeting with Jarifaraz Khan, the Pakistani ambassador to Damascus. Mr. Khan, together with Shahrayar Khan, the Pakistani ambassador, went to the offices shortly before this. The two ambassadors were grim-faced and refused all comment.

AFP 121340

Hijack - Threat 4 (Damascus) Reopens.

The hijack leader, according to Sana, described the American hostages as "agents of the American intelligence services." He added that he had certain information in his possession, which proved this, Sana said.

He also restated that the hijackers were demanding the release of 59 political prisoners in Pakistan, Sana added.

AFP 121409
PAKISTANI 1.

ISLAMABAD, MARCH 12 (AFP) - PAKISTAN TODAY SAID THAT IT WOULD NOT ALLOW ITS TERRITORY TO BE USED TO SHIP U.S. ARMS TO AFGHAN REBELS FIGHTING THE SOVIET-INSTALLED REGIME IN KABUL.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PAKISTANI FOREIGN MINISTRY, RESPONDING TO RECENT COMMENTS BY PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN, SAID THAT PAKISTAN WAS TRYING TO SECURE A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT TO THE AFGHAN CRISIS.

"PAKISTAN DOES NOT INTEND TO BECOME INVOLVED IN AN ARMED CONFLICT AT A TIME WHEN IT IS TRYING, THROUGH REPRESENTATIVE INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS, TO SECURE THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET TROOPS FROM AFGHANISTAN," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

IT WAS ALSO CALLING FOR "A RETURN TO A CLIMATE OF PEACE IN AFGHANISTAN, THE CHANCE FOR THE AFGHAN PEOPLE TO CHOOSE ITS OWN GOVERNMENT AND THE CREATION OF CONDITIONS FAVOURING THE RETURN OF AFGHAN REFUGEES TO THEIR OWN COUNTRY," HE SAID.

DIFFERENT REBEL GROUPS WITHIN THE ISLAMIC ALLIANCE FOR THE LIBERATION OF AFGHANISTAN ARE MEANWHILE DIVIDED ON THE QUESTION OF WESTERN MILITARY AID.

SAYED AHMED GAILANI, LEADER OF THE NATIONAL ISLAMIC FRONT, WHO FAVOURS THE RETURN TO POWER OF EXILED KING ZAHER SHAH, HAS ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS ASKED FOR WESTERN MILITARY AID.

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APP 121517

PAKISTANI 2 LAST (ISLAMABAD).

MR. GAILANI VISITED THE UNITED STATES SHORTLY BEFORE MR. REAGAN INDICATED THAT HE WAS NOT OPPOSED TO U.S. ARMS SUPPLIES GOING TO THE AFGHAN REBELS.

BUT PROFESSOR ABDUL RASSUL SWAYAF, PRESIDENT OF THE ALLIANCE, WHICH INCLUDES MR. GAILANI'S FRONT, HAS SAID THAT REBELS HAVE NEVER SOUGHT SUCH AID. PROF. SWAYAF, WHO HAS DESCRIBED MR. GAILANI AS UNREPRESENTATIVE, BELONGS TO THE ALLIANCE'S MOSLEM FUNDAMENTALIST WING, WHICH IS OPPOSED BY MR. GAILANI.

THE MOVEMENT, BUT THE ALLIANCE HAS NOT BEEN FORMALLY DISSOLVED.

PROF. SWAYAF HAS ALSO REJECTED THE RETURN OF KING ZAHER SHAH, WHO HE DESCRIBED AS "THE CRIMINAL WHO OPENED THE DOORS OF AFGHANISTAN TO COMMUNISM." THE KING IS IN EXILE IN ITALY.

MR. REAGAN SAID IN A TELEVISION INTERVIEW ON MONDAY THAT IF AFGHAN INSURGENTS FIGHTING SOVIET FORCES ASKED FOR ARMS, HE WOULD CONSIDER GRANTING THEIR REQUEST.

HP/ASV

APP 121522
HIJACK-MAZARI.

KARACHI, MARCH 12 (APP) - PAKISTANI OPPOSITION POLITICIAN SHERDAR MAZARI TODAY CONDEMNED THE PIA AIRLINER HIJACKING TO KABUL AND DAMASCUS AND FROM THERE TO DAMASCUS.

IN A PRESS STATEMENT, MR. MAZARI, WHO HEADS THE BANNED NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY, A COMPONENT OF THE NINE-PARTY MOVEMENT FOR RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY, SAID HIS PARTY COULD "NOT APPROVE OF VIOLENT, UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND ILLEGAL METHODS TO ACHIEVE THE NOBLE OBJECTIVES OF THE RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY AND A REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT" IN PAKISTAN.

HE SAID "TO PLAY WITH THE LIVES OF INNOCENT PEOPLE TO GAIN PUBLICITY IN ATTAINING POLITICAL OBJECTIVES IS A REPREHENSIBLE ACT AND THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY APPEALS TO THE HIJACKERS TO RELEASE THE HOSTAGES IMMEDIATELY."

REFERRING TO THE KILLING BY THE HIJACKERS OF A PAKISTANI DIPLOMAT WHO WAS ABOARD THE PLANE, MR MAZARI SAID: "THE COLD-BLOODED AND SENSELESS MURDER OF TARIQ RANEEM HAS SHOCKED THE ENTIRE NATION. NO WORDS ARE STRONG ENOUGH TO CONDEMN THIS DASTARDLY ACT AND THOSE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR IT."

AT THE SAME TIME, HE SAID, IF NORMAL CONSTITUTIONAL POLITICAL ACTIVITIES WERE RESTORED BY THE MILITARY REGIME OF GENERAL MOHAMMED ZIA-UL-HAQ, THE EXTREMISTS WHO TOOK THE LAW INTO THEIR OWN HANDS AND INDULGED IN UNCONSTITUTIONAL ACTS OF SABOTAGE AND TERRORISM WOULD BE DISCOURAGED.

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APP 121431
AMMAN, SYRIA (AP) -- HIJACKERS THREATENED TO KILL THREE AMERICAN HOSTAGES THEY IDENTIFIED AS CIA AGENTS AND REFUSED TO EXTEND TODAY'S DEADLINE FOR BLOTHING UP A PAKISTANI JETLINER, THEMSELVES AND SOME 200 STAFFERS, THE LEADER OF THE 75 HIJACKERS SAID IN A LETTER TODAY TO THE OFFICIAL SYRIAN NEWS AGENCY.

The letter was released by the official Syrian news agency, SANA.

The hijackers said the Americans were "CIA agents," that they would be killed if the hijackers' demands were not met until the hijackers were "restored to Pakistani soil" and "to take full responsibility for the primary role they have played in the rejection of their criminal actions".

The letter stated the hijackers would not kill the hostages if the demands were met.

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"We are not extending the deadline. If our demands are not met after six hours, we shall take a violent action," the hijacker said.

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LEAD HIJACK.

DAMASCUS, MARCH 10 (AFP) - THE HIJACKERS OF A PAKISTANI JETLINER WITH 104 HOSTAGES ON BOARD WERE NOT SATISFIED WITH THE PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT'S REPLY TO THEIR DEMANDS, CONVEYED TO THEM TODAY, OFFICIAL SYRIAN SOURCES SAID.

THE HIJACKERS HAVE SET A NEW DEADLINE OF 1000 GMT TOMORROW TO BLOW UP THE AIRLINER IF THEIR DEMAND FOR THE RELEASE OF 55 PAKISTANI PRISONERS WAS NOT MET.

OFFICIAL SYRIAN SOURCES SAID THAT THE CRISIS WAS NOT EXPECTED TO BE RESOLVED TODAY. "WE STILL HOPE TO REACH A SOLUTION ON WEDNESDAY," THEY SAID, ADDING THAT THE HIJACKERS "NEW DEMANDS" -- THAT 55 RATHER THAN 35 PEOPLE, AS REPORTED EARLIER, BE RELEASED FROM PAKISTANI JAILS -- WERE "LESS STRINGENT THAN BEFORE."

MEANWHILE, THE 104 HOSTAGES HELD INSIDE THE PAKISTANI INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES PLANE SINCE IT WAS DIVERTED TO KABUL FROM A KARACHI-PESHAWAR INTERNAL FLIGHT ON MARCH 9 REMAINED CAPTIVE IN STIFLING HEAT ON THE DAMASCUS AIRPORT RUNWAY.

THE ONLY FRESH AIR REACHING THE VICTIMS OF THE LONGEST HIJACKING IN HISTORY WAS FILTERED INTO THE PLANE BY ELECTRIC GENERATORS POSED OUTSIDE. THE AIRCRAFT'S REAR DOOR, LEFT OPEN FOR A SHORT PERIOD THIS MORNING, HAS BEEN SHUT.

AROUND THE IMMOBILIZED BOEING, THE IMPRESSIVE MILITARY SECURITY ARRAY DEPLOYED OVERNIGHT HAS DISAPPEARED, WITH ONLY A FEW SECURITY VEHICLES STATIONED NEARBY. COMMERCIAL FLIGHT ACTIVITY AT THE AIRPORT WAS REPORTED TO BE NORMAL.

(NO PICKUP)

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HIJACK-DEADLINE 5 (ISLAMABAD) REOPENS.

AN OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE LEADER OF THE AL-ZULFIKAR GROUP ALAM GIL, IN A CONTACT WITH PAKISTANI OFFICIALS IN DAMASCUS HAD THREATENED "DIRE CONSEQUENCES" AS HE PUT A FRESH DEMAND FOR THE RELEASE OF 55 PRISONERS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE HIJACKERS WERE MAKING CONFLICTING DEMANDS, FIRST ASKING FOR THE RELEASE OF 92 PRISONERS, CONFUSING THEN SCALING IT DOWN TO 43 AND NOW 55.

"WE ARE SCRUTINISING THE LIST TO CHECK IF THE NAMES WERE FROM THE OLD LIST", HE SAID. PAKISTANI AUTHORITIES WOULD COMPARE THE NAMES AND SEND A REPLY TO THE SYRIAN CAPITAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, ADDING, HOWEVER, THAT PAKISTAN HAD AUTHORISED THE SYRIAN AUTHORITIES TO TAKE WHATEVER MEASURES POSSIBLE TO END THE HIJACK.

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URGENT.

HIJACK-DEADLINE.

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EARLIER REPORTS HAVE SAID THE HIJACKERS WERE DEMANDING THAT 92 PEOPLE BE FREED.

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HIJACK-ARMS.

ISLAMABAD, MARCH 10 (AFP) - THE HIJACKERS OF A PAKISTANI BOEING WERE GIVEN FRESH ARMS BY THE AFGHAN AUTHORITIES AT KABUL BEFORE THEIR DEPARTURE TO DAMASCUS ON SUNDAY NIGHT, OFFICIAL PAKISTANI SOURCES SAID HERE TODAY, QUOTING DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES.

DIPLOMATS IN PAKISTAN SAID THAT A CANADIAN WOMAN PASSENGER WHO WAS RELEASED BY THE HIJACKERS IN KABUL, REPORTED THAT SHE SAW ARMS BEING LOADED INTO THE AIRCRAFT WHILE IT WAS STANDING AT KABUL AIRPORT, THE SOURCES SAID.

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PRESIDENT ZIA, IN A MESSAGE SENT TO THE SAUDI MONARCH, ASKED KING KHALED TO USE HIS INFLUENCE IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE ORGANISATION, OFFICIALS SAID.

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AFP NEWS SUMMARY 1 -- MARCH 10 (SINCE 1600 GMT YESTERDAY).

- DAMASCUS: Three gunmen holding 104 people hostage aboard a Pakistani airliner here in the longest air hijack drama ever, released a stewardess because of her poor health, the Syrian news agency SANA reported. Meanwhile, the gunmen, who hijacked the plane to Kabul on March 2 while it was on an internal flight in Pakistan and then had it flown here Monday, scaled down their demands, saying they were now seeking the release of 43 political prisoners in Pakistan instead of the original 92 they named. (AFP)

- WARSAW: Lech Wałęsa, leader of the Polish independent trade union Solidarity, appealed to union branches in Lodz and Radom to suspend all strike plans, saying agreement had been reached with vice-premier Mieczyslaw Rakowski on ways to settle outstanding issues between the workers and government. Speaking after a three-hour meeting with Mr Rakowski, Mr Wałęsa said he would meet Premier Wojciech Jaruzelski today and broach the subject of recent crackdowns on dissidents, which led to the union strike threats. (AFP)

- WASHINGTON: President Ronald Reagan said the United States was prepared to supply arms to Afghan rebels fighting the Soviet-backed Babrak Karmal regime in Afghanistan. Observers said his statement in a television interview appeared to represent a major change in U.S. policy. It came on a day when Mr Reagan and other Western leaders received letters from Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev proposing, among other measures for detente, a summit meeting with the U.S. president. (AFP)

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AFP 100408
HIJACK-AMBASSADOR.

DAMASCUS, MARCH 10 (AFP) - NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE HIJACKERS RAN INTO DEADLOCK HERE TODAY, SHORTLY AFTER RADIO CONTACT WAS RESUMED AND THE PAKISTANI RESPONSE TO THE GUNMEN'S DEMANDS HAD BEEN TRANSMITTED TO THE AIRCRAFT, PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR TO AMMAN, SHAHRAYAR KHAN, SAID HERE.

Mr Khan, who is negotiating for the Pakistani government in the absence of its ambassador to Syria, said: "NEGOTIATIONS ARE DEADLOCKED, THE BALL IS NOW IN THE HIJACKERS' COURT."

He added, however, that he hoped negotiations would continue with the gunmen who have held their 104 captives now for over a week aboard the Pakistani Boeing jet.

"THEY ARE DEMANDING THE RELEASE OF 92 PEOPLE. AMONG THESE THERE ARE POLITICAL DETAINNEES WHOSE FREEDOM ONE CAN NEGOTIATE," HE SAID. "BUT THERE WERE ALSO COMMON CRIMINALS WHOSE RELEASE COULD NOT EVEN BE DISCUSSED, THE AMBASSADOR ADDED.

"THERE ARE A CERTAIN NUMBER OF NAMES THAT WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO IDENTIFY AND ABOUT WHICH WE HAVE ASKED FOR MORE DETAILS FROM THE THREE HIJACKERS."

He said: "OUR POSITION IS THUS CLEAR. WE ARE AWAITING THEIR REPLY, THE BALL IS IN THEIR COURT."

(YESTERDAY, OFFICIALS IN THE PAKISTANI CAPITAL SAID THE HIJACKERS HAD CHANGED THEIR CONDITION FOR ENDING THE 104 HOSTAGES' CAPTIVITY AND NOW WERE DEMANDING THE RELEASE OF 43 POLITICAL PRISONERS OUT OF THE 92 ORIGINALLY SOUGHT.)
HIJACK (NEW SERIES) 1 (SCHED).

DAMASCUS, MARCH 10 (AFP) - RADIO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE THREE HIJACKERS ABOARD THE PAKISTANI PLANE HERE STARTED AFRESH EARLY TODAY AS THE 104 HOSTAGES HELD ON THE BOEING JET STARTED THEIR NINTH DAY OF CLAUSTROPHOBIC CAPTIVITY.

FRESH CONTACT BETWEEN SYRIAN OFFICIALS, PAKISTANI DIPLOMATS BASED HERE, AND THE HIJACKERS, WHO FLEW IN HERE FROM KABUL YESTERDAY, STARTED AT 0700 LOCAL (0500 GMT) AFTER A NIGHT DURING WHICH SECURITY ACTIVITY APPEARED TO SUGGEST THE SYRIANS WERE TO STORM THE PLANE.

FROM TOUCHDOWN OF THE JETLINER YESTERDAY, A DISCREET SECURITY GUARD HAD BEEN CLAMPED AROUND THE AIRCRAFT ISOLATED ON THE AIRSTRIP. AS NIGHT FELL, EIGHT LORRIES CONTROLLED BY A COMMAND CAR, FERRIED BETWEEN 150 AND 200 HELMETED COMMANDOS TO POSITIONS AROUND THE AIRCRAFT.

THE GROUP, WEARING THE UNIFORM OF THE 'SPECIAL BRIGADE', WERE ARMED WITH ASSAULT RIFLES, SUGGESTING THE AUTHORITIES WERE PREPARING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A DUST STORM SWIRLING ROUND THE AIRCRAFT AND THE NOISE OF DIESEL GENERATORS BLANKING OUT THE OUTSIDE WORLD FROM THE GUNNEN.

BUT SOURCES SAID LATER THAT THE BEEFED UP SECURITY WAS, IN FACT, INTRODUCED TO AVOID ANY CHANCE OF SABOTAGE, AT THE REQUEST OF PAKISTANI PRESIDENT ZIA UL-HAQ WHO HAD ASKED THE AUTHORITIES HERE TO DO EVERYTHING TO SAVE THE PASSENGERS' LIVES.

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HIJACK 2 LAST (DAMASCUS).

MEANWHILE THE LATEST NEGOTIATIONS APPARENTLY CENTRE ON THE SCALD-DOWN LIST OF PRISONERS WHOSE RELEASE FROM PAKISTANI PRISONS THE HIJACKERS ARE DEMANDING. YESTERDAY, PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN GENERAL MUJIBAR REHMAN SAID THE HIJACKERS NOW WANTED 43 POLITICAL PRISONERS FREED, OUT OF THE 92 NAMED ORIGINALLY.

THE MOVE, AND THE FREEING LAST NIGHT OF A STEWARDESS IN POOR HEALTH, WERE SEEN BY OBSERVERS AS THE FIRST GLIMMER OF HOPE IN THE DRAWN-OUT DRAMA WHICH HAS PLUNGED THE CAPTIVES INTO A 'CRITICAL' PSYCHOLOGICAL CONDITION, ACCORDING TO THE STEWARDESS, AND COST ONE PASSENGER HIS LIFE.

LAST SATURDAY, THE HIJACKERS, WHO CALL THEMSELVES THE AL-ZULFIKAR GROUP, KILLED A PAKISTANI DIPLOMAT TO UNDERSCORE THEIR DETERMINATION. THEIR LATEST THREAT, MADE IN KABUL, WAS TO BLOW UP THE PLANE WITH ALL ABOARD BUT THE DEADLINE FOR THIS PASED WITHOUT INCIDENT AND THE AIRCRAFT LATER LEFT THE AFGHAN CAPITAL TO PUT THE PROBLEM IN SYRIAN HANDS.


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AFP 100331
HITJANKING (TOPS 0032) -- THREE PAKISTANI AIR PIRATES TREATHEDED AN
IMMEDIATE DRASTIC MEASURE AGAINST MORE THAN 100 HOSTAGES THEY
HELD ABOARD A SKYJACKED JETLINER AT DAMASCUS AIRPORT MONDAY IF
THEMSELVES OR ANY OTHER PAKISTANI ACTIVISTS WERE NOT FREED IN PAKISTAN. THREE
WOMEN AND TWO OTHER U.S. RESIDENTS WERE AMONG THE HOSTAGES.

THEY SET NO DEADLINE FOR THE
THREAT THEY MADE AFTER FLYING THE PAKISTAN INTERNATIONAL AIRWAYS
BOEING 720 JET FROM KABUL, AFGHANISTAN, TO THE SYRIAN CAPITAL BEFORE
DAWN. THE MATURE OF THE "DRASTIC" MEASURE WAS NOT SPECIFIED, BUT
THEMSELVES OR ANY OTHER PAKISTANI ACTIVISTS WERE NOT FREED IN PAKISTAN.

THEY THREATENED TO BLOW UP THE PLANE OR SHOOT
MORE CAPTIVES. THEY KILLED ONE FRIDAY, A PAKISTANI DIPLOMAT.

THE ONLY WOMAN STILL ABOARD WAS REPORTED HYSTERICAL.

PAKISTANI PRESIDENT MOHAMMED ZIA UL-HAQ APPEARED TO SEVERAL HEADS
OF STATE, INCLUDING U.S. PRESIDENT REAGAN AND SOVIET PRESIDENT LEONID
I. BREZHAV, TO INTERVENE TO END THE ORDEAL.

THEIR MAJ. GEN. RASHAN KHAN, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PAKISTANI
DEFENSE MINISTRY, SAID IN ISLAMABAD THAT PAKISTAN WOULD NOT HESITATE
TO APPROVE A SYRIAN RESCUE ATTEMPT TO FREE THE HOSTAGES, BUT THERE
WERE NO VISIBLE PREPARATIONS AT DAMASCUS AIRPORT TO INDICATE SUCH AN
ATTACK WAS CONSIDERED.

THE HIJACKERS TOLD SYRIAN GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATORS AT THE AIRPORT
CONTROL TOWER THAT THEY WERE ARMED WITH TWO TIME BOMBS, SEVERAL HAND
GRENADES, PISTOLS AND SUBMACHINE GUNS "PLENTY OF AMMUNITION;

AN AIRPORT SPOKESPERSON SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THERE WERE 116 PASSENGERS AND SEVEN CREW
MEMBERS SITTING IN THE AIRCRAFT UNDER SUNNY SKIES AND IN 65-DEGREE
WEATHER 500 YARDS FROM THE CONTROL TOWER, BUT RASHAN KHAN, WHO ALSO IS
CHAIRMAN OF THE AIRLINE, SAID IN ISLAMABAD THE HIJACKERS HELD 94
PASSENGERS AND 10 CREW MEMBERS.

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PRIMO NO FURTHER NEWS THIS END AS OF TODAY.

SECUNDO IN VIEW RECENT DEVELOPMENTS PRESUME DAILY REPORTING NO
MORE REQUIRED UNLESS OF COURSE MOVES WERE TO TAKE PLACE HERE.
PLEASE ADVISE.

TERTIO AM LEAVING TOMORROW WEDNESDAY FOR KATHMANDU. PLAN RETURN
SUNDAY FIFTEENTH. ATTILA SONMEZ FULLY BRIEFED AND WOULD HANDLE
IN MY ABSENCE.

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URGENT.
PAKISTANI 2 (ISLAMABAD)

PRESIDENT ZIA, FACING HEAVY OPPOSITION CRITICISM OF HIS FOUR-YEAR-OLD MILITARY RULE, REPLACED SOME MILITARY MINISTERS BY TECHNOCRATS, BUREaucRATS AND FORMER POLITICIANS.


THE RESHUFFLE FOLLOWED EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE POLITICAL PARTIES GENERAL ZIA BANNED IN OCTOBER 1979 AFTER INDEFINITELY POSTPONING ELECTIONS. THE DEMAND FOR PARLIAMENTARY POLLS REVIVED WHEN NINE PARTIES GROUPED TO LAUNCH THE MOVEMENT FOR RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY (NMD).

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URGENT.
HIJACK - ZIA

ISLAMABAD, MARCH 3 (APP) - PAKISTANI PRESIDENT MOHAMMED ZIA UL-HAQ ASSAD SEEKING HIS HELP FOR THE RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES AND THE HIJACKED PLANE WHICH FLEW TO DAMASCUS FROM KABUL LAST NIGHT.

HE TOLD PRESS AFTER ANNOUNCING A CABINET RESHUFFLE THAT HE WOULD HEAD OF STATE AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY.

THE PRESIDENT SAID HE HAD EARLIER BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SEVERAL HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT FOR THE EARLY RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES.

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URGENT.
PAKISTANI 3 (ISLAMABAD)

MINISTERS SWEINED IN BY PRESIDENT ZIA TODAY WERE:


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PAKISTANI 4 (ISLAMABAD) LAST.

AFTER THE OATH-TAKING, GENERAL ZIA SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOW WORK ON CREATING THE CONDITIONS FOR RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY IN THE COUNTRY.

HE SAID OTHER THREE OBJECTIVES OF THE NEW CABINET WOULD BE TO ACCELERATE THE PROCESS OF ISLAMIZATION, CONTINUE THE PROCESS OF ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND REMOVE THE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES OF THE PEOPLE.

ALSO, 12 FEDERAL AND THREE MINISTERS OF STATE, AND FIVE ADVISORS WITH THE RANK OF FEDERAL MINISTER WERE ALSO APPOINTED TODAY. THEY ARE: TRIDIV ROY (MINORITIES AFFAIRS), HAMID B. HABIS (FOREIGN TRADE AND CHAIRMAN, EXPORT PROMOTION BUREAU), MUAZZAN ALI (OVERSEAS PAKISTANI), MUSTAFA K. GOXAL (SHIPPING) AND SHEIKH ISHAT ALI (BUSINESS COORDINATION AND INTERNAL TRADE).

THE EXPANDED CABINET ALSO INCLUDED ANOTHER SIX ADVISERS WITH THE RANK OF MINISTER OF STATE.

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AFP 091508

HIJACK - LENGTH.

PARIS, MARCH 9 (AFP) - THE HIJACKING OF THE PAKISTANI INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES BOEING 720-3 JET WITH MORE THAN 100 PEOPLE ON BOARD BECAME TODAY THE LONGEST SUCH AIRPLANE DRAMA EVER.

IT SURPASSED IN LENGTH THE 1976 HIJACKING OF AN AIR FRANCE AIRBUS ON A TEL AVIV-PARIS FLIGHT WITH 256 PEOPLE ON BOARD THAT ENDED 152 HOURS LATER AT UGANDA'S ENTEBBE AIRPORT WITH A DARING RAID BY ISRAELI COMMANDOS.

THREE OF THE HOSTAGES WERE KILLED IN THE FIGHTING, AS WELL AS SEVEN TERRORISTS, AN ISRAELI COMMANDO AND 20 UGANDAN SOLDIERS. BUT 105 OF THE HOSTAGES WERE RESCUED. THE HIJACKERS HAD EARLIER RELEASED 148 CAPTIVES.

THE PIA JETLINER, HIJACKED WITH 145 PEOPLE ABOARD ON A FLIGHT FROM KARACHI TO PESHAWAR, PAKISTAN, ON FEBRUARY 2, BECAME THE LONGEST PLANE HIJACKING ORDEAL AT 1200 GMT TODAY.

THE PLANE FIRST WENT TO KABUL AIRPORT IN AFGHANISTAN AND LAST NIGHT WAS FLOWN TO DAMASCUS WITH 107 PEOPLE ABOARD AFTER THE HIJACKERS KILLED A HOSTAGE, AND RELEASED WOMEN, CHILDREN AND SICK MALE PASSENGERS.

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PAKISTANI 4 (ISLAMABAD) AFP 154

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PLEASE READ INSTEAD AT START X X X ON TOP OF THE 12 FEDERAL AND THREE MINISTERS OF STATE IN THE GOVERNMENT, FIVE ADVISORS, ETC.

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HIJACK 3 LAST (DAMASCUS)

(Although observers said the chances of releasing the passengers seemed better in Damascus than at Kabul, General Khan accused the Afghans of "deliberately prolonging their ordeal by not preventing the plane from leaving as we had suggested by shooting out a tyre or blocking the runway."

General Khan said that a new check on the list of passengers showed 107 people on board, including the 10 crew members and the hijackers. Previous calculations gave the figure of 111.

(The Afghans had emptied the aircraft holds to enable it to carry the most fuel possible, the general said, but he added, "we hope it will not be able to take off from Damascus.")

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BULLETIN

HIJACK (NEW SERIES)

MOSCOW, MARCH 3 (AFP) - The Pakistan International Airlines Boeing hijacked to Kabul last Monday took off today for an unknown destination with more than 100 passengers on board, TASS News Agency reported in a Kabul-datelined despatch.

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2ND LEAD BHUTTO 1.

ISLAMABAD, MARCH 8 (AFP) - ABOUT 150 POLITICAL LEADERS, WORKERS AND LAWYERS, INCLUDING NUSRAT BHUTTO, THE WIDOW OF FORMER PREMIER ZULFIKAR ALI BHUTTO, WERE JAILED TODAY FOLLOWING POLICE RAIDS YESTERDAY AND TODAY IN MAJOR PAKISTANI TOWNS, ACCORDING TO INFORMED SOURCES HERE.

THOSE ARRESTED ALSO INCLUDED EDITOR OF THE LEFT-WING LAHORE WEEKLY VIEWPOINT MAZHAR ALI KHAN, FORMER MINISTER MOBASIR HASSAN, MOVIE STAR MUHAMMED ALI, MEMBERS OF THE LEFTIST NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY, AND SEVERAL LOCAL HEADS OF THE BANNED PAKISTAN PEOPLES PARTY (PPP), LED BY MRS BHUTTO AND HER DAUGHTER BENAZIR.

REPORTS ON THE ARREST OF OXFORD-EDUCATED 23-YEAR-OLD BENAZIR BHUTTO, WHO ALLEGEDLY WENT UNDERGROUND, COULD NOT BE CONFIRMED.

THE GOVERNMENT CRACKDOWN ON LEFT WING ELEMENTS AND PARTY MEMBERS WAS REPORTED IN LAHORE, PESHAWAR, FAISALABAD AND ISLAMABAD WHERE OVER A DOZEN PEOPLE WERE DETAINED. AT LEAST 25 LAWYERS WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY IN LAHORE TODAY, AND MORE ARRESTS WERE MADE IN SAHIWAL, PUNJAB, SOURCES ALSO SAID.

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2ND LEAD BHUTTO 2 LAST (ISLAMABAD).

OFFICIAL SOURCES CONFIRMED THE ARREST OF AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN CONNECTION WITH "A FEW SERIOUS CRIMINAL ACTS OF RECENT OCCURRENCE".

THE OFFICIAL MEDIA HAD EARLIER SAID THAT THE HIJACKERS OF THE PAKISTAN INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE BOEING IN KABUL WERE CONNECTED WITH THE BANNED PAKISTAN PEOPLES PARTY. THE HIJACKERS HAVE CLAIMED TO BELONG TO THE AL-ZULFIKAR GROUP, HEADED BY BHUTTO'S SON MURTaza, WHO LIVES IN LONDON.

OFFICIALS HAVE SAID THE HIJACKERS WERE RECEIVING INSTRUCTIONS FROM MURTaza BHUTTO WHO, THEY SAID, WAS IN KABUL TO MEET THE HIJACKERS WHEN THEY LANDED THERE MONDAY.

A SENIOR GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN HAS HOWEVER DENIED THAT THE ARRESTS WERE LINKED WITH THE HIJACKING.

OBSERVERS BELIEVE THE WAVE OF ARRESTS FOLLOWS A DECISION BY THE NINE PARTY MOVEMENT FOR RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY (MRO) TO OBSERVE A DAY OF PROTEST EVERY MONDAY.

(NO PICKUP).

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HIJACK - TASS.

MOSCOW, MARCH 3 (AFP) - PAKISTANI AUTHORITIES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DANGER IN WHICH 111 PEOPLE ABOARD A HIJACKED AIRLiner AT KABUL AIRPORT NOW FIND THEMSELVFS, A SOVIET NEWS AGENCY TASS DISPATCH FROM WASHINGTON REPORTED TODAY.

THREE HIJACKERS WERE THREATENING TO BLOW UP THE PAKISTANI PLANE IF ISLAMABAD DID NOT FREE 92 POLITICAL PRISONERS. THE PAKISTANIS SAID EARLIER TODAY THAT THEY WOULD FREE 15 PRISONERS.

ACCORDING TO THE SOVIET NEWS AGENCY, THE "STATE DEPARTMENT HAS MADE A DECLARATION IN WHICH, IN DEFANCE OF ALL GOOD SENSE, IT STATES THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE RESOLUTION OF THE INCIDENT RESTS ENTIRELY WITH AFGHAN AUTHORITIES AND, IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, WITH THE USSR."

THE DISPATCH POINTED OUT THAT THE HIJACKERS ARE PAKISTANIS.

"AFGHAN AUTHORITIES HAVE DONE ALL THAT THEY CAN TO SETTLE THE INCIDENT," TASS SAID, "WHILE, ON THE OTHER HAND, THE PAKISTANIS HAVE BEEN DRAGGING THEIR FEET, MANEUVERING, PLAYING A WAITING GAME AND EVEN OPPOSING DEPARTURE OF THE PLANE TO IRAN.

TASS ADDED THAT, "AS TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT, IF ITS INTENTION IS TO MAKE A SUPPLEMENTARY CONTRIBUTION TO THE TENSION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE USSR, IT IS WORTH WHILE REMINDING IT THAT IT HAS ALREADY DONE ENOUGH IN THAT DIRECTION."

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HIJACK 2 MOSCOW.

THE BOEING 720-B WAS COMMANDEERED BY THREE HIJACKERS ON MONDAY, WHILE ON A FLIGHT FROM KARACHI TO PESHAWAR.

THE PIRATES HAD THREATENED TO BLOW UP THE JET WITH 111 PERSONS ABOARD UNLESS BY TODAY AT 3 P.M. LOCAL THE PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT YIELDED TO THEIR DEMAND TO FREE 92 POLITICAL PRISONERS.

THE DEADLINE PASSED, HOWEVER, AND TALKS CONTINUED BETWEEN OFFICIALS IN KABUL AND THE HIJACKERS.

ON FRIDAY THE HIJACKERS SHOT DEAD ONE HOSTAGE--PAKISTANI DIPLOMAT TARIQ RAHIM--WHEN THE INITIAL 2 PM LOCAL DEADLINE PASSED WITHOUT THEIR DEMANDS BEING MET.

TODAY IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN ISLAMABAD THAT PAKISTAN HAS AGREED TO RELEASE 15 OF THE LISTED 92 PRISONERS.

BUT BEFORE THE BOEING TOOK OFF TODAY, THE LEADER OF THE HIJACKERS ALAM GILL WAS QUOTED BY TASS AS TELLING THE LIBYAN AMBASSADOR TO KABUL THAT PAKISTAN HAD REFUSED TO MEET THEIR DEMANDS.

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HIJACK 3 LAST (MOSCOW).

TASS SAID THAT THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT "DID ITS UTMOST TO SETTLE THE AFFAIR."

IT SAID THE PLANE WAS HIJACKED BY "A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS WHO DEMANDED THE LIBERATION OF POLITICAL PRISONERS RECENTLY ARRESTED BY THE PAKISTANI MILITARY AUTHORITIES."

A TOTAL OF 148 PASSENGERS AND CREW WERE ON THE AIRLINER WHEN IT WAS HIJACKED, BUT A NUMBER HAVE SINCE BEEN RELEASED, NOTABLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

IN ISLAMABAD, OFFICIALS QUOTED KABUL TELEVISION AS SAYING THE BOEING HAD TAKEN OFF FROM KABUL AIRPORT FOR AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION. MEANWHILE, ACCORDING TO INFORMED SOURCES IN ISLAMABAD, ABOUT 150 POLITICAL LEADERS, WORKERS AND LAWYERS, INCLUDING NUSRAT BHUTTO, THE WIDOW OF PRIME MINISTER ZULFIKAR ALI BHUTTO, WERE JAILED TODAY FOLLOWING POLICE RAIDS IN MAJOR PAKISTANI TOWNS.

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AFP 032134
Hijack 4 (Moscow) Reopens.

In Islamabad, the Pakistani Defence Ministry said that the plane left Kabul at about midnight (local) with 111 passengers on board.

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Hijack 5 (Moscow).

In Islamabad, sources said that shortly after the Boeing landed on Tuesday the hijackers asked for authorisation to fly over Kabul. Iran. The Iranian authorities' reply has not been released by GM/MW.

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Also in Islamabad, the Pakistani Defence Ministry said the Boeing was in danger because of the fatigue of the crew, held captive more than 150 hours.

At a press conference earlier, one of the members of the Pakistan delegation negotiating in Kabul said the crew were no longer capable of flying in acceptable safety conditions and that there would be no question of the plane taking off.

Passengers and crew were on the verge of physical and psychological collapse, the Pakistani official said.

GM/MW

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HIJACK 7 (MOSCOW) REOPENS.

THE JET FLEW THROUGH IRANIAN AIRSPACE, AND WAS HEADED FOR DUBAI, ON THE GULF, AN IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL SAID IN TEHERAN. THE OFFICIAL SAID THE AIRCRAFT HAD NOT ASKED TO LAND AT TEHERAN'S MEHRABAD AIRPORT, WHERE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS SAID THEY DID NOT EXPECT ANY LANDINGS OVERNIGHT.

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AFP 082245

URGENT

HIJACK 8 (MOSCOW) REOPENS.

(IN ISLAMABAD, OFFICIALS SAID THE PLANE WAS HEADED FOR DAMASCUS, SYRIA.)

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URGENT

HIJACK 9 (MOSCOW) REOPENS.

OFFICIALS SAID IN ISLAMABAD THAT THE CAPTAIN OF THE HIJACKED PLANE GAVE SYRIA AS HIS DESTINATION IN A RADIO CONVERSATION WITH THE PILOT OF ANOTHER PAKISTANI PLANE, WHICH WAS BOUND FOR KUWAIT. (MEANWHILE, SOURCES IN ISLAMABAD SAID THE PLANE COULD NO LONGER BE LOCATED BECAUSE IT HAS FLOWN BEYOND RADIO RANGE OF THE CAPITAL.)

JF/DM

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URGENT

HIJACK 10 (MOSCOW) REOPENS.

AFGHAN AUTHORITIES IN KABUL ALLOWED THE PLANE TO TAKE OFF TO "AVOID A SITUATION THAT WOULD HAVE ENDANGERED THE LIVES AND SECURITY OF THE PASSENGERS AND CREW," TASS QUOTED THE AFGHAN NEWS AGENCY BAKHTAR AS SAYING.

THE BAKHTAR REPORT SAID THE HIJACKERS DID NOT GIVE THEIR DESTINATION, TASS ADDED.

THE AFGHAN AGENCY SAID THE ACTION SAVED THE LIVES OF THE 111 CAPTIVES, WHO WERE ENDANGERED "BECAUSE OF THE PROVOCATIVE POSITION OF THE PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT."

THE PAKISTANI NEGOTIATORS "SUDDENLY AND BRUTALLY BROKE OFF NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE HIJACKERS, AND REFUSED ANY FURTHER CONTACT WITH THEM," BAKHTAR WAS QUOTED AS SAYING.

"FOLLOWING THIS POSITION (TAKEN) BY PAKISTANI AUTHORITIES, THE HIJACKERS DEMANDED THAT THE PLANE BE REFUELED AND ALLOWED TO TAKE OFF," THE AGENCY ADDED, ACCORDING TO TASS.

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URGENT.

HIJACK 11 (MOSCOW) REOPENS.

(NO SPECIAL MEASURES HAVE YET BEEN TAKEN IN PREPARATION FOR THE AIRCRAFT'S POSSIBLE ARRIVAL AT DAMASCUS AIRPORT, AUTHORITIES THERE SAID, ADDING THAT THEY HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY NOTIFICATION OR INSTRUCTIONS.

(THE AUTHORITIES ADDED THAT THAT IF THE PLANE WAS HEADED FOR SYRIA, IT WOULD NOT ARRIVE IN ITS AIRSPACE BEFORE 2 A.M. LOCAL TIME (0000 GMT).

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BHUTTO.

KARACHI, PAKISTAN, MARCH 9 (AFP) - THE WIDOW OF EXECUTED PRIME MINISTER ALI BHUTTO, BEGUM NUSRAT BHUTTO, WHO WAS ARRESTED HERE YESTERDAY, TODAY CALLED ON THE PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN TO JOIN IN THE "STRUGGLE" TO RESTORE DEMOCRACY TO THE COUNTRY.

IN A STATEMENT APPARENTLY SMUGGLED FROM KARACHI CENTRAL JAIL AND RELEASED HERE BY HER YOUNGER DAUGHTER SARAN, MRS. BHUTTO APPEALED TO LAWYERS, JOURNALISTS, TEACHERS, DOCTORS, STUDENTS, WORKERS, INTELLECTUALS, AND DEMOCRATIC AND PATRIOTIC FORCES ALL OVER PAKISTAN TO "JOIN IN THIS STRUGGLE".

MRS. BHUTTO, WHO HEADS THE BANNED PAKISTAN PEOPLES PARTY, SAID:

"I, LIKE SO MANY OTHERS, HAVE BEEN ARRESTED, BUT MY VOICE CANNOT BE SILENCED, BECAUSE MY VOICE IS THE PEOPLE'S VOICE. I ONLY ARTICULATE ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN."

SARAN BHUTTO MEANWHILE CONFIRMED THAT HER ELDER SISTER BENAZIR WAS ALSO ARRESTED LAST NIGHT WHILE AT A FRIEND'S HOUSE.

SHE ADDED THAT POLICE HAD RANSACKED HER OWN VILLA YESTERDAY AND TAKEN AWAY A PHOTO-COPYING MACHINE AND OTHER ARTICLES.

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HIJACK-BHUTTO.

DAMASCUS, MARCH 9 (AFP) - ONE OF THE HIJACKERS HOLDING 111 PEOPLE ABOARD A PAKISTANI JETLINER IS THOUGHT TO BE RAHIM BHUTTO, SON OF THE FORMER PAKISTANI PREMIER ALI ZULFIKAR BHUTTO WHO WAS EXECUTED TWO YEARS AGO BY THE CURRENT MILITARY AUTHORITIES, OFFICIAL SYRIAN SOURCES SAID HERE TODAY.

THE SAME SOURCES SAID THAT THIS PARTICULAR HIJACKER HAD ANNOUNCED HE WANTED TO MEET CERTAIN POLITICIANS IN A COUNTRY TO BE DESIGNATED BY HIMSELF. IF THIS WAS REFUSED, HE HAD PROMISED TO TAKE HARSH MEASURES AGAINST THE HOSTAGES, THE SOURCES ADDED.

THE HIJACKER HAD BACKED HIS THREATS BY POINTING OUT THAT HE AND HIS TWO COMPANIONS HAD TWO TIME-BOMBS, HAND GRENADES, REVOLVERS, SUB-MACHINE GUNS AND PLENTY OF AMMUNITION.

CONDITIONS FOR THE RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES WHO HAVE NOW BEEN HELD ABOARD THE AIRLINER FOR ONE WEEK HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THE PAKISTANI EMBASSY HERE FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE GOVERNMENT. THEY INCLUDE THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF MEMBERS OF THE AL-ZULFIKAR ORGANISATION HELD IN PAKISTANI PRISONS, AS WELL AS THE RELEASE OF THE SALAMUL LAH KHAN FAMILY AND KASSER JANAL, AND AN END TO PRESS CAMPAIGNS AGAINST THE ORGANISATION.

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LEAD HIJACK 2 (DAMASCUS) RE OPENS.

AN OFFICIAL SOURCE SAID EARLY TODAY THAT SYRIA HAD ALLOWED THE HIJACKED BOEING TO LAND AT THE REQUEST OF THE PA KISTANI EMBASSY HERE.

THE SOURCE SAID THE EMBASSY HAD CITED HUMANITARIAN REASONS FOR THE REQUEST, SAYING THAT THE PLANE WAS NEARLY OUT OF FUEL AND WAS IN DANGER IF IT WAS NOT ALLOWED TO LAND.

TOP SYRIAN OFFICIALS WENT TO THE AIRPORT AS SOON AS THE PLANE TOUCHE D DOWN AND STOOD BY WHILE THE CONTROL TOWER NEGOTIATED WITH THE HIJACKERS.

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HIJACK - BHUTTO 2 (DAMASCUS) RE OPENS.

(HOWEVER A SOURCE IN PARIS WHO KNOWS THE BHUTTO FAMILY SAID THE FORMER PRIME MINISTER HAD TWO SONS, NAMED SHANAWAZ AND MURTAZAR, BUT NONE BY THE NAME OF RAHIM.)

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- DAMASCUS: A PAKISTAN INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES BOEING 720-B HIJACKED TO KABUL LAST MONDAY WHILE ON A FLIGHT FROM KARACHI TO PESHAWAR ARRIVED HERE EARLY TODAY, DAMASCUS AIRPORT SOURCES SAID. A TIGHT SECURITY CORDON WAS IMMEDIATELY THROWN AROUND THE PLANE. EARL IER, THE BOEING HAD TAKEN OFF FROM KABUL WITH MORE THAN 100 PASSENGERS ON BOARD, THE SOVIET NEWS AGENCY TASS REPORTED. THE PLANE WAS COMMANDEERED BY THREE HIJACKERS WHO THREATENED TO BLOW IT UP UNLESS THE PA KISTANI GOVERNMENT FREED 92 POLITICAL PRISONERS. (AFP)

- ISLAMABAD: ABOUT 150 POLITICAL LEADERS, WORKERS AND LAWYERS, INCLUDING NUSRAT BHUTTO, WIDOW OF HANGED FORMER PREMIER ZULFIKAR ALI BHUTTO, WERE JAILED FOLLOWING POLICE RAIDS IN MAJOR PA KISTANI TOWNS, ACCORDING TO INFORMED SOURCES HERE. THOSE ARRESTED ALSO INCLUDED THE EDITOR OF THE LEFT-WING LAHORE WEEKLY VIEWPOINT, FORMER MINISTER MOBASHIR HASSAN, MOVIE STAR MUHMMED ALI, MEMBERS OF THE LEFTIST NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY, AND SEVERAL LOCAL HEADS OF THE BANNED PAKISTANI PEOPLES PARTY, LED BY MRS BHUTTO AND HER DAUGHTER BENHAZIR. (AFP)

- WARSAW: AN ESTIMATED 1,000 TO 1,500 PERSONS GATHERED HERE IN A NATIONALIST -- AND ANTI-SEMITIC -- DEMONSTRATION TO COINCIDE WITH THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE POLISH STUDENT RIOTS OF MARCH 1968. IN A
BULLETIN

HIJACK - ARRIVE.

DAMASCUS, MARCH 9 (AFP) - THE PAKISTAN INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES BOEING 720-B HIJACKED TO KABUL WHILE ON A FLIGHT FROM KARACHI TO PESHAWAR LAST MONDAY ARRIVED HERE TODAY JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT GMT, DAMASCUS AIRPORT SOURCES SAID.

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HIJACK - FRENCH.

PARIS, MARCH 9 (AFP) - FRANCE HAS APPROACHED BOTH THE SOVIET UNION AND AFGHANISTAN IN AN BID TO HELP RESOLVE THE SIX-DAY-OLD CRISIS OVER THE HIJACKING OF A PAKISTAN INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE BOEING TO KABUL, OFFICIAL SOURCES SAID HERE TODAY.

THE MOVES, ON BEHALF OF PAKISTANI AUTHORITIES, WERE UNDERTAKEN IN MOSCOW BY FRENCH AMBASSADOR HENRI FRONDET-MEURICE AND, IN KABUL, BY FRENCH CHARGE D'AFFAIRES JACQUES BERTHOD, SOURCES ADDED.

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HIJACK - AFGHAN.

MOSCOW, MARCH 8 (AFP) - THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT TODAY REJECTED PAKISTANI CHARGES THAT KABUL AUTHORITIES HAD OPPOSED CONTACTS BETWEEN THE HIJACKERS AND THE PAKISTANI MEDIATION TEAM.

IN A STATEMENT PUBLISHED BY TASS NEWS AGENCY HERE, THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT ACCUSED ISLAMABAD OF "MISLEADING PAKISTANI AND WORLD OPINION" AND OF "SHEDDING ITS DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF THE HIJACK AND THE SECURITY OF THE PLAN'S PASSENGERS."

THE STATEMENT ALSO DENIED "THE ABSURD ACCUSATION BY THE PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT THAT THE HIJACKERS HAD EXECUTED A HOSTAGE THROUGH NEGLIGENCE BY THE AFGHAN AUTHORITIES."

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LEAD HIJACK (CHANGING DATELINE).

DAMASCUS, MARCH 9 (AFP) - THE PAKISTAN INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES BOEING 720-3 JET COMMANDEERED TO KABUL LAST MONDAY ARRIVED HERE EARLY TODAY, AFTER HIJACKERS AND PAKISTANI NEGOTIATORS BROKE OFF TALKS YESTERDAY AT KABUL AIRPORT.

SYRIAN OFFICIALS HALTED THE PLANE ON AN OUTER RUNWAY AND RUSHED FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS TO ITS OCCUPANTS. THE JET WAS NOT REFUELED, ACCORDING TO RELIABLE SOURCES.

THE AIRCRAFT REPORTEDLY HAD 111 PEOPLE ABOARD, 37 FEWER THAN WHEN THREE MEN CLAIMING TO REPRESENT THE AL-ZULFIKAR DISSIDENT ORGANIZATION TOOK IT OVER DURING A MONDAY FLIGHT FROM KARACHI TO PESHAWAR.

ONE PASSENGER, A PAKISTANI DIPLOMAT, WAS SHOT DEAD ON FRIDAY, AND THE OTHERS, MOSTLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN, WERE RELEASED.

PAKISTANI AUTHORITIES YESTERDAY REPORTEDLY AGREED TO FREE 15 OF 92 POLITICAL PRISONERS LISTED BY THE HIJACKERS, WHO HAD THREATENED TO BLOW UP THE JET IF ALL 92 WERE NOT RELEASED FROM PAKISTANI JAILS.

BUT ALAM GUR, THE REPUTED LEADER OF THE CAPTORS, YESTERDAY WAS QUOTED BY THE SOVIET NEWS AGENCY TASS AS SAYING ISLAMABAD HAD REFUSED TO MEET THEIR DEMANDS.

"THE PAKISTANI NEGOTIATORS SUDDENLY BROKE OFF NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE HIJACKERS AND REFUSED ANY FURTHER CONTACT WITH THEM," TASS QUOTED THE AFGHAN NEWS AGENCY BAKHTAR AS SAYING.

"FOLLOWING THIS POSITION (TAKEN) BY PAKISTANI AUTHORITIES, THE HIJACKERS DEMANDED THAT THE PLANE BE REFUELED AND ALLOWED TO TAKE OFF," THE AGENCY ADDED, ACCORDING TO TASS. BAKHTAR SAID AFGHAN OFFICIALS AGREED IN ORDER TO SAVE THE LIVES OF THE CAPTIVES.

THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE RESPONSE FROM ISLAMABAD, WHICH FRIDAY ACCUSED KABUL OF "COLLUSION" WITH THE HIJACKERS.

(No Pickup)
Hijack (New Series) 1 (Sched).

DAMASCUS, MARCH 9 (AFP) - As tension mounted inside the hijacked Pakistani airliner which arrived here from Kabul last night it was learned that the three hijackers had demanded the release of 42 more prisoners from Pakistani jails.

After 160 hours in the plane the more than 100 passengers and crew were showing signs of strain from their ordeal as they awaited the reply from Islamabad to the hijackers' conditions, airport sources said here.

Nine hours after its arrival here and 160 hours after it was first taken over the Boeing 720-B was still on a taxiway on the southeast edge of the airport with its doors closed.

Security forces were keeping a low profile and steps had been moved nearby ready for use if necessary.

(In Islamabad the Secretary-General of the Pakistan Defence Ministry, General Rakhim Khan, said the hijackers had suddenly added 42 more names to the list of 92 which they submitted previously. (Pakistan was ready to negotiate on the prisoners to be released before the new list came in, General Khan said. "According to our information from Damascus the hijack commando repeated their demands shortly after they landed and said the country where the prisoners should be sent after their release had received a similar list.

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Hijack 2 (Damascus).

(Yesterday Pakistan said it would release 15 prisoners who were not accused of serious crimes, but ambassadors of Moslem countries who are mediating urged that the number should be doubled.

(The Islamabad authorities said that they would not be blackmailed into releasing those responsible for serious offences, but added that 16 of the prisoners named by the hijackers had not been identified and their cases would be considered as soon as the government had the necessary information.

General Khan said today he was not in a position to confirm reports that one of the hijackers was a son of executed former Pakistani premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

One of Mr Bhutto's sons, Murtazar, who lives in exile in Kabul, is alleged by Islamabad to be Secretary-General of the Al Zulfikar Organisation which has claimed responsibility for the hijack.

(Official Pakistani sources said that Mr Bhutto had been allowed to talk with the hijackers when the airliner was at Kabul.

General Khan added that Pakistan had "complete confidence in the ability of the Syrian government to deal with the situation" and was ready to provide any help Damascus requested, including "an armed intervention force."
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ALAMGIR ASKED TO SPEAK TO HEADS OF MISSIONS FROM IRAQ, LIBYA, SYRIA AND PLO. SYRIA NOT REPRESENTED IN KABUL. THEREFORE HE INVITED OTHER THREE REPRESENTATIVES TO APPROACH THE PLANE. IRAQI AMBASSADOR AND PLO REPRESENTATIVE THEN APPROACHED PLANE WHILE LIBYAN STAYED BACK FOR FEAR HIS BEING TAKEN HOSTAGE. ALAMGIR PROVIDED TEAM WITH LIST OF 42 POLITICAL PRISONERS IN PAKISTAN FROM THE ORIGINAL LIST OF 90 TO BE RELEASED UNCONDITIONALLY AS FIRST STEP IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. ALAMGIR ALSO SAID THAT THE THREE AMERICANS WERE CIA AGENTS AND HE HAD NOT DOCUMENTARY PROOF AND HE WOULD TREAT THEM AS HE WISHED. THE LIST WAS THEN PUBLICITY COMMUNICATED TO PAKISTANI NEGOTIATORS IN CONTROL TOWER. ALAMGIR'S REQUEST CONFIRMED BY ISLAMIC TEAM ON ITS RETURN TO CONTROL TOWER. TEAM STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF URGENT RESPONSE AS ALAMGIR THREATENED DRAGGER MEASURES. PAKISTANI NEGOTIATORS THEN CONSULTED THEIR GOVERNMENT AND REPLIED THAT DEFINITE RESPONSE COULD NOT BE GIVEN IMMEDIATELY SINCE RELEASE OF PRISONERS WITH CRIMINAL CHARGES WAS SUBJECT TO JURISDICTION OF COURTS BUT THOSE PRISONERS WITH ONLY POLITICAL CHARGES WOULD BE RELEASED, THIS QUESTION WOULD NECESSITATE STUDY OF EACH CASE WHICH WOULD TAKE TIME. ISLAMIC MEDIATORS FELT THIS MESSAGE COULD NOT BE SAFELY COMMUNICATED TO ALAMGIR AS HE WAS INSISTING ON UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE AND SUCH A PROPOSAL ALREADY DISCUSSED WITH ALAMGIR AND KNOWN TO BE UNACCEPTABLE. THEN AT 1600 HOURS ALAMGIR REQUESTED AIRCRAFT BE PREPARED FOR TAKE OFF AND TABLETS FOR HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE BE SENT ON BOARD. EYE OFFERED AFGHAN AUTHORITIES ASSISTANCE IN SUPPLYING MEDICINES IF LACKING BUT WAS INFORMED THEY HAD NECESSARY MEDICINES WHICH WERE PROVIDED PROMPTLY. LIBYAN REPRESENTATIVE APPEALED TO ALAMGIR TO REMAIN IN KABUL WHILE NEGOTIATIONS WERE PURSUED AND OFFERED HIMSELF AS A HOSTAGE UNTIL NEGOTIATIONS COMPLETE STOP ALAMGIR AGREED TO SEE THE LIBYAN REPRESENTATIVE AT THE AIRCRAFT BUT AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH NEGOTIATING TEAM AFGHAN AUTHORITIES DID NOT ALLOW LIBYAN TO BECOME A HOSTAGE OR EVEN TO APPROACH THE PLANE AS THEY RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS SAFETY. AT 1707 HOURS ALAMGIR AGAIN REQUESTED PREPARATION OF AIRCRAFT FOR TAKE OFF AND ASKED FOR ALL PASSAGERS TO BE UNLOADED. THESE PREPARATIONS WERE IN PROGRESS AS OF 1700 HOURS, ALTHOUGH SLOWLY IN ORDER PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR MORE CONTACTS. AT 1730 HOURS PAKISTANI REPRESENTATIVE ANNOUNCED PRIVATELY TO DIPLOMATS THAT HIS GOVERNMENT THANKED THE ISLAMIC NEGOTIATING TEAM BUT WOULD ENGAGE IN NO FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS AND THE MATTER NOT LAY FULLY IN THE HANDS OF THE AFGHAN AUTHORITIES AS THE PLANE WAS AFGHAN SOIL. IRAQI AMBASSADOR STRESSED HIS TEAMS READINESS TO OFFER THEIR SERVICES AGAIN AT ANY TIME IF PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT REQUESTS. AT 1735 HOURS LIBYAN REPRESENTATIVE SPOKE TO ALAMGIR AND STATED THAT FOR THE PRESENT THE MATTER LAY IN THE HANDS OF AFGHAN AND PAKISTAN GOVERNMENTS, AND IMPLIED THAT NEGOTIATING PROCESS WAS CONTINUING, AND STRESSED THAT THEY REMAINED AT DISPOSAL OF ALL PARTIES CONCERNED. PLO REPRESENTATIVE THEN SPOKE TO ALAMGIR IN SIMILAR VEN BEITING CONCERN FOR LIVES OF PEOPLE ON AIRCRAFT.

ALAMGIR REPEATED HIS INTENTION TO HAVE AIRCRAFT DEPART FOR AN UNSPECIFIED DESTINATION AFTER TWO OR THREE HOURS. AT THAT POINT PAKISTANI DELEGATION, ISLAMIC REPRESENTATIVES AND EYE LEFT THE AIRPORT (STAY UNDERGUARDED KABUL).

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DP -75 CONFIDENTIAL MORSE/JOSEPH/DOORMA INFO 29 TIMBRELL/ROHAN INFO 139 PRIESTLEY FURTHER MYD-135 TODAY & MARCH AT 12:00 HOURS CHRISTOPHER RONALD MENT THE TWO RELEASED AMERICAN WOMEN HOSTAGES NOW STAYING IN US EMBASSY. THEY EXPLAINED THAT THE HAD NOT REPEAT NOT BEEN REMAINING VOLUNTARILY AS EARLIER REPORTED IN MEDIA. THEY STATED THERE APPEAR TO BE THREE HIJACKERS. THEY DESCRIBED THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF PAKISTANI DIPLOMATS DEATH AS FOLLOW. HE WAS TOLD TO WALK DOWN THE AIRCRAFT TO THE FIRST-CLASS SECTION, AND WAS BEING KICKED AS HE WALKED. HE WAS SHOT AND DRAGGED BACK TO THE EXIT DOOR AT REAR OF AIRCRAFT AND PUSHED OUT. APPARENTLY HE HAD KEPT LOW PROFILE SINCE START OF HIJACKING AND WAS SELECTED BECAUSE OF HIS OFFICIAL POSITION AND CONNECTIONS. SEVERAL OTHER PAKISTANI OFFICIALS ON BOARD SAID TO BE NOW ALSO VERY FEARFUL FOR THEIR LIVES.

IN GENERAL, FOLLOWING THAT INCIDENT, SITUATION O PLANE REPORTED TO BE VERY TENSE. PREVIOUSLY ALAMGIR HAD BEEN ASSURING PASSENGERS IN URDU LANGUAGE THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE HARMED AND THEY GENERALLY SEEMED TO BELIEVE HIM. NOW HE THREATENED DEATH OF EVERYONE IF HIS DEMANDS WERE NOT MET. NEVERTHELESS THE AMERICAN WOMENS OVERALL IMPRESSION WAS THAT HE WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO RESORT TO SUCH DRAMATIC ACTION. CORPSE OF SLAIN PASSENGER AND THE TWO MALE PASSENGERS WHO WERE RELEASED ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY WERE FLOWN TO PAKISTAN YESTERDAY. NO FURTHER PASSENGERS SINCE RELEASED EXCEPT THE TWO AMERICAN WOMEN. JEFFREY BALKIND WAS REPORTED BY THE AMERICAN WOMEN TO BE CALM AND IN GOOD HEALTH. THEY BELIEVED THAT HIS AND OTHER PASSENGERS MORALE WOULD BE BOOSTED IF THEY WERE ASSURED THAT UNITED NATIONS, INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENTS AND WORLD AT LARGE WERE ALL AWARE OF SITUATION AND ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN SEARCH OF SOLUTION.

IRAQI AMBASSADOR WENT TO AIRPORT CONTROL TOWER AT 1400 HOURS TODAY TO RESUME CONTACTS WITH ALAMGIR, APPARENTLY WITH LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE TO CONVEY FROM PAKISTAN SIDE. WITH APPROVAL OF AFGHAN FOREIGN MINISTRY EYE ALSO PROCEEDED TO AIRPORT AT SAME TIME. AT APPROXIMATELY 1500 HOURS EYE CONVEYED TO ALAMGIR THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE QUOTE EYE HAVE RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM KURT WALDHHEIM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS. HE HAS TOLD ME THAT HE IS IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH BOTH AFGHAN AND PAKISTANI GOVERNMENTS AND HAS EXPRESSED HIS DEEP CONCERN ABOUT THE SERIOUS THREAT TO INNOCENT LIVES POSED BY THE SITUATION. MR. WALDHHEIM APPEALS TO YOU TO REFRAIN FROM TAKING ANY MEASURES WHICH WOULD ENDANGER THESE INNOCENT LIVES. HE NOTES THAT THE EFFORTS OF ALL THE PARTIES WILL ENSURE THAT THE HUMANITARIAN ASPECTS OF THE SITUATION ARE GIVEN THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE, AND WILL EVENTUALLY PRODUCE A PEACEFUL AND BLOODLESS SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. IN THIS HUMANITARIAN SPIRIT HE APPEALS TO YOU, ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE ENTIRE WORLD WHO ARE FOLLOWING THE SITUATION WITH THE DEEPEST CONCERN, TO HAVE PATIENCE AND DO NOTHING WHICH AT ANY TIME AND UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE MIGHT PUT HUMAN LIFE IN DANGER. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS ALSO ASSURED ME THAT HE IS CONTINUING TO FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS SITUATION WITH THE CLOSEST ATTENTION UNQUOTE (B:NEW UNDEVPROM KABUL) COL CKH
FUTURE MY DP-134 ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM IRAQI AMBASSADOR IN PERSONAL CONVERSATION AT 17.30 HOURS TODAY 7 MARCH HEADS OF ISLAMIC MISSIONS IN KABUL SENT TO AIRPORT CONTROL TOWER THIS AFTERNOON AND SPOKE WITH ALAMGIR WHO AGREED THAT TWO OF THEM (IRAQI AMBASSADOR AND PLO REPRESENTATIVE) COULD APPROACH AIRCRAFT AND TALK WITH HIJACKERS. THIS THEY DID AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE AIRCRAFT, THEN THEY RETURNED TO CONTROL TOWER AND AT THEIR REQUEST ALAMGIR PUBLICLY CONFIRMED THE AGREEMENT REACHED INCLUDING A FURTHER 24-HOUR EXTENSION OF DEADLINE AND ISLAMIC REPRESENTATIVES TO ACT AS A NEGOTIATING TEAM SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT OF PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT. IRAQI AMBASSADOR MADE REQUEST ACCORDINGLY THROUGH PAKISTAN CDA AND REPLY AWAITED. IRAQI AMBASSADOR CONFIRMED THAT ALAMGIR HAD AGREED TO RELEASE ALL FIVE REMAINING WOMEN ON THE PLANE. THE TWO AMERICAN WOMEN LEFT THE PLANE AT ABOUT 1815 HOURS IMMEDIATELY AFTER ANAKITA RATESZADS APPEAL AND ARE NOW AT HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL. REMAINING THREE WOMEN INCLUDING TWO STEWARDESSES AND ONE OTHER PAKISTANI PREFERRED TO STAY ON BOARD. IRAQI AMBASSADOR ALSO EXPRESSED SOME HOPE THAT NEGOTIATIONS MAY PRODUCE POSITIVE RESULTS (BONEV UNDEVPRO KABUL)

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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, EYE EXPRESSED DEEPEST CONCERN ABOUT APPROACHING DEADLINE AND DANGER TO A LARGE NUMBER OF INNOCENT LIVES, DOST EXPRESSED HIS GOVERNMENTS DEEPEST ANXIETY TO FIND PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE CRISIS. HE STATED GOVT OF PAKISTAN WAS NOT DOING ANYTHING TO EASE THE MATTER. THE NEGOTIATING TEAM HAS HAD MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO SPEAK TO HIJACKERS BUT THEY SEEMED TO BE AVOIDING THEM BECAUSE OF THEIR GOVTS UNCLEAR ATTITUDE AND ABSENCE OF ANY NEGOTIATING POSITION. HE ASSURED THAT GOVT OF AFGHANISTAN WERE SERIOUSLY TRYING EVERY POSSIBLE TO RESOLVE THE CRISIS, THE PRESIDENT OBTAINED AN EXTENSION OF DEADLINE YESTERDAY ONE OF THEIR MINISTERS DR. ANAMITA RATEBTAO SPOKE TO HIJACKERS THIS MORNING ON BEHALF OF WOMEN OF AFGHANISTAN AND PERSUADED THEM TO RELEASE REMAINING WOMEN PASSENGERS TO WHICH HIJACKERS HAVE AGREED SHAH MORD DOCT AT 1600 HRS 7 MARCH TO WHOM EYE HANDED OVER MESSAGE OF UNACCEPTABLE FOR THEM. DOST SEEMED TO FEEL THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS AT THE DEED OF THE ROAD AND COULD HARDLY DO ANYTHING MORE EXCEPT TO GO ON TRYING WITH THE HIJACKERS TO REMAIN NON-VIOLENT BUT ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN AS PAKISTANI ATTITUDE HAD NOT BEEN HELPFUL AND SINCE HIJACKERS ARE SETTING PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY EXHAUSTED AND COULD ACT IRRATIONALLY. ANY RESCUE ATTEMPT HE FELT COULD ONLY BE DISASTROUS. HIJACKERS ARE NOT ALLOWING ANY ONE TO APPROACH THE AIRCRAFT EXCEPT PERSONNEL WITH FOOD SUPPLIES. ALL CONTACTS ARE FROM THE CONTROL TOWER BY RADIO, EYE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT GOVTS EFFORTS TO RESOLVE CRISIS PEACEFULLY WILL SUCEED (BONEH UNDEVPRO KABUL) COL 136 27 131 1400 7

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DP-131 CONFIDENTIAL MORSE INFO-26 TIMBRELL/JOSEPH/BOORSMA
INFO-123 PRIESTLEY FURTHER HYDP-127. MON 6 MARCH AT 1800 HOURS
AS MENTIONED IN MY TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH IKING A MESSAGE
FROM BABRAK KARMAH WAS READ TO ALAMGIR REQUESTING HIM TO AVOID
ANY MORE VIOLENT ACTIONS AND TO AGREE TO EXTENDING THE DEADLINE
UNTIL 1500 HOURS SATURDAY 7 MARCH. ALAMGIR ACCEPTED. THIS
MORNING AT 0900 HOURS EYE SPOK WITH OFFICIAL OF AFGHAN MINISTRY
FOREIGN AFFAIRS WHO STATED HIS GOVERNMENT CONSIDERED SITUATION
EXTREMELY DANGEROUS AND WHO WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT ANY FURTHER
EXTENSION OF DEADLINE SINCE HIGHEST AUTHORITY ALREADY INVOKED
TO OBTAIN ABOVE EXTENSION. AT 09.45 HOURS PAKISTAN CDA CALLED
ON ME AND APPEALED THAT GOOD OFFICES OF UN BE USED TO SAVE LIVES.
PAKISTAN CDA EXPRESSED GRIEF AT MURDER PAKISTANI DIPLOMAT AND
EXPRESSED INABILITY PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT TO IDENTIFY NEARLY 100
PRISONERS WHOSE RELEASE BEING DEMANDED BY HIJACKERS WITHIN
STIPULATED DEADLINE. HE HELD AFGHAN GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR
SAFETY OF HOSTAGES AND FELT GOVERNMENT SHOULD MAKE RESCUE ATTEMPT
TO SAVE AS MANY AS POSSIBLE. EYE ASSURED HIM THAT UN WOULD
CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ASSIST AND EXPRESSED HOPE
THAT BOTH GOVERNMENT CONCERNED WOULD SHOW THE NECESSARY GOODWILL
TO PERMIT A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION WITHOUT FURTHER LOSS OF LIFE.
SECRETARY-GENERALS MESSAGE CONVEYED TO ME BY AMNED CHEF DE
MINISTER BEING DISTRIBUTED TO FOREIGN MISSIONS AND LOCAL NEWS
MEDIA. WILL CABLE OR TELEPHONE ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS (BONEV UNDEVPO
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126 CONFIDENTIAL PRIESTLEY DP-133 INFO DOORSNA NAME OF NIGERIAN CITIZEN IS MOHAMMED ZENMARUBBIN WHO STATED HE WAS ENROUTE PESHAWAR TO ATTEND CONFERENCE ON ISLAMIC ART. NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON HIS POSITION IN NIGERIA.
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ME43 CONFIDENTIAL NOYEV INFO DP 396 DOORSNA YOUR MESSAGE CONVEYED NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR. HOWEVER NAME NIGERIAN CITIZEN

GARIBLED. PLEASE REPEAT ALSO INDICATING IF POSSIBLE HIS POSITION IN NIGERIA AND PROPOSE VISIT PAKISTAN. (PRIESTLEY)
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DP09 CONFIDENTIAL BOOKS3A FURTHER BY DP294 FOLLOWING OFFICIAL STATEMENT ISSUED THIS MORNING BY GOP QUOTE ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM OUR EMBASSY IN KABUL MR TARIQ RAKHAN ONE OF THE PASSENGERS ON THE HIJACKED PIA AIRCRAFT HAS BEEN KILLED BY THE HIJACKERS. THIS COLD BLOODED MURDER HAS BEEN ALLOWED TO TAKE PLACE BY THE KABUL AUTHORITIES IN TOTAL DISREGARD OF THEIR INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS AND THE NORMS OF CIVILISED CONDUCT.

IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT AFTER THE RELEASE OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN YESTERDAY THE PAKISTAN NEGOTIATING TEAM IN KABUL HAS CONTINUED ITS EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH FACT-TO-FACT CONTACT WITH THE HIJACKERS BUT HAS BEEN DENIED THIS FACILITY BY THE KABUL AUTHORITIES. THE ONLY TWO CONTACTS DURING THE LAST 24 HOURS WITH THE HIJACKERS HAVE BEEN THROUGH THE WIRELESS OF THE KABUL AIRPORT CONTROL TOWER. NOT ONLY HAS OUR NEGOTIATING TEAM NOT BEEN PROVIDED ANY ASSISTANCE BUT ITS WORK HAS ACTUALLY BEEN IMPENDED IN A PLANNED AND SYSTEMATIC MANNER. THE SPECIAL PIA AIRCRAFT WHICH WENT TO PICK UP THE RELEASED WOMEN AND CHILDREN WAS FIRST TURNED BACK AND ALLOWED TO LAND IN KABUL ONLY AFTER THE RELEASED PASSENGERS HAD BEEN DETAINED THERE FOR ANOTHER DAY. THEY WERE NOT ALLOWED ANY CONTACT WITH THE PAKISTAN EMBASSY. SINCE THE VERY BEGINNING OF THIS TRAGEDY THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN HAS SPARED NO EFFORT TO SECURE THE
RELEASE AND SAFE RETURN OF THE PASSENGERS AND CREW OF THE
HIJACKED PIA AIRCRAFT. APART FROM MAKING URGENT DEMARCHES
TO AFGHAN AUTHORITIES BOTH IN KABUL AND ISLAMABAD A MASSIVE
DIPLOMATIC EFFORT WAS LAUNCHED WITH GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAVE
REPRESENTATION IN KABUL. AN APPEAL WAS MADE TO THE INTERNATIONAL
CIVIL AVIATION ORGANISATION WHICH HAS ASKED THE KABUL AUTHOR-
ITIES TO ENSURE THE RELEASE AND SAFETY OF THE PASSENGERS AND
THE CREW. THE PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT HAS REMAINED IN TOUCH WITH
FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS ON THIS MATTER ON A CONTINUOUS BASIS.
THese INCLUDE THE NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES, THE GREAT POWERS AND
OTHERS WHO HAVE INFLUENCE IN KABUL. EVEN THOUGH OUR NEGOTIATING
TEAM WAS DENIED FACE-TO-FACE CONTACT WITH THE HIJACKERS ALL
EFFORTS WERE MADE AND CONTINUE TO BE MADE TO FIND OUT THE
EXACT NATURE OF THE HIJACKERS DEMANDS. THESE DEMANDS HAVE
BEEN DELIBERATELY KEPT VAGUE. IN ORDER TO SECURE THE RELEASE
OF PASSENGERS AND CREW THE FIRST DEMAND OF THE HIJACKERS THAT
THEIR CLAIM OF NOT BEING MEMBERS OF THE DEFUNCT PPP BE
BROADCAST WAS CONCEDED DESPITE EVIDENCE AVAILABLE WITH THE
GOVERNMENT TO THE CONTRARY. THEIR SECOND DEMAND WAS THAT
PAKISTAN RADIO SHOULD NOT BROADCAST ANYTHING WHICH WOULD HARM
THEIR IMAGE. IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF PASSENGERS AND
CREW EVEN THIS WAS AGREEED PROVIDED THE HIJACKERS FOR THEIR
PART AGREED TO RELEASE THE HOSTAGES YET ANOTHER DEMAND PUT
FORWARD BY THEM CONCERNED THE RELEASE OF UNSPECIFIED PERSONS
(PROBABLY 5) TAKEN INTO CUSTODY FOLLOWING THE KILLING OF A
STUDENT IN KARACHI UNIVERSITY ON FEBRUARY 26, 1981 THE
GOVERNMENT WANTED THE HIJACKERS TO IDENTIFY THE PERSONS WHOSE
RELEASE WAS SPECIFICALLY DEMANDED BY THEM. THEIR FOURTH DEMAND
PERTAINED TO THE RELEASE OF 92 PERSONS REPORTED TO BE IN CUSTODY
FOR CRIMINAL AND OBSESSIVE ACTIVITIES. THIS FIGURE HAS BEEN
FLUCTUATING BETWEEN 69 AND 93. THE LIST INCLUDES A NUMBER OF
NAMES WHICH COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED UNLESS THEIR ADDRESSES
OR BORNICILE WERE ALSO GIVEN. WHILE CLARIFICATIONS WERE BEING
Sought from the hijackers it was made clear to them that the government was prepared to look into the cases where the charges were not of a serious criminal nature. During the course of wireless contacts the leader of the hijackers has gleefully claimed that his group was responsible for the bomb explosion in Karachi stadium during the Pope’s visit to Pakistan on February 16, 1981. He has also claimed responsibility for the explosion in a high court building on January 3, 1981. He has publicly claimed that Murtaza Bhutto is the Secretary General of his terrorist group. All this has been duly recorded. It has also been confirmed that the leader of hijackers had a meeting at the Kabul airport immediately after the arrival of the hijacked plane with Murtaza Bhutto. The government of Pakistan has made it clear to the Kabul authorities that it holds them responsible for the safety and release of the persons on board the aircraft and for the aircraft itself. The Kabul authorities have regretfully shown no inclination to discharge this responsibility. Indeed there is ample evidence that they have colluded with hijackers. They are pressing the government of Pakistan constantly to surrender to the blackmail of the hijackers. This open encouragement of an international crime is unprecedented. Under the circumstances the Pakistan government holds the Kabul authorities wholly responsible for the developments so far including the death of Mr Tareq Rahim. A Pakistan government official and demands that they fulfil their elementary international responsibilities for the protection of the persons aboard the aircraft both Pakistanis and nationals of other countries. It also appeals to all states and organisations which are opposed to terrorism to exert utmost pressure on Kabul to secure the release of the passengers crew and aircraft. The government of Pakistan offers to send a rescue mission to Kabul was conveyed two days ago to the Kabul authorities. There has been no response from them nor have they taken any steps themselves even though they have free access to the aircraft and have been providing full news media facilities for publicity and propaganda to the hijackers. The Pakistan government is approaching the U.N. and the International Red Cross for assistance unquote. (PAULSTLEY) COL 375 274

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DF254 CONFIDENTIAL KUWAIT LATEST SITUATION THIS END WE HIJACKED PLANE GOVERNMENT LAST NIGHT SUMMONED REPRESENTATIVES OF SEVERAL COUNTRIES BRIEFING THEM ON DEVELOPMENT FOLLOWING AND KILLING OF ONE PASSENGER BY HIJACKERS PRESS REPORTS INDICATE GOVERNMENT INTENDS SOLICIT WASHINGTON'S INTERVENTION WHICH PRESUMABLY BEING MADE THROUGH PAKISTAN'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE. FURTHERMORE UNDERSTAND HIJACKERS EXPRESSED DESIRE DIRECT CONTACT WITH PAKISTANI NEGOTIATION TEAM WHICH SO FAR PREVENTED BY AFGHAN

AUTHORITIES. GOVERNMENT STILL CLAIMS THAT HIJACKERS DEMANDS NOT CLEAR. (PRIESTLEY)

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EYE MENTIONED THAT CHRISTOPHER ROYAL SPOKE WITH JEFFREY

BALKIND AND OTHER FOREIGNERS INCLUDING A NIGERIAN CITIZEN

DON. WAHABADINA. THE LATTER REQUESTED HIS EMBASSY IN ISLAMABAD

BE INFORMED OF HIS ANXIETY AND WISH FOR THEIR INTERVENTION IN

WHATEVER WAY POSSIBLE. GRATEFUL YOU PASS ON THIS MESSAGE.

THANKS AND REGARDS (BONEV UNDEVPRO KABUL)

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APPROXIMATELY TEN FOREIGN DIPLOMATS INCLUDING SOME PRESS SATTACHES, ONE OFFICIAL FROM US EMBASSY AND TALEPONIHEL RONALD NDP ASSISTANT RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE WERE CALLED TODAY 5 MARCH AT 15:00 HOURS TO FOREIGN MINISTRY AND AT 13:40 HOURS PROCEEDED TO AIRPORT BEING INFORMED THAT HIJACKERS HAD SET A DEADLINE OF 14:00 HOURS FOR PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT TO COMPLY WITH HIJACKERS DEMANDS. THEY WERE ALL TAKEN TO AIRPORT CONTROL TOWER WHERE RONALD WAS ASKED TO SPEAK TO JEFFREY BALKIND, A NIGERIAN AND TWO AMERICANS ALSO AMONG THE HOSTAGES. THE STATED THEY WERE IN GOOD HEALTH, THE HIJACKERS WERE TREATING THEM WELL AND THERE WERE 110 HOSTAGES ON BOARD INCLUDING 5 MARMEN, TWO OF WHOM ARE AMERICAN. ONE HOSTAGE WAS RELEASED 5 MARCH AND ANOTHER THIS MORNING BOTH SUFFERING MENTALLY. THE HIJACKERS WERE ARMED WITH TIME-BOMBS GRENADES AND PISTOLS. THEY ADDED THAT THE ATMOSPHERE WAS NEVERTHELESS TENSE AND EXPRESSED FEELING THAT PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT WAS NOT DOING ANYTHING ABOUT THEM AND THEY FEARED FOR THEIR LIVES. THEY STRESSED THAT AFGHAN AUTHORITIES APPEARED TO HAVE DONE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO HELP. AFTERWARDS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT SPOKE TO ALAMGIR LEADER OF HIJACKERS AND EXPLAINED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD ACCEPTED SOME DEMANDS BUT IT WOULD AKE MORE TIME TO IDENTIFY ALL OF INDIVIDUALS (NUMBERING ABOUT 90) WHOSE RELEASE HAD BEEN REQUESTED. NEXT AFGHAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND RONALD SPOKE WITH ALAMGIR TO ASK FOR MORE TIME WHILE PAKISTAN REPRESENTATIVES CONTACTED THEIR GOVERNMENT. ALAMGIR DIZIT AGREE, SHORTLY AFTERWARDS ALAMGIR ANNOUNCED ONE PASSENGER (A PAKISTANI DIPLOMAT AND CH OF A GENERAL) HAD BEEN SHOT ATTEMPTING TO ATTACK ONE OF THE HIJACKERS. HE WAS TAKEN BY AFGHAN AUTHORITIES TO HOSPITAL WHERE WE UNDERSTAND HIS CONDITION SERIOUS. AS OF 16:45 HOURS NO FURTHER CONTACT BETWEEN ALAMGIR AND CONTROL TOWER. MEANWHILE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT URGENTLY REQUEST US AND UN AUTHORITIES TO INTERVENE WITH PAK-GOVERNMENT TO SPEED UP RESPONSE TO HIJACKERS DEMANDS. GRAVELY YOUR URGENT RESPONSE TO FOLLOW-UP ACTION TAKEN SO WE MAY INFORM AFGHAN GOVERNMENT ACCORDINGLY (KNOWN UNDEPPO KABUL)

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DP-127 CONFIDENTIAL HORSE INFO 25 TIMBRELL/JOSEPH/GOERMAN
INFO 100 PRIESTLEY FURTHER MY TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH NORSTRAA.

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DP-126 CONFIDENTIAL BOORSHA INFO -121 PREISTLEY FURTHER MY
DP-125 HIJACKED PLANE SITUATION 0900 HOURS 6 MARCH. ONE FURTHER
PASSENGER RELEASED YESTERDAY WAS PAKISTANI NATION NAMED ASHRAF STOP
RELEASED PASSENGERS 4 MARCH RETURNED TO PAKISTAN BY PIA AIRCRAFT
SENT TO FETCH THEM. SITUATION OTHERWISE REMAINS AS INDICATED MY
DP-125, WILL CABLE ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENT (SOMEV UNDEVPRO KABUL)
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Thursday morning at approximately 11.00 hours I received a telephone call from Mr. Paijmans, Vice President of the World Bank reporting that the following message had been received in the control tower of Karachi Airport at 10.30 a.m. local time (00.30 a.m. EST):

"I, Jeffrey Balkind on board PIA 326 hijacked by a group of people named Al-Sigar. Please advise UNO, World Bank, Delhi office to inform Mr. McNamara that I am unharmed but seriously concerned that Pakistani Government is not responding to reasonable demands of Al-Sigar. Hijacking group asks Mr. McNamara to contact General Zia to urge him not to attempt forceful intervention free 111 passengers. Group already released women and children. Al-Sigar concerned that a new plane might bring Pakistani army to Kabul. Do not be foolish and jeopardize lives of remaining passengers and crew. List of demands follows. Please contact UN, World Bank, Islamabad. This is not an idle threat. The group is well-organized and trained freedom fighters."

The World Bank obviously was very concerned but does not want to intervene. They felt that a direct message should go out from the highest level of the UN to the Afghan Government urging extreme caution.

At their request I contacted Mr. Timbrell and informed him of the situation and transmitted the World Bank's request. He mentioned that he would take it up with Mr. Ahmed, Chef de Cabinet and would let me know.

Sjoerd Boorsma
Chief a.i.
Emergency Co-ordination Unit

At 4.45 p.m. I received a telephone call from Mr. Timbrell that Mr. Ahmed had contacted the Pakistan Mission and that he himself had contacted the Afghanistan Mission informing them of the above message and expressing the Secretary-General's concern for the people on the plane and for the World Bank staff member in particular.
AMP NEWS SUMMARY I -- MARCH 9 (SINCE 0300 GMT).

- DAMASCUS: PAKISTANI NEGOTIATORS WAITED TENSELY AS THREE ARMED HIJACKERS HELD 104 PEOPLE ABOARD A PAKISTANI JETLINER ON A SWEETINGAIRSTRIP IN THE WORLD'S LONGEST-EVER AIR PIRACY. THE HIJACKERS REPORTEDLY ADDED 42 NAMES TO THE ORIGINAL LIST OF 92 PAKISTANI POLITICAL PRISONERS THEY ARE DEMANDING BE RELEASED. LITTLE PROGRESS WAS REPORTED IN NEGOTIATIONS TO FREE THE HOSTAGES, HELD SINCE MARCH 2 IN KABUL BEFORE BEING FLOWN TO DAMASCUS EARLY TODAY. SYRIAN SOURCES SAID THAT ONE OF THE HIJACKERS WAS RAHI SHUITO, SON OF FORMER PAKISTANI PREMIER ALI ZULFIKAR SHUITO, EXECUTED TWO YEARS AGO. (APP)

- ISLAMABAD: PAKISTANI PRESIDENT MUHAMMED ZIA UL HAQ, FACING HEAVY OPPOSITION CRITICISM OF HIS FOUR-YEAR-OLD MILITARY REGIME, TODAY RESHUFFLED AND EXPANDED HIS CABINET, BRINGING IN TECHNOCRATS AND FORMER POLITICIANS. ONLY NINE FORMER MINISTERS REMAINED IN THE CABINET. (APP)

- JERUSALEM: ISRAEL TODAY OFFICIALL CONDEMNED THE U.S. SALE OF FIGHTER PLANES, EQUIPPED WITH MlSSILES AND EXTRA FUEL TANKS, TO SAUDI ARABIA AS "A CONCRETE DANGER FOR ISRAELI SECURITY." FOLLOWING A SPECIAL CABINET MEETING, THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT SAID THE SALE ALSO THREATENED PEACE IN THE MID-EAST. (APP)

MORE TO COME

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LEAD PAKISTANI 1.

ISLAMABAD, MARCH 9 (AFP) - PAKISTANI PRESIDENT MUHAMMED ZIA UL HAQ NAMED 14 NEW MINISTERS TODAY AS HE EXPANDED AND RESHUFFLED HIS CABINET.

EIGHT MINISTERS AND A MINISTER OF STATE RETAINED THEIR POSTS IN THE NEW 23-MEMBER CABINET.

PRESIDENT ZIA, FACING HEAVY OPPOSITION CRITICISM OF HIS FOUR-YEAR-OLD MILITARY RULE, REPLACED SOME MILITARY MINISTERS WITH TECHNOCRATS, CIVIL SERVANTS AND FORMER POLITICIANS.

THE EIGHT MINISTERS RETAINED BY GENERAL ZIA WERE AGHA SHAHII (FOREIGN AFFAIRS), ALI AHMED TALPUR (DEFENSE), GHULAM ISHAQ KHAN (FINANCE), AIR MARSHAL INAMUL HAQ KHAN (PUBLIC WORKS), MEHMOOD HACOON (INTERIOR), MOHAMMED ALI HOTTI (EDUCATION), REAR ADMIRAL FAZIL JANJUA (FOOD) AND MOHIFIUDIN BALUCH (COMMUNICATIONS).

THE RESHUFFLE FOLLOWED EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE POLITICAL PARTIES PRESIDENT ZIA BANNED ON OCTOBER 10 AFTER INDEFINITELY POSTPONING ELECTIONS.

THE DEMAND FOR PARLIAMENTARY POLLS REVIVED WHEN NINE PARTIES JOINED TO LAUNCH THE MOVEMENT FOR RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY (ARD).

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LEAD PAKISTANI 2 (ISLAMABAD).

THE NEW MINISTERS SWORN IN BY PRESIDENT ZIA TODAY WERE:

CULTURE, SPORTS AND TOURISM : ARBAB NIAZ MOHAMMAD
INDUSTRY : ELAHI BUQ SOOMRO
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT : FAKHAR IMAM
LABOUR, MANPOWER AND OVERSEAS PAKISTANIS : SHULAM DASTGIR KHAN
KASHMIR AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS : MAJOR GENERAL (R&D) JAMALDAR MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO : MOHAMMED ABBAS KHAN ABBASI
HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE : DR. WASIR UD DIN JOGEZAI
WATER AND POWER : RAJA SKINDAR ZAMAN
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL RESOURCES : MAJOR GENERAL (R&D) RAO FARMAN ALI KHAN
PRODUCTION DIVISION AND NATIONAL LOGISTIC BOARD : LT GENERAL SAEED QADIR
ATTORNEY GENERAL, LAW AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS : S. SHARIFUDDIN PIR ZADA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING : RAJA ZAFARUL HAO

IN ADDITION, GENERAL ZIA NAMED THREE MINISTERS OF STATE : BEGUM AFIFA MANDOT AND MAHMOD ALI (SOCIAL WELFARE) AND MIR ZAFULLAH KHAN JANALI (AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATIVES).

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LEAD PAKISTANI 5 LAST (ISLAMABAD).

AFTER THE OATH-TAKING, GENERAL ZIA SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOW WORK ON CREATING THE CONDITIONS FOR THE RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY IN THE COUNTRY.

HE SAID THAT THREE OTHER OBJECTIVES OF THE NEW CABINET WOULD BE TO SPEED UP THE PROCESS OF ISLAMIZATION, CONTINUE THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND REMOVE THE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES OF THE PEOPLE.

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(NO PICKUP)

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AFP 091503
BUTTTO - TRANSFERRED.

ISLAMABAD, MARCH 9 (AFP) - BEGUM NUSRAT BHUTTO, THE WIDOW OF EXECUTED FORMER PAKISTANI PRIME MINISTER ZULFIKAR ALI BHUTTO, WAS TRANSFERRED TODAY FROM PRISON TO HER FAMILY PROPERTY IN LARKHANA, WHERE SHE WAS PLACED UNDER HOUSE ARREST, INFORMED PAKISTANI SOURCES IN KARACHI REPORTED.

THERE WAS NO NEW INFORMATION ON THE SITUATION OF BENAZIR BHUTTO, THE 28-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER OF THE FORMER PRIME MINISTER.

BOTH MRS. BHUTTO, WHO HEADS THE BANNED PAKISTAN PEOPLES PARTY, AND BENAZIR WERE ARRESTED AND JAILED YESTERDAY.

ME/PM

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ADVISORY

PARIS, MARCH 9 (AFP) - ATTENTION EDITORS: WE WILL BE MOVING WITHIN 30 MINUTES A NEW LEAD ON THE PAKISTANI AIRLINER HIJACKING. NEW INFORMATION INDICATES THAT THE HIJACKERS HAVE SCALDED DOWN THEIR DEMANDS TO THE RELEASE OF 43 PRISONERS, INSTEAD OF ADDING 42 TO THE ORIGINAL LIST OF 92.

AFP

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ROUNDUP HIJACK 3 LAST (ISLAMABAD).

IN CONTRAST TO AFGHANISTAN, PAKISTANI AUTHORITIES SAID, THE SYRIANS WERE ACTING "VERY POSITIVELY" IN THE CRISIS AND KEEPING THEM INFORMED. PAKISTANI PRESIDENT MOHAMMED ZIA UL-HAQ SAID HE SENT A MESSAGE TO HIS SYRIAN COUNTERPART, HAFEZ ASSAD, ASKING HIS HELP TO FREE THE HOSTAGES.

WITH THE HIJACKING IN ITS SEVENTH DAY, LITTLE WAS STILL KNOWN ABOUT THE GUNMEN HOLDING THE PLANE OR THEIR AFFILIATION.

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MR. BHUTTO'S SON MURTAZAR, WHO LIVES IN EXILE IN KABUL, IS ALLEGED BY ISLAMABAD TO BE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE AL ZULFIKAR ORGANIZATION. PAKISTANI OFFICIALS SAID HE HAD BEEN ALLOWED TO TALK TO THE HIJACKERS IN KABUL.

THERE WAS INITIAL SPECULATION THAT THE HIJACKERS WERE AFFILIATED WITH MR. BHUTTO'S PAKISTAN PEOPLES PARTY, NOW BANNED BY THE ZIA REGIME. BUT BOTH THE PARTY AND THE HIJACKERS DENIED THIS.

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AFP 091950
HIJACK 1 (NEW SERIES) (SCHD).

DAHASCUS, MARCH 9 (AFP) - THREE GUNNEN HOLDING 104 PEOPLE ABOARD A PAKISTANI AIRLINER ON A SWELTERING, DUSTY AIRSTRIP HERE TODAY SHARPLY SCALLED DOWN THEIR PRICE FOR AN END TO THE LONGEST AIRPLANE HIJACKING DRAMA EVER.

AFTER A DAY OF CONFUSING REPORTS, OFFICIALS IN ISLAMABAD CONFIRMED THAT THE HIJACKERS WERE NOW DEMANDING THE RELEASE OF 43 POLITICAL PRISONERS IN PAKISTAN OUT OF THE 92 THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY SOUGHT. INITIAL REPORTS HAD SAID THE GUNNEN WERE ADDING 42 NEW NAMES TO THE LIST OF 92.

THE NEW DEMAND, REPORTED BY PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN GENERAL MUJIBAR REHMAN, CAME AFTER THE HIJACKED PAKISTANI INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES JET WAS FLOWN OUT OF KABUL EARLY TODAY FOLLOWING A BREAKDOWN IN TALKS.

IT PRODUCED THE FIRST HOPE FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF THE ORDEAL, WHICH BEGAN MARCH 2, AND HAS ALREADY RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF ONE PASSENGER GUNNED DOWN BY THE HIJACKERS SATURDAY.

PAKISTAN SAID YESTERDAY IT WAS WILLING TO FREE 15 PRISONERS AND SAID IT WOULD CONSIDER THE CASES OF 16 OTHERS ONCE THE HIJACKERS GAVE MORE PRECISION AS TO THEIR IDENTITIES. BUT ISLAMABAD HAS INSISTED IT WOULD NOT RELEASE ANYONE ACCUSED OF "SERIOUS CRIMES."

THE STANDOFF TODAY SURPASSED IN LENGTH THE 1976 PALESTINIAN TERRORIST HIJACKING OF AN AIR FRANCE AIRBUS THAT ENDED 152 HOURS LATER WITH A BLOODY ISRAELI COMMANDO RAID ON UGANDA'S ENTEBBE AIRPORT.

MORE/PM

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HIJACK - LENGTH.

PARIS, MARCH 9 (AFP) - THE HIJACKING OF THE PAKISTANI INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES BOEING 720-B JET WITH MORE THAN 100 PEOPLE ON BOARD BECAME TODAY THE LONGEST SUCH AIRPLANE DRAMA EVER.

IT SURPASSED IN LENGTH THE 1976 HIJACKING OF AN AIR FRANCE AIRBUS ON A TEL AVIV-PARIS FLIGHT WITH 258 PEOPLE ON BOARD THAT ENDED 152 HOURS LATER AT UGANDA'S ENTEBBE AIRPORT WITH A DARING RAID BY ISRAELI COMMANDOS.

THREE OF THE 365 HOSTAGES WERE KILLED IN THE FIGHTING, AS WELL AS SEVEN TERRORISTS, AN ISRAELI COMMANDO AND 20 UGANDAN SOLDIERS. BUT 105 OF THE HOSTAGES WERE RESCUED. THE HIJACKERS HAD EARLIER RELEASED 148 CAPTIVES.

THE PIA JETLINER, HIJACKED WITH 146 PEOPLE ABOARD ON A FLIGHT FROM KARACHI TO PESHAWAR, PAKISTAN, ON FEBRUARY 2, BECAME THE LONGEST PLANE HIJACKING ORDEAL AT 1200 GMT TODAY.

THE PLANE FIRST WENT TO KABUL AIRPORT IN AFGHANISTAN AND LAST NIGHT WAS FLOWN TO DAMASCUS WITH 107 PEOPLE ABOARD AFTER THE HIJACKERS KILLED A HOSTAGE, AND RELEASED WOMEN, CHILDREN AND SICK MALE PASSENGERS.

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AFP 091605
HIJACK 2 (DAMASCUS).

THE PIA BOEING 720-B JET WAS PARKED ON A REMOTE RUNWAY AT DAMASCUS AIRPORT ON THE FRINGES OF THE SYRIAN DESERT. AIRPORT SOURCES SAID THE STRAIN, COUPLED WITH HEAT UNUSUALLY INTENSE FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR, WAS TAKING ITS TOLL ON THE HOSTAGES.

PAKISTANI DIPLOMATS AND SYRIAN OFFICERS TALKED TO THE HIJACKERS BY RADIO, BUT SOURCES IN ISLAMABAD SAID THAT IF PROGRESS IS MADE, IT IS THE SYRIANS WHO WILL HAVE TO NAIL DOWN THE FINAL DETAILS OF AN AGREEMENT. ISLAMABAD HAS NOT SENT ANY NEGOTIATORS TO DAMASCUS. "WE ARE IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH THE SYRIAN AUTHORITIES AND WE ARE SURE THAT THEY WILL KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH THE SITUATION," A PAKISTANI OFFICIAL SAID.

SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEEZ AL ASSAD SPOKE BY TELEPHONE WITH PAKISTAN CANADA TORONTO 9 MARS-(APPEHALL POSSIBLE EFFORTS' WOULD BE MADE TO SAVE THE THE TENSE WAITING TODAY WAS BROKEN BY A BRIEF FLURRY OF ACTIVITY AS A REAR DOOR OF THE JET OPENED, SECURITY WAS BOOSTED AND A MINI-BUS THAT HAD BEEN CLOSE TO THE PLANE RETURNED TO THE AIRPORT TERMINAL WITH SEVERAL PEOPLE. THERE WAS NO WORD WHAT THE MOVEMENTS MEANT.

MORE/PM

AFP 091945

HIJACK 3 (DAMASCUS).

THE HIJACKERS, MEMBERS OF AN UNKNOWN TERRORIST GROUP CALLED AL ZULFIKAR WHO HAVE THREATENED TO BLOW UP THE PLANE, SAY THEY ARE CARRYING TWO TIME BOMBS, GRENADES, REVOLVERS, SUBMACHINE GUNS AND A PRODIGIOUS STOCK OF AMMUNITIONS.

THEY SET THREE DEADLINES FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR DEMANDS AND KILLED ONE HOSTAGE IN KABUL, BUT HAVE MADE NO SUCH MOVES SINCE ARRIVING IN DAMASCUS.

AFTER LEAVING KABUL, THE HIJACKED PLANE CIRCLED OVER IRANIAN TERRITORY BEFORE LANDING AT DAMASCUS, AND WAS NOT IMMEDIATELY REFUELED, AIRPORT SOURCES SAID. FOOD AND DRINKS WERE TAKEN ABOARD FOR THE HOSTAGES.

THE CHANGE IN VENUE OF THE HIJACKING PROVOKED A NEW OUTBURST OF PAKISTANI ANGER AGAINST THE KABUL AUTHORITIES. ISLAMABAD HAD ASKED THAT THE PLANE NOT BE ALLOWED TO FLY OUT OF AFGHANISTAN, WHERE INTENSIVE DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS HAD BEEN MOBILIZED.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF PAKISTAN'S DEFENSE MINISTRY, GENERAL RASHID KIAH, ACCUSED KABUL OF "DELIBERATELY PROLONGING THE ORDEAL BY NOT PREVENTING THE PLANE FROM LEAVING AS WE HAD SUGGESTED BY SHOOTING OUT A TIRE OR BLOCKING A RUNWAY."

THE OFFICIAL SOVIET NEWS AGENCY TASS COUNTERED THAT THE PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT, BACKED UP BY THE UNITED STATES, ACTUALLY WANTED A TRAGIC END TO THE HIJACKING IN ORDER TO STIR UP HOSTILITIES AGAINST AFGHANISTAN.

MEANWHILE, GENERAL KIAH ISSUED A REVISED FIGURE OF 107 PEOPLE ON BOARD INCLUDING 94 PASSENGERS, 10 CREW MEMBERS AND THE THREE HIJACKERS. PREVIOUS REPORTS HAD PUT THE FIGURE AT 111 AND NO REASON WAS GIVEN FOR THE DISCREPANCY.
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AAA FOREIGN MINISTRY BRIEFING THREW LITTLE LIGHT ON PAK NEGOTIATING STRATEGY. PAK HAS SO FAR OFFERED TO RELEASE FIVE RELATIVES OF HIJACKERS AND THIS MORNING ADDED ANOTHER TEN AGAINST WHOM LESS CRIMINAL CHARGES ARE PENDING. APPARENTLY PAK STILL READY TO OTHINSIDERCASES ON HIJACKERS’ LIST WHICH IS 92 NAMES LONG.

BBB AT PAK REQUEST AND WITH AGREEMENT OF KABUL AUTHORITIES REPRES OF ICRC (RED CROSS), COUNVOISIER, LEFT FROM HERE TO KABUL TO INVESTIGATE DETERIORATING HEALTH CONDITION ON BOARD OF PLANE.

CCC UNDERSTAND FROM PRESS CONTACTS THAT SOME 80 PPP SYMPATHIZERS ARRESTED TODAY MAINLY IN KARACHI AND LAHORE, INCLUDING WUSRAT AND BENA ZIR BHUTTO. IF CONFIRMED, THIS COULD BLOC BACK NEGOTIATIONS.

DDD STILL NO NEWS ON EXTENSION OF TODAY’S DEADLINE OF 15:00 HOURS.

EEE FOREIGN OFFICE READ MESSAGE FROM WASH EMBASSY TO ME ACCORDING TO WHICH BANK HAD NOT RECEIVED TRANSCRIPT OF BALKIND’S COCKPIT STATEMENT. HOPE THIS IS NOT TRUE.

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Mr. Theodores
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THOMPSON PLEASE CONFIRM AUTHORITIES AWARE BANK STAFF MEMBER AMONGST PASSENGERS. ALSO WOULD APPRECIATE DAILY CABLED OR TELEPHONE REPORTS EVEN REPORTING NO CHANGE.

DOORSMA

cc: Mr. Timbrell/Miss Davis  
Mr. Husa  
Mr. Vinde  
Mr. Al-Shaikhly/Mr. Qursha  
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Mr. Theodores (World Bank)

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MBP0436-03 THOMPSON/UNDP HIJACKED PAKISTANI AIRLINE PLANE
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AMONGST PASSENGER ONE WORLD BANK STAFF MEMBER, BALKIND, SECRETARY
GENERAL EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN WITH PAKISTANI AND AFGHAN
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cc: Mr. Timbrell/Miss Davis
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NNNN
Monday, March 9, 1981

NEWS ITEMS (AFP, AP and IPS)

DAMASCUS: Hijacked PIA Plane Arrives in Syria. The Pakistan International Airlines Boeing 720-B jet commandeered to Kabul last Monday arrived here early today, after hijackers and Pakistani negotiators broke off talks yesterday at Kabul airport. Syrian officials halted the plane on an outer runway and rushed food and refreshments to its occupants. The jet was not refuelled, according to reliable sources. The aircraft reportedly had 111 people aboard, 37 fewer than when three men claiming to represent the Al-Zulfikar dissident organization took it over during a Monday flight from Karachi to Peshawar. One passenger, a Pakistani diplomat, was shot dead on Friday, and the others, mostly women and children, were released. Pakistani authorities yesterday reportedly agreed to free 15 of 92 political prisoners listed by the hijackers. But Alam Gir, the reputed leader of the captors, yesterday was quoted by the Soviet News Agency Tass as saying Islamabad had refused to meet their demands. "Following this position (taken) by Pakistani authorities, the hijackers demanded that the plane be refuelled and allowed to take off." The Afghan news agency said Afghan officials agreed in order to save the lives of the captives. There was no immediate response from Islamabad, which Friday accused Kabul of "collusion" with the hijackers. The Afghan government yesterday rejected Pakistani charges that Kabul authorities had opposed contacts between the hijackers and the Pakistani mediation team. The statement, quoted by Tass, also denied "the absurd accusation by the Pakistani government that the hijackers had executed a hostage through negligence by the Afghan authorities." Meanwhile, France has approached both the Soviet Union and Afghanistan in a bid to help resolve the six-day-old crisis, official sources said today in Paris. (AFP)

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Reshuffles Cabinet. Pakistani President Muhammed Zia Ul Haq today reshuffled his Cabinet. Eight members of the outgoing cabinet and a minister of state retained their posts in the new expanded 23-member cabinet. President Zia, facing heavy opposition criticism of his four-year-old rule, replaced some military ministers by technocrats, bureaucrats and former politicians. But he retained the ministers for foreign affairs, defense, finance, public works, interior, education and communications, and food. (AFP)

GENEVA: Road Transport Policy in Third World Should Correspond to Social and Economic Needs, ILO Says. A "realistic and balanced" transport policy for the Third World must include road investment corresponding to social as well as economic needs, the use of labor-intensive road-building methods and more suitable vehicles than those of Europe, according to a study released here. The study by the ILO said that the road network density in most less-developed countries was on average 10 times less than that in the industrialized world. It said that a reasonable objective would be a doubling of the present road network in Third World countries in the next 15 years using conventional materials. But to achieve that, the less-developed countries would need to increase their cash revenue by 3 to 5%.
per year, and the external deficit of these countries is increasing by 20% a year, the study noted. It also pointed out that any such new roads would have to be maintained, while at the present time Third World countries are for the most part not in a position to maintain their existing road network. More than four out of five of the population of the countries concerned live in rural areas. They have to be assured access to the various social and public services, transport of their produce and a link to the outside world. According to the ILO study, it appears materially and financially impossible to assure access to the road network by the whole of these countries' populations in the near future for as long as conventional policies and technology are employed. It therefore proposes a reassessment of road transport policy, envisaging investments corresponding to social as well as economic needs. (AFP)

WASHINGTON: Reagan Says U.S. Aid to Turkey Will Continue. President Ronald Reagan promised Friday that United States aid to Turkey will continue despite proposed foreign aid cuts, while stressing the need for a solution to Greek-Turkish disputes. "Basically, our philosophy is one of continued aid," he said, answering a question from a Turkish journalist during his second Presidential news conference. The reporter had asked if the drop in foreign aid would affect previously-announced amounts of economic and military assistance to Ankara. Mr. Reagan was unable to specify the amount of aid earmarked for Ankara. Former President Jimmy Carter had set aside $400 million in military aid for the country during the current fiscal year, and $300 million in economic assistance. An embargo on arms deliveries to Turkey, imposed in February, 1975 after Turkish troops invaded Cyprus, was lifted in September, 1978 despite protests from Greece and the Greek lobby in the U.S. (AFP)

SAN FRANCISCO: Use of Food as Political Weapon "Dangerous," U.N. Official Says. The president of the U.N. World Food Council said last week he is hopeful the Reagan administration will halt the "dangerous" use of food as a political weapon. Arturo R. Tanco criticized the suspension of $7.6 million in U.S. grain sales to Nicaragua about three weeks ago because of the accusation of the administration of that country's involvement in the smuggling of arms to El Salvador. He was speaking in an interview following an address to an international conference on world hunger. He said the conference of hunger experts from industry, government and other countries comes at a time when it could influence U.S. policies. "It's particularly timely because of the debates on budget cuts and food blockades that are even now dividing the new policy makers," he said in his address. (AP)

BELGRADE: Vietnam Facing Serious Food Shortage. Vietnam is facing a serious food shortage this year, it was reported last week. The Vietnamese Politburo put among the nation's priorities the advancement of production and the assurance of a distribution of goods, more rapid socialist transformation in the South and the consolidation of socialist production relations in the North. The presence of 300,000 Vietnamese soldiers in Kampuchea and the enormous sums spent on the maintenance of the regular army in the country were the reasons given to the food shortage and the economic burden. (Tanjug-IPS)
PRESS DIGEST

BONN: Endangered Global Financing. Today's Handelsblatt summarized a recently published volume on "Endangered Global Financing" (published by "Verlag Neue Gesellschaft"), saying among other things, that today's mechanisms of dealing with fundamental balance of payments crises are in major need of improvement. In some cases, the authors say, such mechanisms had failed. This was the case where major economic policy constraints applied with a view to quick realization had contributed to a shocklike deterioration in the levels of (national) prosperity and had resulted in explosive political repercussions, such as for example, in Turkey and Egypt.

COMECON Asked to Play More Active Role in North-South Dialogue. Today's major German papers carried factual reports on German President Carstens' call on COMECON states to join western industrial states in providing more development aid. Near the end of a six-day state visit to India, Carstens was reported to have commented on the North-South dialogue to the effect that "they (developing countries) will address a good many requests to us. Whether we can fulfill all these hopes is another question entirely."

THE HAGUE: Shortsighted U.S. Foreign Policy. Editor W.H. Weenink said last week in the NRC Handelsblad that the World Bank is one of the first victims of President Reagan's new money-saving policies. On the U.S. announcement that it could not support the World Bank's energy affiliate, Weenink said: "If one aid plan for the Third World could bring big benefits for the receivers as well as for the donors, it was this particular plan." According to the World Bank, it is possible to double the oil production of the oil-importing Third World countries in the next 10 years if the necessary capital can be provided. "The American rejection of this plan for an aid fund proves again the shortsightedness of US foreign policy," said Weenink. He hoped that the other Western financial institutions and OPEC countries would not follow the U.S. example.

PARIS: Increasing Militarization Foreseen in Guyana to Ensure Acceptance of Austerity Measures. Bernard Cassen reported in Le Monde Diplomatique of March on the growth of "authoritarianism" in Guyana. In order to obtain a loan from the World Bank for the launching of a gigantic hydroelectric project, the article said that the government will "militarize the functioning of the regime in order to ensure acceptance of the austerity measures imposed by the IMF." Cassen commented that "the hardening of the regime of Mr. Burnham thus responds much more closely to internal objectives than to international considerations." In his New Year message, Burnham announced a sharp drop in production which bears visible witness to "a crisis of confidence evident not only among the Indian farmers, but above all among the workers and miners of African extraction." Austerity, the report continued, risks increasing in 1981 and in this case "the survival of the regime will depend more closely on the efficiency and loyalty of the repressive apparatus."

(The above summaries were provided by IPS.)
DOHA, QATAR: Gulf International Bank Doubles Loans. Loans by the International Bank of the Gulf doubled in 1980 to total $1,133 million against $542 million in 1979, the director of Qatar's Monetary Agency Majid Al Majid said here last Wednesday. Majid, who is also a member of the bank's board, also told the Diaruna Wal Alam Review that 33.7% of the loans were granted to Arab countries, with 24.6% going to operations in America, 24% in Europe and 10% to Africa and Asia. (AFP)

(The above summary was provided by AFP.)

U.S. PRESS DIGEST

U.S. Administration's announcement that it had suspended negotiations of the Law of the Sea Treaty is the subject of detailed discussion in the U.S. Press.

Deep-Sixing the Law of the Sea? is the title that the Washington Post (March 7, p. A-14) gave to its editorial. The Post said "A tremor went out the other day when the administration announced that it has suspended negotiation of the Law of the Sea Treaty until it has conducted its own review. One suggestion was that the mining companies, held at bay by the last administration, got to the new one and sold it—if it needed any selling—on the need to toughen the terms to ensure American access to those strategic manganese nodules lying on the seabed. Another version was that this negotiation had always been the medium of a Carter message of warmth to the Third World, and this administration wishes to send another message. Yet a third version was that the treaty is awfully complicated and that there was no need to be crowded by calendar... There is no magic in those terms, which originated in the directives of Henry Kissinger and whose fashioning has been in the hands of Republican negotiators throughout. But they do represent the product of a negotiation, a mingling of interests, as distinguished from one country's fiat."

The Wall Street Journal (March 9, p. 22) supported the Administration's action with an editorial entitled Foundering Law of the Sea. The Journal said "... In short, the UN, itself heavily dominated by Third World nations, would suddenly acquire enormous taxing and financial power. We are asked to take it on faith that it would use that power wisely... The Reagan administration was right in holding up the treaty. We need to contemplate just how much independent power we want the UN to have."

The Journal also carried a letter from Elliot Richardson who said "... I have no doubt that the leaders of the Group of 77 in the LOS conference are subject to a mirror-image attack by the guardians of the NIEO ideology on the ground that the Draft Convention represents a sellout to economic imperialism. The truth, however, is that the Draft Convention affords no better support for that position than it does for the views of those who have questioned the capacity or zeal of the U.S. delegation."

Wrong U.S. Signal to the Third World. In a letter to the Editor of the New York Times (March 8, p. E18) William Vanden Heuvel, former U.S. Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations, was critical of the U.S. decision not to participate in the Energy Facility of the World Bank. He said "... Self-interest aside, we might recall Pope John Paul II's warning to the rich nations of their responsibilities to those truly in need. If we are unable to identify our own well-being in strengthening the economic foundations of the developing world, then we are doomed to pay a price that dollars alone will not begin to measure."

Poland Seeks $11 Billion Aid Package. The Washington Post (March 7, p. 1) reported that Poland had asked Western governments and banks for a 'massive' $10.9 billion rescue package to help solve its 'severe' financial crisis. In meetings with officials of 15 Western governments and 70 banks in Paris, Polish officials said much of the financial assistance was needed to make or defer payments due this year on $23 billion Poland already owes the West. The report was sourced to participants.
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Earl A. Cummings, Chief, Communications Div., ADM

FROM: James L. Theodores, Acting Field Coordinator, AOPVP

DATE: March 9, 1981

SUBJECT: Communications Operations in Hijack Situation

1. Thank you for the prompt and efficient response in arranging 24-hour supervisory coverage of the Cable Office during this past weekend in response to the hijacked plane situation.

2. Please also convey my appreciation to all of your staff for all of their help and cooperation in making it all the easier to deal with a sensitive and difficult situation. In particular, I would like to give special thanks to Mr. David Murray, shift supervisor, for being so highly dependable and responsive since the outset of our monitoring of developments in the hijacking.

cc: Mr. Pajmans, AOPVP
    Mr. Twining, ADM

JLTheodores:ccc
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Francis D. Ross, Jr., Security Office, ADM

FROM: James L. Theodores, Acting Field Coordinator, AOPVP

DATE: March 9, 1981

SUBJECT: Security Office Assistance in Hijack Situation

1. Thank you for responding so promptly and willingly in providing relief coverage during the long hours of monitoring the hijack situation over this past weekend. Although our arrangements were not yet geared to take full advantage of your inputs, your willingness to remain on a standby basis throughout was welcomed and appreciated.

2. In this same context, I also wanted you to know that the officers manning the main security desk have been very cooperative and helpful, including getting messages and cable copies to us in the middle of the night when regular messenger services are unavailable. Please convey my appreciation to these officers.

cc: Mr. Paijmans, AOPVP
    Mr. Twining, ADM

JLTheodores:ccc
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Robin F. Woollatt, Chief, Travel Office, ADM
FROM: James L. Theodores, Acting Field Coordinator, AOPVP

DATE: March 9, 1981

SUBJECT: Travel Office Assistance in Hijack Situation

1. This memo is to note for your attention the prompt response and excellent inputs provided by Cyril Lloyd of your staff and Yousef Saah of Amexco during the weekend in connection with the hijack situation.

2. I would be grateful if you would convey my deep appreciation to both for making a sensitive and difficult task all the easier because of their help.

cc: Mr. Paijmans, AOPVP
    Mr. Twining, ADM
    Mr. Goren, AMEXCO

JLTheodores:ccc
TO: Mr. D. Goren, DTM -Amexco/WBU
FROM: C. Lloyd, T&SD/ADM
SUBJECT: PIA Hijack - Emergency Coordination

DATE: March 9, 1981

1. I wish to thank you for the immediate action that you took in response to my call last evening and particularly to thank Mr. Yousef Saah who promptly came to the Travel Office to search itineraries for names of Bank staff in Damascus, Aden and Libya.

2. Mr. Saah has always been very responsive to all emergency situations that have, over the years, involved the Travel Office. I recall one occasion when he came to the Bank in a heavy snow storm on a tractor all the way from his home in Wheaton in response to an emergency call.

3. As the emergency/disaster coordinator for T&SD, I find it most satisfying to have such a dependable person as Mr. Saah in our unit.

cc: Mr. James L. Theodores, OPD
Mr. Robin F. Woollatt, ADM

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URGENT.

HIJACK - DECISION.

ISLAMABAD, MARCH 8 (AFP) - PAKISTAN HAS AGREED TO RELEASE 15 PEOPLE ON THE LIST OF 92 DRAWN UP BY THE HIJACKERS OF THE PAKISTAN BOEING JETLINER NOW IN KABUL, TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF THE 111 HOSTAGES STILL BEING HELD, IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED HERE TODAY.

DEFENCE MINISTRY SECRETARY-GENERAL MAJOR GENERAL RAHIM KHAN TOLD NEWSMEN THAT THIS INFORMATION HAD BEEN COMMUNICATED TO THE PAKISTANI NEGOTIATING TEAM IN KABUL TO BE CONVEYED TO THE HIJACKERS.

JFB

AFP 061130

URGENT.

HIJACK - DECISION 2 (ISLAMABAD) REOPENS.

THE HIJACKERS HAVE SET A 1500 HOURS LOCAL (1030 GMT) DEADLINE TODAY FOR THEIR DEMANDS TO BE ACCEPTED. IF THEY ARE REJECTED, THE HIJACKERS HAVE SAID THEY WILL BLOW UP THE JET.

SZ/JFB

AFP 061131
As the deadline passed, talks continued between officials in Kabul and the Air Pirates who had threatened to blow up the hijacked Pakistani jet airliner, it was reported here.

The three pirates, who commandeered the Boeing 720-B on Monday, had threatened to blow up the jet with 111 persons aboard unless by 3 pm local the Pakistani government yielded to their demand to free 92 political prisoners.

On Friday the hijackers shot dead one hostage -- Pakistani Diplomat Tariq Rahim -- when the initial 2 pm local deadline passed without their demands being met.

Today it was announced here that Pakistan has agreed to release 15 of the listed 92 prisoners.

Officials said later that the hijackers' reaction to the offer was unfavorable.

But despite the negative reaction, talks were continuing.

Meanwhile Pakistani authorities last night cracked down on political opponents of the regime following the hijacking, reportedly arresting 30 militants, including Nusrat Bhutto, widow of former Premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

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AFP 081708

Diplomatic representatives from four Moslem countries -- Iraq, Iran, Indonesia, and Bangladesh -- as well as from the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) have also been involved in negotiations with the hijackers, who are acting for the AL Zulfikar Pakistani opposition activist group.

In Moscow, the Soviet authorities have not reacted to Washington's charges that they are responsible for the hostages' safety and also that they have made no evident effort to have the hostages freed.

Observers in the Soviet capital said however there was no doubt of the Kremlin's solidarity in this matter with the Afghan government.

Radio Kabul said that United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim has asked the Afghan authorities to do their utmost to convince the hijackers to "spare the lives of innocent people" on board the plane.

In a letter to Afghan Foreign Minister Shah Mohammad Dost, Mr. Waldheim said the hijacking was a "flagrant violation" of international laws, the radio reported.

It said Mr. Waldheim asked Afghan authorities to "support and cooperate" in all efforts to "peacefully resolve a tragic crisis".

GM/NW

AFP 081712
URGENT.

BHUTTO.

ISLAMABAD, MARCH 8 (AFP) - MRS MUSRAT BHUTTO, WIFE OF EXECUTED FORMER PAKISTANI PREMIER ZULFIKAR ALI BHUTTO, HAS BEEN PUT UNDER HOUSE ARREST AND THEIR 26-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER BENAZIR HAS GONE UNDERGROUND WITH LEADERS OF THE BANNED PAKISTAN PEOPLES PARTY, PARTY SOURCES SAID TODAY.

MRS BHUTTO'S ARREST WAS PART OF A CRACKDOWN FOLLOWING THE HIJACKING OF THE PAKISTANI BOEING AIRCRAFT TO KABUL, PARTY SOURCES SAID, ADDING THAT THIS HAD ALSO PROMPTED SEVERAL PARTY LEADERS TO GO UNDERGROUND.

MR MUSTAFA JATOI, FORMER SIND CHIEF MINISTER DURING BHUTTO'S TIME AND TODAY PROVINCIAL CHIEF OF THE PARTY, TOLD AFP THAT POLICE WERE LOOKING FOR HIM AND OTHER PPP LEADERS.

THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE OFFICIAL COMMENT AVAILABLE ON MRS BHUTTO'S ARREST.

MR JATOI SAID THE ARREST WOULD ONLY 'AGGRAVATE THE SITUATION.'

SZ/JPB

AFP 080848

URGENT.

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THEY WERE ALSO SEARCHING FOR THE PARTY CHIEF, MAULANA ENERANUL HAQ THANVI, MR. JATOI SAID.

THE ARRESTS WERE A 'COUNTRYWIDE OPERATION' WITH BETWEEN 20 AND 30 PARTY MEMBERS BEING DETAINED IN LAHORE, ISLAMABAD AND PESHAWAR, HE ADDED.

MEANWHILE ISLAMABAD UNIVERSITY WAS CLOSED DOWN INDEFINITELY, OFFICIAL SOURCES SAID.


THE GOVERNMENT HAS SAID THAT AL-ZULFIKAR IS THE NEW NAME OF THE PAKISTAN LIBERATION ARMY, FORMED BY MR. BHUTTO'S SON MURTASA.

THEY SAID THAT MURTASA BHUTTO WAS IN 'DIRECT CONTACT' WITH THE HIJACKERS WHOM HE MET SOON AFTER THE PLANE LANDED IN KABUL LAST MONDAY.

SZ/MH

AFP 080919
BHUTTO 3 LAST (ISLAMABAD) REOPENS.

AN OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN LATER DENIED THE ARRESTS WERE LINKED WITH THE HIJACKING.

"IF THERE HAVE BEEN SOME ARRESTS IT COULD HAVE BEEN BY THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS" AS THE "WORKING OF THE GOVERNMENT CONTINUED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

SZ/MN

AFP 081211
HITJACK - DEADLINE.

ISLAMABAD, MARCH 8 (AFP) - TODAY'S 1030 GMT DEADLINE SET BY HIJACKERS FOR BLOWING UP A PAKISTANI PLANE BEING HELD WITH 110 HOSTAGES AT KABUL AIRPORT APPEARED TO HAVE PASSED WITHOUT THE THREAT BEING CARRIED OUT.

THE RADIO IN THE AFGHAN CAPITAL, IN A NEWS BULLETIN SOON AFTER THE DEADLINE, MADE NO MENTION OF ANY INCIDENT ON THE AIRCRAFT IN THE CITY'S HEAVILY-GUARDED AIRPORT.

JTB/03
AFP 031236

HITJACK - RADIO.

ISLAMABAD, MARCH 8 (AFP) - THE OFFICIAL PAKISTAN NEGOTIATING TEAM HAS DECIDED NOT TO HOLD ANY MORE TALKS WITH HIJACKERS OF THE PAKISTANI JETLINER WHO ARE THREATENING TO BLOW UP THE AIRCRAFT WITH 111 PASSENGERS ON BOARD, RADIO KABUL MONITORED HERE SAID.

THE TEAM, CONVEYING TO THE THREE ARMED MEN THE PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT'S AGREEMENT TO RELEASE 15 OF THE DEMANDED 92 PRISONERS, TOLD THE HIJACKERS AT THE FINAL SESSION TODAY THAT THE PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT HAD INSTRUCTED IT NOT TO HOLD FURTHER RADIO CONTACTS WITH THE HIJACKERS, THE RADIO SAID.

THE RADIO SAID NOTHING ABOUT THE NEW DEADLINE SET BY THE HIJACKERS NOR THE REASON FOR THE DEADLOCK.

SZ/MW
AFP 031734

HITJACK-RADIO 2 (ISLAMABAD) REOPENS.

HOWEVER A PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN IMMEDIATELY DENIED THE KABUL RADIO REPORT SAYING THAT 'THIS IS ABSOLUTELY WRONG'.

THE HIJACKERS' LEADER ALAM GIR, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, HAD AFFIRMED THAT IF HIS DEMANDS WERE NOT MET HE WOULD STOP NEGOTIATING WITH THE MEDIATION TEAM.
ROUNDUP HIJACK 1.
ISLAMABAD, MARCH 8 (AFP) - AS THIS AFTERNOON'S DEADLINE PASSED, TALKS CONTINUED BETWEEN OFFICIALS IN KABUL AND THE AIR PIRATES WHO HAVE THREATENED TO BLOW UP THE HIJACKED PAKISTANI JET AIRLINER, IT WAS REPORTED HERE.
THE THREE PIRATES, WHO COMMANDERED THE BOEING 720-B ON MONDAY, HAD THREATENED TO BLOW UP THE JET WITH 111 PERSONS ABOARD UNLESS BY 3 PM LOCAL THE PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT YIELDED TO THEIR DEMAND TO FREE 92 POLITICAL PRISONERS.
ON FRIDAY THE HIJACKERS SHOT DEAD ONE HOSTAGE--PAKISTANI DIPLOMAT TARIQ RAHIM--WHEN THE INITIAL 2 PM LOCAL DEADLINE PASSED WITHOUT THEIR DEMANDS BEING MET.
TODAY IT WAS ANNOUNCED HERE THAT PAKISTAN HAS AGREED TO RELEASE 15 OF THE LISTED 92 PRISONERS.
OFFICIALS SAID LATER THAT THE HIJACKERS' REACTION TO THE OFFER WAS UNFAVORABLE.
BUT DESPITE THE NEGATIVE REACTION, TALKS WERE CONTINUING.
MEANWHILE PAKISTANI AUTHORITIES LAST NIGHT CRACKED DOWN ON POLITICAL OPPONENTS OF THE REGIME FOLLOWING THE HIJACKING, REPORTEDLY ARRESTING 30 MILITANTS, INCLUDING NUSRAT BHUTTO, WIDOW OF FORMER PREMIER ZULFIKAR ALI BHUTTO.
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AFP 081703

ROUNDUP HIJACK 2 LAST (ISLAMABAD).
DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES FROM FOUR MOSLEM COUNTRIES--IRAQ, IRAN, INDONESIA, AND BANGLADESH--AS WELL AS FROM THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANISATION (PLO) HAVE ALSO BEEN INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE HIJACKERS, WHO ARE ACTING FOR THE AL ZULFIKAR PAKISTANI OPPOSITION ACTIVIST GROUP.
IN MOSCOW, THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT REACTED TO WASHINGTON'S CHARGES THAT THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HOSTAGES' SAFETY AND ALSO THAT THEY HAVE MADE NO EVIDENT EFFORT TO HAVE THE HOSTAGES FREED.
OBSERVERS IN THE SOVIET CAPITAL SAID HOWEVER THERE WAS NO DOUBT OF THE KREMLIN'S SOLIDARITY IN THIS MATTER WITH THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT.
RADIO KABUL SAID THAT UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM HAS ASKED THE AFGHAN AUTHORITIES TO DO THEIR UTMOST TO CONVINCE THE HIJACKERS TO "SPARE THE LIVES OF INNOCENT PEOPLE" ON BOARD THE PLANE.
IN A LETTER TO AFGHAN FOREIGN MINISTER SHAH MOHAMMED DOST, MR WALDHEIM SAID THE HIJACKING WAS A "FLAGRANT VIOLATION" OF INTERNATIONAL LAWS, THE RADIO REPORTED.
IT SAID MR. WALDHEIM ASKED AFGHAN AUTHORITIES TO "SUPPORT AND COOPERATE" IN ALL EFFORTS TO "PEACEFULLY RESOLVE A TRAGIC CRISIS".
CM/KW
AFP 081712
URGENT.

LEAD BHUTTO.

ISLAMABAD, MARCH 6 (AFP) - NUSRAT BHUTTO, WIFE OF EXECUTED FORMER PAKISTANI PREMIER ZULFIKAR ALI BHUTTO, WAS ARRESTED AND JAILED IN THE CENTRAL PRISON OF KARACHI IN AN OVERNIGHT WAVE OF DETAINMENTS OF POLITICAL MILITANTS, INFORMED SOURCES HERE SAID TODAY.

INITIAL REPORTS INDICATED THAT POLICE HAD ARRESTED ABOUT 30 MILITANTS OF LEFTIST ORGANIZATIONS AND THE BANNED PAKISTAN PEOPLES PARTY (PPP), LED BY MRS. BHUTTO AND HER DAUGHTER BENAZIR.

IT WAS ALSO INITIALLY REPORTED THAT BENAZIR BHUTTO, 28, HAD GONE UNDERGROUND WITH PPP LEADERS, BUT UNCONFIRMED REPORTS FROM KARACHI INDICATED LATER THAT SHE MAY HAVE BEEN LOCATED BY POLICE AND ARRESTED.

MEANWHILE, THE BHUTTO HOME IN KARACHI REMAINED CORDONED OFF BY POLICE.

MRS. BHUTTO'S ARREST WAS PART OF A CRACKDOWN X X X (PICKING UP 2ND PARA, BHUTTO 1 EX-ISLAMABAD).

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URGENT.

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SZ/MN
Hijack 3 (Islamabad) Reopens.

President Zia ul Haq yesterday called a meeting of Heads of Foreign Missions including Moslem and non-aligned nations who are pressing Kabul to fulfill its "moral duty" of taking measures to save the passenger on board the hijacked plane, Pakistan Press reports said.

Meanwhile some of the demands of the armed men have already been met. They include release of accomplices of some previous terrorist activities including bomb blast cases in Pakistan claimed by the Al Zulfikar group.

Two of the relatives of the hijackers whose release had been demanded by the group last night broadcast an appeal for "sanity" from Alam Gir and his two armed colleagues.

Abdul Wahied Khan who was arrested in connection with the firing in Karachi University last month in which a right-wing student leader died and another eight were injured said police had treated him with justice and sympathy, and the government had promised to set him free with a guarantee not to re-arrest him as soon as the hijackers freed the passengers.

Islamullah Khan told them that he was free man and in fact had never been arrested. He condemned hijacking and the subsequent killing of Tariq Rahim and said the actions hurt the nation.

He appealed to them to "release the hostages in the name of God for keeping them in custody would benefit no one."

SZ/HH
AFP 081033

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Hijack 2 Last (Islamabad).

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AFP 081006
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MORE/GK/JFB
AFP 081005

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URGENT.

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MORE/GK/JFB

AFP 031005

AFN NEWS SUMMARY 1 -- MARCH 8 (SINCE 1600 GMT YESTERDAY).

- ISLAMABAD: TWO PAKISTANI STEWARDESSSES DECLINED OFFERS OF FREEDOM FROM THREE HIJACKERS WHO HAVE HELD THEM AND 109 OTHER PEOPLE HOSTAGE ABOARD A PAKISTANI AIRLINES PLANE AT KABUL AIRPORT SINCE LAST MONDAY. TWO OTHER WOMEN, BOTH AMERICANS, ACCEPTED THE OFFERS. THE CAPTORS SAID THEY WOULD BLOW UP THE JET AT 3 P.M. SUNDAY (1030 GMT) IF THEIR DEMAND THAT PAKISTAN RELEASE 90 POLITICAL PRISONERS WAS NOT MET. MEANWHILE, THE UNITED STATES ASKED THAT THE SOVIET UNION USE ITS INFLUENCE IN AFGHANISTAN TO HELP FREE THE HOSTAGES. (AFP)

- WARSAW: THE SOLIDARITY INDEPENDENT UNION FEDERATION PROTESTED AGAINST "ANTI-TRADE-UNION REPRESION" AND THE JAILING OF POLITICAL DISSIDENTS IN POLAND, FOLLOWING TWO DAYS OF CRACKDOWNS BY OFFICIALS, AND THE SOLIDARITY SECTION IN LODZ, CENTRAL POLAND, CALLED FOR A ONE-HOUR WARNING STRIKE TUESDAY TO PROTEST THE FIRING OF FIVE HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES WHO JOINED THE BRANCH. (AFP)

- ISLAMABAD: THE DEATH TOLL IN A FRIDAY CYCLONE THAT RAVIDE PAKISTAN'S NORTHEASTERN PUNJAB PROVINCE HAS RISEN TO AT LEAST 56, WITH MORE THAN 600 PEOPLE HOSPITALIZED, PAKISTANI TELEVISION REPORTED. THE CYCLONE ALSO LEFT HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE HOMELESS AND CUT COMMUNICATIONS THROUGHOUT THE REGION, EYEWITNESSES SAID. (AFP)

MORE JF/DM

AFP 030412
URGENT.

HIJACK - ACCUSATION.

ISLAMABAD, MARCH 7 (AFP) - THE FACT THAT AFGHANISTAN'S FIGHTERS DID NOT SCRAMBLE WHEN A HIJACKED PAKISTAN AIRLINER ENTERED ITS AIRSPACE ON MONDAY PROVED IT KNEW IN ADVANCE THE PLANE WOULD HEAD FOR KABUL, THE PAKISTAN DEFENCE MINISTRY SECRETARY-GENERAL, GENERAL RAHIM KHAN, CHARGED HERE TODAY.

"THERE ARE ALWAYS FIGHTERS AT KABUL AIRPORT READY TO TAKE OFF AGAINST THIS TYPE OF INCIDENT. BUT THIS TIME THEY DID NOT TAKE TO THE AIR," HE SAID.

GEN. KHAN ALSO CHARGED THAT AFGHAN OFFICIALS HAD HAD FREE ACCESS TO THE PLANE, WHICH HAS BEEN PARKED SINCE MONDAY ON A KABUL AIRPORT RUNWAY AND NOW HAS 115 MEN PASSENGERS AND CREW ON BOARD AS HOSTAGES.

GEN. KHAN ACCUSED MURTAZA BHUTTO, SON OF HANGED FORMER PAKISTANI PREMIER ZULFIKAR ALI BHUTTO, OF ORGANISING THE HIJACK.

HE SAID MURTAZA BHUTTO WAS THE LEADER OF THE AL-ZULFIKAR GROUP TO WHICH THE HIJACKERS BELONGED, AND ALLEGED THAT AFGHAN AUTHORITIES HAD ALLOWED HIM TO GO TO KABUL TO DIRECT THE HIJACKING.

AL ZULFIKA IS THE NEW NAME FOR THE PAKISTAN LIBERATION ARMY, THE MILITARY WING OF THE PAKISTAN PEOPLE'S PARTY OF THE FORMER PREMIER, GEN. KHAN ADDED.

MN/03
AFP 071250

URGENT.

HIJACK-APEAL.

ISLAMABAD, MARCH 7 (AFP) - PAKISTAN TODAY ASKED UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM TO USE HIS GOOD OFFICES TO GET THE 115 HOSTAGES FREED FROM THE PAKISTANI BOEING JET AIRLINER HIJACKED TO KABUL ON MONDAY.

NEWS OF THE APPEAL CAME LESS THAN ONE HOUR AHEAD OF THE DEADLINE SET BY THE THREE HIJACKERS FOR THE EXECUTION OF A SECOND HOSTAGE IF THEIR DEMANDS FOR THE RELEASE OF 92 PAKISTANI POLITICAL PRISONERS WERE NOT MET.

MEANWHILE ALL HEADS OF MISSESSIOPS OF FRIENDLY COUNTRIES IN ISLAMABAD WERE INVITED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HERE TODAY AND BRIEFED ON THE LATEST POSITION OVER THE AIRCRAFT AND THE ATTITUDE OF THE AFGHAN AUTHORITIES.

JFB/MN
AFP 071044
URGENT

2ND LEAD HIJACK - SHOT.

ISLAMABAD, MARCH 6 (AFP) - THE HIJACKERS HOLDING 116 PEOPLE ABOARD A PAKISTANI JET AT KABUL AIRPORT TODAY SHOT AND KILLED ONE OF THE PASSENGERS, THE SECOND SECRETARY OF THE PAKISTANI EMBASSY IN TEHERAN, KABUL RADIO REPORTED.

ALAM GIR, THE LEADER OF THE HIJACKERS, FIRED AT TARIQ RAHIM, SON OF RETIRED PAKISTANI ARMY GENERAL RAHIM KHAN, AT 3:40 P.M. WHILE TALKS WERE BEING HELD ON THE GUNMAN'S DEMANDS, RADIO KABUL SAID.

IT DID NOT SAY WHETHER THE GUNMEN THREATENED TO KILL ANY MORE PASSENGERS. THE HIJACKERS HAVE DEMANDED THE RELEASE OF 90 POLITICAL PRISONERS AND EARLIER WARNED OF "'SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES'" IF THE DEMAND WAS NOT MET.

THE RADIO SAID THAT ALAM GIR, BELIEVING MR. RAHIM WAS DEAD, ASKED KABUL AUTHORITIES AND U.N. REPRESENTATIVES TO "TAKE THE BODY OUT" OF THE PLANE. THE VICTIM, STILL ALIVE, WAS RUSHED TO A HOSPITAL WHERE HE DIED MORE THAN TWO HOURS LATER, IT SAID.

(NO PICKUP)

PM

AFP 061614
Hijack - Release.

Islamabad, March 6 (AFP) - Hijackers released a third sick man from the plane they are holding in Kabul, Pakistani Defence Ministry sources confirmed here today.

Two sick men were among the 29 people, mainly women and children, released on Wednesday. A Kabul radio broadcast last night reported a third man was released and taken to hospital in Kabul.

Pakistani sources confirmed the man, named as Israf Shah, 'will be repatriated to Pakistan as soon as he is fit to travel.'

A number of women, mainly United States citizens, and two air hostesses, are among the 116 people still being detained on the plane which was taken over by three men armed with pistol on Monday. They are demanding the release of political prisoners in Pakistan.

MN

AFP 060834
ISLAMABAD, MARCH 6 (AFP) - THE HIJACKERS HOLDING 116 PEOPLE ABOARD A PAKISTANI PLANE IN KABUL HAVE SHOT THE SON OF A PAKISTANI GENERAL INSIDE THE JET, RADIO KABUL REPORTED TODAY. IT SAID THE WOUNDED MAN WAS RUSHED TO THE HOSPITAL.

ALAM GIR, THE HIJACKERS' LEADER WHO WAS NEGOTIATING WITH PAKISTANI OFFICIALS IN KABUL, FIRED AT THE SON OF RETIRED GENERAL RAHIM KHAN. BELIEVING THE MAN WAS DEAD, HE ASKED THE KABUL AUTHORITIES TO "TAKE THE BODY OUT," THE RADIO SAID.

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LEAD HIJACK - SHOT 2 (ISLAMABAD).


(NO PICKUP)

PM

AFP 061552

BULLETIN

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MORE/PM

AFP 061547
HIJACK - PAKISTANI.

ISLAMABAD, MARCH 6 (AFP) - PAKISTAN TODAY ACCUSED AFGHANISTAN OF ALLOWING THE MURDER OF A PAKISTANI DIPLOMAT PASSENGER HELD ABOARD A HIJACKED PLANE AND SAID KABUL AUTHORITIES HAD DELIBERATELY OBSTRUCTED NEGOTIATIONS WITH THREE HIJACKERS HOLDING THE AIRLINER AT KABUL SINCE LAST MONDAY.

A COMMUNIQUE RELEASED HERE AFTER THE KILLING TODAY OF TARIQ RAHIM, SECOND SECRETARY AT THE PAKISTANI EMBASSY IN TEHERAN, ACCUSED KABUL OF "COLLUSION" WITH THE HIJACKERS, WHO ARE DEMANDING THE RELEASE OF 90 POLITICAL PRISONERS HELD IN PAKISTAN.

THE PAKISTANI INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE BOEING WAS SEIZED MONDAY ON A FLIGHT TO PESHAWAR, ON THE BORDER WITH AFGHANISTAN, AND FORCED TO FLY TO KABUL. THE THREE HIJACKERS CONTINUE TO HOLD 115 PERSONS HOSTAGE, MOST PAKISTANI BUT INCLUDING SIX AMERICANS AND NATIONALS OF SOUTH AFRICA, SWEDEN, NIGERIA AND CANADA.

THE PAKISTANI STATEMENT ACCUSED KABUL AUTHORITIES OF PERMITTING THE "COLD-BLOODED MURDER" OF MR RAHIM, SON OF RETIRED ARMY GENERAL RAHIM KHAN, "IN DEFIANCE OF THEIR INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS AND CIVILISED BEHAVIOUR."

IT SAID KABUL DELIBERATELY OBSTRUCTED A PAKISTANI NEGOTIATING TEAM SENT TO KABUL EARLIER THIS WEEK ACCUSED KABUL OF OPENLY SUPPORTING AN "INTERNATIONAL CRIME" AND SAID THE AIR PIRATES' DEMANDS WERE BEING DELIBERATELY FUDGED BY THE AFGHANS.

PAKISTAN WAS MAKING CONTACT WITH THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE RED CROSS TO SEEK THEIR AID, THE COMMUNIQUE ADDED.

AGV/DM

HIJACK - PAKISTANI 2 (ISLAMABAD) REOPENS.

"THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN HAS MADE IT CLEAR TO THE KABUL AUTHORITIES THAT IT HOLDS THEM RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY AND RELEASE OF THE PERSONS ON BOARD THE AIRCRAFT AND FOR THE AIRCRAFT ITSELF," IT SAID.

"THERE IS AMPLE EVIDENCE THAT THEY HAVE COLLuded WITH HIJACKERS," IT ADDED, CHARGING THAT "THIS OPEN ENCOURAGEMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL CRIME IS UNPRECEDENTED."

THE HIJACKERS WERE ABLE TO MEET FREELY WITH MURTAZA BHUTTO, THE EXILED SON OF THE LATE PREMIER ZULFIKAR ALI BHUTTO, THE STATEMENT FURTHER CHARGED.

THE STATEMENT NAMED MR BHUTTO AS THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE AL ZULFIKAR GROUP THAT CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE HIJACKING.

THE REPUTED LEADER OF THE THREE MEN, ALAM GIR, HAS "CLEEFULLY CLAIMED" DURING TALKS WITH PAKISTANI NEGOTIATORS THAT HIS GROUP WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BOMB EXPLOSION FEBRUARY 16 IN KARACHI STADIUM, DURING A VISIT BY POPE JOHN PAUL II, THE COMMUNIQUE CHARGED.

HE ALSO CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE EXPLOSION IN A HIGH COURT BUILDING IN JANUARY, IT ADDED.

MORE JF/DM

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NEW DELHI, MARCH 05, 1981
WORLD BANK
WASHINGTON DC

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CABLE ROOM: PLEASE RELAY TO INTBFRAD ISLAMABAD
FURTHER MY 430
INFORMED MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TELEXING INDIAN EMBASSY
IN KABUL TODAY ON BASIS SIEBECKS MESSAGE TO ME.
REGARDS

ROULET

Note: action taken.
5 March 1981

With the compliments

of the

United Nations Development Programme

Sjoerd Boorsma
Chief a.i.
Emergency Co-ordination Unit

Mr. James Theodores
Acting Field Co-ordinator
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KABUL (UNDP) 30 04 1119
DP-125 CONFIDENTIAL DOORMAN INFO 117 PRIESTLEY YOUR DP-38.
HIJACKED PLANE SITUATION AT 1500 HRS 4 MARCH. PLANE REMAINS
AT KABUL AIRPORT WITH NO INDICATION WHEN/WHETHER IT MAY PROCEED.
WOMEN AND CHILDREN AND ONE SICK MAN HAVE LEFT PLANE AND STAYING
AT INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL. JEFREY BALKIND NOT AMONG THEM. HE
THEREFORE PRESUMED ON AIRCRAFT AND IN GOOD HEALTH. FOOD AND
BLANKETS SUPPLIED 6 PASSENGERS BY AFGHAN AUTHORITIES. WILL
CABLE FURTHER UPON ANY NEW DEVELOPMENT (HONEY UNDEVELOPED KABUL)
COL. 125 117 -23 1500 4

cc: Mr. Timbrell/Miss Davis
Mr. Husa
Mr. Vinde
Mr. Joseph/Miss Gobersman

Mr. Theodores (World Bank)
UNDP ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN 4 MARCH 1981
DIRECT CABLE
UNDEVPRO
NEW YORK

SP247 confidential bookema your dpds foreign office informed
negotiations with hijacker still continuing meaning under-
stand women and children have been released from plane. other
passengers remain on board. (Priestley)
COL 347 96

cc: Mr. Timbrall/Miss Davis
Mr. Eusa
Mr. Vinde
Mr. Joseph/Miss Globerman
Mr. Theodoreon (World Bank)
HIJACK - PAKISTANI LAST (ISLAMABAD).

AN OFFICIAL TEAM HEADED BY PAKISTAN'S CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN KABUL
HAS NOT BEEN ALLOWED TO MEET THE HIJACKERS FACE-TO-FACE, THE
STATEMENT ADDED.
TWO CONTACTS HAVE BEEN MADE SO FAR, BY RADIO THROUGH KABUL
AIRPORT TOWER, IT SAID.
THE GROUP HAS DEMANDED THE RELEASE OF FROM 69 TO 93 PRISONERS,
IT SAID, ADDING THAT PAKISTAN HAS AGREED TO LOOK INTO THE CASES
WHERE THE CHARGES AGAINST PRISONERS WERE NOT SERIOUS.

AFP 070031

HIJACK 1.

ISLAMABAD, MARCH 7 (AFP) - LESS NINETY MINUTES BEFORE THE DEADLINE
FOR ANOTHER EXECUTION ABOARD THE HIJACKED PAKISTANI AIRLINER, WITH
115 PEOPLE BEING HELD BY THREE ARMED MEN, DEADLOCK REMAINED AT
KABUL AIRPORT TODAY WITH NO BREAKTHROUGH IN NEGOTIATIONS, PAKISTANI
DEFENCE MINISTRY SOURCES SAID HERE.
THE PAKISTANI INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES BOEING AIRLINER WAS SEIZED
MONDAY BY THREE HIJACKERS ON A FLIGHT TO PESHAWAR, ON THE BORDER
WITH AFGHANISTAN, AND FORCED TO FLY TO KABUL. ONE OF ITS
PASSENGERS, TARIQ RAHIM, SECOND SECRETARY AT THE PAKISTANI EMBASSY
IN TEHERAN, WAS KILLED YESTERDAY.
ALAM GIR, BELIEVED TO BE THE HIJACK RINGLEADER, THREATENED LATE
YESTERDAY TO KILL A SECOND HOSTAGE IF HIS DEMANDS WERE NOT MET BY
1030 GMT TODAY.
WITH SANITARY CONDITIONS WORSENING ON BOARD, THE PAKISTANI
GOVERNMENT -- WHICH EARLIER SAID AFGHANISTAN WAS NOW RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE OTHER HOSTAGES -- WAS PLANNING TO CALL A NEWS CONFERENCE
LATER TODAY.

THE 115 CAPTIVES ARE MOSTLY PAKISTANI HOSTAGES BUT INCLUDE SIX
AMERICANS AND NATIONALS OF SOUTH AFRICA, SWEDEN, NIGERIA AND
CANADA.
MORE/LS/JFB
AFF 071022
LEAD HIJACK 2 LOST (ISLAMABAD).

ALAM GIRI, BELIEVED TO BE THE HIJACK RINGLEADER, THREATENED TO KILL A SECOND HOSTAGE. A PAKISTANI ON BOARD THE PLANE WAS KILLED YESTERDAY.

THE TERRORISTS REPORTEDLY HAVE DRAWN UP A LIST OF PASSENGERS THEY WOULD KILL, ONE AFTER THE OTHER.

PAKISTAN IS READY TO FREE FIVE PRISONERS. THEY ARE RELATIVES OF TWO MEMBERS OF THE AL ZULFIKAR ORGANIZATION WANTED FOR THE MURDER OF A STUDENT DURING A DEMONSTRATION AT KARACHI, GENERAL RAHIM KHAN, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE PAKISTANI DEFENSE MINISTRY, SAID HERE TODAY.

(MEANWHILE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, CALERO RODRIGUEZ, TODAY APPEALED IN GENEVA FOR THE RELEASE OF ALL THE HOSTAGES.

(IN A STATEMENT ISSUED THERE, MR. RODRIGUEZ EXPRESSED HIS DEEP REGRET OVER THE DEATH OF THE MURDERED HOSTAGE, PAKISTANI DIPLOMAT TARIK RAHIM).

(NO PICKUP).

GHBM

AFP 071442

HIJACK 2 LOST (ISLAMABAD).

THE HIJACKERS ARE DEMANDING THE RELEASE OF 92 POLITICAL PRISONERS HELD IN PAKISTAN, THE LATEST COMMUNIQUES REPORTED.

(IN MOSCOW TODAY THE OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY TASS REPORTED THAT THE HOSTAGE KILLED YESTERDAY HAD DIED OF HIS INJURIES AT KABUL HOSPITAL.

(THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT HAD EXPRESSED ITS CONDOLENCE, TASS ADDED IN A DISPATCH FROM KABUL.

(THE SOVIET NEWS AGENCY ALSO ACCUSED THE PAKISTANI MEDIA OF "HEIGHTENING THE HYSTERIA OVER THE HIJACKING UNDER INSTIGATION OF PAKISTANI AUTHORITIES" AND OF "USING THE AFFAIR TO START A NEW ANTI-AFGHAN CAMPAIGN".

(TASS CHARGED THAT THE PAKISTANI PRESS HAD PUBLISHED A STATEMENT BY ISLAMABAD AUTHORITIES BLAMING THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT FOR THE SHOOTING, BUT WITHOUT GIVING AN ANSWER TO THE HIJACKERS' DEMANDS).

L3/MN

AFP 071026
KAUL HIJACK
ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN (AP) -- TWO AMERICAN WOMAN HOSTAGES WERE
RELEASED TODAY FROM THE HIJACKED PAKISTANI JETLINER IN KABUL AFTER AN
AFGHAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL'S APPEAL TO THE GUNMEN HOLDING THE CRAFT.
WESTERN DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAID.
IN ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN'S DEFENSE SECRETARY SAID PAKISTAN IS
WILLING TO FREE ONLY FIVE OF THE DOZENS OF PRISONERS WHOSE RELEASE IS
DEMANDED BY THE HIJACKERS, HAS AUTHORIZED AFGHANISTAN TO LAUNCH A
RESCUE MISSION AND OFFERED TO SEND ITS OWN ANTI-TERROR SQUAD TO HELP.
THE WESTERN DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IDENTIFIED THE AMERICANS FREED AS
CHARLOTTE RUBBELOF OF DES MOINES, IOWA, WHOSE HUSBAND FREDERICK IS
SIDED ON BOARD THE PLANE, AND DEBORAH WEISNER, OF AUBURN, MAINE,
WHOSE SON IDENTIFIED AS A PAKISTANI-BORN, NATURALIZED AMERICAN,
IS ALSO ON BOARD.
THE TWO WOMEN, WHO HAD REFUSED TO LEAVE THE AIRCRAFT WHEN SOME
PASSengers WERE RELEASED ON WEDNESDAY, WERE FREED FOLLOWING AN APPEAL
FROM AFGHANISTAN'S EDUCATION MINISTER ANAHLA RATERZAD.
THE MINISTER, WHO IS CONSIDERED ONE OF PRESIDENT BARRAK KARMAK'S
CLOSEST AIDES INSIDE THE MARXIST, PRO-SOVET REGIME, MADE THE APPEAL
DURING A TELEvised NEWS CONFERENCE IN KABUL, THE AFGHAN CAPITAL, THE
SOURCES SAID.
THE AMERICANS' FREEDOM LEFT THREE OTHER WOMEN ON BOARD THE
AIRCRAFT -- AN ELDERLY PAKISTANI WOMAN WHO HAS REFUSED TO LEAVE HER
SON AND TWO AIRLINE STEWARDESSES, THE SOURCES SAID.
MAJ. GEN. RABEE KASS, WHO IS ALSO HEAD OF PAKISTAN INTERNATIONAL
AIRLINES, SAID THE FIVE PRISONERS WHO MIGHT BE FREED WERE RELATIVES OF
THE HIJACKERS. HE SAID THE OTHER PRISONERS THE HIJACKERS WANT
RELEASE CANNOT BE FREED BECAUSE THEY ARE BEING HELD ON CRIMINAL
CHARGES.
HE SPOKE TO A NEWS CONFERENCE AS A 3 P.M. -- 4:30 A.M. EST --
DEADLINE THE THREE HIJACKERS SET CAME AND WENT WITHOUT APPARENT MARN
TO THE 115 REMAINING HOSTAGES, INCLUDING AT LEAST SIX AMERICANS. THE
HIJACKERS KILLED ONE HOSTAGE FRIDAY AND THREATENED TO KILL OTHERS ONE
ONE UNLESS THE DEADLINE WAS MET.
THE HIJACKERS HAVE DEMANDED THE RELEASE OF BETWEEN 70 AND 90
PEOPLE THEY DESCRIBED AS POLITICAL PRISONERS IN PAKISTAN, AND HAVE
SET SEVERAL OTHER DEADLINES SINCE THE SIEGE BEGAN SIX DAYS AGO.
KASS CLAIMED THE HIJACKERS WERE ACTING ON THE ORDERS OF MURATA
BHOOTO, 22, THE ELDEST SON OF ZULFIAR ALI BHOOTO, THE PAKISTANI
PRESIDENT OF THE BHOOTO, WHO HAS BEEN SHUTTLED AND HANGING IN 1979. AFTER GEN. MOHAMMED
RAUL-FAQI, PAKISTAN'S CURRENT RULER, REFUSED TO COMMUTE THE DEATH
SENTENCES.
KASS ALSO CLAIMED MURATA BHOOTO MET TWO WEEKS AGO IN LIBYA WITH
THE VENEZUELAN-BORN TERRORIST "CARLOS." HOWEVER, THE HIJACKERS HAVE
DENIED ANY LINKS WITH TERRORIST GROUPS, BHOOTO OR HIS BANNED PAKISTAN
PEOPLE'S PARTY.
KAUL RADIO SAID ONE OF THE REMAINING HOSTAGES, RICHARD CLYMORE OF
CALIFORNIA, ASKED THE U.S. GOVERNMENT FRIDAY TO CONTACT PAKISTAN
AUTHORITIES "AND SAVE OUR LIVES." IT SAID RUBBELOF URGED U.S. ACTION
BECAUSE MANY OF THE CAPTIVES WERE BECOMING ILL.
ACCORDING TO RADIO REPORTS, THOSE REMAINING ABOARD IN ADDITION TO
CLYMORE and MURATI, WERE MRS. WEISNER' S FIANCE, MIAN MAHNOOR AHMED,
AND INFERENCE EXECUTION NAGHAI, OF NEW YORK CITY.
THE KABUL CONTROL TOWER TO UN-wing 8:30 A.M. REPORTED A RELAXATION THROUGH
APPELLING FOR U.N. INTERVENTION. A SPOKESMAN FOR AFGHAN SAIID HE HAD
CONTACT WITH AFHAN AND PAKISTANI OFFICIALS BUT DETAILS WAS NOT
AFGHAN TROOPS WERE REPORTED ON ALERT AT THE AIRPORT, ALONG WITH
SOVIET SOLDIERS -- PART OF THE 80,000-MAN FORCE THAT ENTERED THE
COUNTRY IN DECEMBER 1979 TO CRUSH MOSLEM REBELS BATTLING THE
PRO-MOSCON COMMUNIST REGIME IN KABUL.
PAKISTANI OFFICIALS CALLED THE KILLING FRIDAY OF TARIQ RASHEM, A
FIRST SECRETARY AT PAKISTAN'S EMBASSY IN TEHRAN, A 'POLITICALLY
MOTIVATED,' AND SAID IT WAS "ALLOWED BY KABUL AUTHORITIES IN TOTAL
DISREGARD OF INTERNATIONAL LAW." DETAILS OF THE SHOOTING WERE NOT
RELEASED.
KABUL RADIO SAID RASHEM WAS KILLED WHEN HE ATTACKED ONE OF THE
HIJACKERS WHO WAS SPEAKING ON THE COCKPIT RADIO WITH THE CHIEF
PAKISTANI NEGOTIATOR AT THE CONTROL TOWER. THE HIJACKER TOLD AFHAN
AUTHORITIES TO REMOVE THE BODY. RASHEM WAS TAKEN TO A HOSPITAL AND
DIED 2 1/2 HOURS LATER, THE STATE RADIO SAID.
AP-WX-0307 0007EST
KABUL, AFGHANISTAN (AP) -- Hijackers shot and mortally wounded a Pakistani hostage-diplomat Friday and set a new one-day deadline for Pakistan to meet demands for the release of 112 hostages still aboard a Pakistani jumbo jetliner commandeered to Kabul last Monday, radio Afghanistan said.

Pakistan promptly accused Afghanistan of permitting the slaying. "This cold-blooded murder was allowed by Kabul authorities in total disregard of international law," an official Pakistani spokesman said here.

The Afghan broadcast said the new deadline was 3 p.m. Saturday (5:30 a.m. M. EST.)

The Afghan radio also reported that an American hostage aboard the plane said some of the passengers were becoming ill and urged a speedy settlement of the five-day-old crisis. Six Americans were reported among hostages held by three hijackers, who are demanding release of political prisoners in Pakistan.

The Kabul broadcast monitored here gave no details of events leading up to the fatal shooting except to say that it occurred while one of the hijackers was speaking on the cockpit radio with the chief Pakistani negotiator at the airport control tower.

According to freed hostages evacuated to Pakistan Thursday, the hijackers had a list of four hostages to be executed one at a time if their demands were not met. They also threatened to blow up the plane.

The slaying and Pakistani accusation of Afghanistan complicity further clouded negotiations already difficult because of strained relations caused by the presence of Soviet troops in the country. The Soviets moved in force into Afghanistan in December 1979 and have been helping fight Moslem rebels.

Soviet embassy personnel were reported by a reliable source in Kabul to be involved in the negotiations and Soviet troops were said to be alerted at the airport.

The shooting victim, identified as Tariq Rahim assigned to the Pakistani embassy in Tehran, Iran, was taken to a nearby hospital after a hijacker on the plane notified Afghan authorities by cockpit radio to remove a body, the broadcast said. He died there 2 1/2 hours later, it added.

AP-WX-0306 17:59:17 EST
CABLEROOM TO CALL MR. PAIJMANS AT HOME

227 PAIJMANS COPY HOPPER, BENJENK
BALKIND, UR 266 MAR 4

SINCE INCREASINGLY APPARENT THAT AFGHAN GOVERNMENT IMPEDING PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS WE SHOULD ASK BANK MEMBER GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTED IN KABUL BY FULL AMBASSADORS TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS WITH AFGHAN AUTHORITIES. INDIA IS OBVIOUS CANDIDATE. AT MY SUGGESTION INDIAN AMBASSADOR REQUESTING INDIAN EMBASSY IN KABUL TO CONTACT AFGHAN AUTHORITIES IMMEDIATELY. REQUEST WILL BE CHANNELED THROUGH FOREIGN OFFICE NEW DELHI. GRATEFUL YOUR LODGING SIMILAR REQUEST WITH NEW DELHI GOVERNMENT. THIS TELEX BEING COPIED TO ROULET NDO.

HAVE JUST BEEN INFORMED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT AN HOUR AGO BALKIND WAS ALLOWED BY HIJACKERS TO SPEAK ON THE PLANE RADIO TO INFORM THE BANK AND HIS FAMILY THAT HE IS IN GOOD SPIRIT AND HEALTH.

REGARDS SIEBECK

Messrs. Paijmans, Hopper and Theodores were telephoned early morning.
URGENT FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY OF ALL COPIES

ISLAMABAD MAR 4 1981
224 HOPPER, MR. McNAMARA'S OFFICE, DE SILVA, L. CARTER, PIA DUER
RE BALKIND
STATUS AS OF 15:00 OUR 02:00 YOUR TIME BASED ON INFO FROM FOREIGN
AND DEFENSE MINISTRIES AND FOREIGN PRESS CORRESPONDENTS.

AAA AN HOUR AGO HIJACKERS HAVE RELEASED 27 WOMEN AND CHILDREN
PASSENGERS WHO HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO HOTEL AND WILL BE FLOWN BACK
TO PAKISTAN BY PIA. PASSENGERS REMAINING ON BOARD SAID TO BE WELL.

BBB THREE MEN PAK TEAM CONTINUING NEGOTIATIONS FOR RELEASE OF
REMAINING PASSENGERS THROUGH IRANIAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN KABUL.
HELP OF OTHER EMBASSIES INCLUDING USSR BEING SOUGHT. AFGHAN
GOVERNMENT HAS UP TO NOW NOT PERMITTED PAK TEAM TO ESTABLISH DIRECT
CONTACT WITH HIJACKERS.

CCC ACCORDING TO RADIO KABUL HIJACKERS HAVE REQUESTED FLIGHT
CLEARANCE FOR IRAN BUT THIS HAS NOT REPEAT NOT BEEN GRANTED

BEGARDS SIEBECK
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KABUL (UNDP) 29 3 1038
DP-122 CONFIDENTIAL BOORSMA INFO 114 PRIESTLY REYOURGAR DP-93 SITUATION
ON
AS OF 3 MARCH 1500 HRS ALL PASSENGERS REPORTED SAFE BUT REMAIN INSIDE
AIRCRAFT FOOD AND MEDICINE HAS BEEN ALLOWED ON BOARD STOP HIJACKER
THREATENED BLAST AIRCRAFT IF KABUL ARMY OR POLICE CAME NEAR. HIJACKER
APPEARENTLY DESIRES PROCEED BEYOND IRAN AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES AWAITING
IRANIAN PERMISSION TO VERIFY THAT COUNTRY. ALSO UNDERSTAND ISLAMABAD
CONTACTED FOR RESPONSE TO HIJACKERS DEMANDS, KABUL AWAITING MESSAGE.
MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS ASSURE FULL ASSISTANCE WHEN PRACTICABLE, KAB
UL
AIRPORT CONTINUING TO FUNCTION NORMALLY (ABU HAKIM UNDEVPRO KABUL)
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Gibson/Normal

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Theodore T. Ward
ISLAMABAD 3 MARCH 1981
UNDP ISLAMABAD
DIRECTOR CABLE FOR UNDP NEW YORK

NEW YORK

DP238 CONFIDENTIAL BOORSMA FROM SUMER REOUR TELEPHONE CONVER-
SATION WORLD BANK STAFF MEMBER JEFFREY BALKIND ON SUPERVISORY
MISSION TO PAKISTAN IS AMONG PASSENGERS PIA PLANE HIJACKED TO
KABUL AFTERNOON MONDAY SECOND MARCH. IBRD WASHINGTON ADVISED.
FOREIGN OFFICE INFORMED AND REQUESTED ENSURE SAFETY AND RETURN
STAFF MEMBER. APPRECIATE YOUR TAKING APPROPRIATE ACTION. SHALL
ADVISE YOU DEVELOPMENTS THIS END. (PRIESTLEY)

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KABUL (AFGHANISTAN)

REPEAT

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ISLAMABAD (PAKISTAN)

DP PRIESTLEY

DP CONFIDENTIAL BONEV RE HAKIM'S DP122. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR URGENT
UPDATE WITH REGARD HIJACKED PLANE AND WORLD BANK STAFF MEMBER BY FASTEST MEANS
TELEPHONE OR TELEX.

BOORSMA

cc: Mr. Timbrell/Miss Davis
Mr. Husa
Mr. Vinde
Mr. Joseph/Miss Globerman
Country
Chron

Mr. Theodores (World Bank)

Sjoerd Boorsma, Chief a.i.

Emergency Co-ordination Unit
2 March 1981

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UNDEVRFO
KABUL (AFGHANISTAN)

BONEV HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT PAKISTANI PLANE ON INTERNAL FLIGHT WAS HIJACKED TODAY TO KABUL WITH ON BOARD WORLD BANK STAFF MEMBER JEFFREY BALKIND. IF INFORMATION CORRECT PLEASE LEND ALL ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE AND ADVISE.

BOORSMA

cc: Miss Davis
Mr. Joseph
Reading
Country
Chron

Mr. Theodores (World Bank)

Sjoerd Boorsma, Chief a.i.

Emergency Co-ordination Unit
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2 March 1981

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ISLAMABAD (PAKISTAN)

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BOORSMA

cc: Miss Davis

Mr. Joseph

Reading

Country

Chron

Mr. Theodores (World Bank)

Sjoerd Boorsma, Chief a.i.

Emergency Co-ordination Unit
NOTE FOR FILE

This afternoon at 1.30 I received a telephone call from Mr. James Theodores the acting Co-ordinator for security at the World Bank who informed that he had received a report from the World Bank Office in Islamabad that a Pakistani plane on an internal flight had been hijacked to Kabul. The reason for his call was the fact that a World Bank staff member, Jeffrey Balkind, a South African national was on board and request us to contact UNDP Kabul in order to lend any assistance possible. I assured Mr. Theodores that I would report the matter to the UN Co-ordinator and that I would ask UNDP Kabul to assist in any way possible and to advise.

Sjoerd Boersma
Chief a.i.
Emergency Co-ordination Unit

SB/elr
2 March 1981

cc: Mr. Timbrell/Miss Davis
Mr. Vinde
Mr. Joseph
Mr. Theodores (World Bank)
May 5, 1981

Major-General M. Rahim Khan
Secretary-General of Defence
Pakistan Secretariat
Rawalpindi
Pakistan

Dear General Khan,

You might recall that I was one of the hostages whom you met on March 15 in Damascus after our release from the highjacked PIA plane. I would like to thank you and your colleagues for your unspiring efforts in securing our release and to express my very warm appreciation for the outstanding service of the PIA crew throughout the 13 days.

The PIA crew spared no efforts in looking after the safety and concerns of the 150 passengers. The captain, Saeed Khan, and the co-pilot, Junaid Yunus, were particularly courageous and showed great skill in flying the aircraft under extremely difficult circumstances. However, I would like to list the names of the full crew, all of whom deserve a special mention of praise:

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First Officer (co-pilot) Junaid Yunus
Flt. Engineer Munawar Nadir
Flt. Purser Javid Bhatti
Flt. Steward S.A. Qadri
Flt. Steward F. Maniar
Flt. Steward Zafar Ishaq
Air Hostess Naiia (Nazir) Raza
Flt. Steward Basit
Air Hostess Farzana Sharif

Despite the long ordeal, I find myself in very good health. My wife too survived the crisis very well.

Looking forward to seeing you sometime again on a more relaxed occasion.

Yours sincerely,

Jeffrey Balkind
Industrial Development and Finance Division
South Asia Projects
May 5, 1981

The Managing Director
Pakistan International Airlines
Head Office
Karachi Airport
Pakistan

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Industrial Development and Finance Division
South Asia Projects
Dear Mr. Theodores,

You will by now have received my cable indicating the release of the hijacked passengers from the Pakistani International Air plane and with specific indication as to the state of health of Mr. Balkind.

If I write to you, at present time, it is to clear up two points which arose in the course of the exchange of correspondence between our two Organizations. The first point touches the autonomous if not independent conduct of the World Bank. I was most surprised to see that the Bank chose to work through one of its staff members, provisionally in Syria for the purpose of solving technical problems, and to convey messages to the UNDP office through this source rather than directly to the UNDP office itself. I consider myself to have been extremely lucky to have had Mr. Haile-Mariam as the Bank's interlocator, in the conveyance of your messages, as he was knowledgeable, efficient and cooperative; but having met a number of Bank officials in the past, I know well that it could have been otherwise. My point is that in a critical situation such as the one in which Mr. Balkind was involved, there can only be one channel of communication; either it is the UNDP Resident Representative, on the spot, or it is whatever other agent the Bank might choose to designate; but it cannot be the two together.

The second point concerns the last item mentioned in my cable No. MISC 478 namely, that no initiative should be taken by the Bank without first informing this office. You will appreciate that the unannounced arrival of Ms. Balkind, in Damascus, could have inmeasurably complicated a very delicate situation, as the question of the release of the hostages was at a highly critical point. Mr. Haile-Mariam very kindly and rapidly conveyed the contents of your telex, however, which announced her arrival; and Ms. Balkind proved to be mature and reasonably calm under very trying circumstances. But again it could have been otherwise........

Mr. J. Theodores
Office of Personnel
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Washington, D.C. 20433
In raising these two issues with you, my purpose is not to provoke a sterile post mortem, but rather, hopefully, to clarify an issue whose perception from the distance of Washington may not perhaps have been as it seemed; and whose clarification, at this point, might possibly facilitate the future work of other UNDP colleagues in other field offices, sparing them the negative implications that are clearly implied in the approach which the Bank chose to adopt in the present instance.

Yours sincerely,

Robert P. Thompson
Resident Representative a.i.
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REMARKS:

Algie – For office file. This is what I call classic convoluted garbage and is indicative of why UNDP is held in such low esteem -- at least by me. Kind regards,

FROM: Tim

ROOM NO.: EXTENSION:
Dear Mr. Theodores,

Thank you very much for your letter of 7 April 1981 which cleared up a number of points that had been the source of some confusion on this side.

As the Emergency Coordination Unit of UNDP is very new, Mr. Boorsma no doubt thought that his functions, in instances dealing with staff members outside the responsibility of UNDP, should be limited to an initial telephone call followed by a cable requesting to be kept informed of subsequent developments. The contacts which Mr. Boorsma had with you were thus not conveyed to us here. Your communications, on the other hand, while indeed transmitted through this office, being addressed to Mr. Haile-Mariam, were conveyed directly to him. I therefore did not see any of them until Mr. Haile-Mariam kindly chose to show them to me. I would suggest that if a given UNDP office is to be requested to act in matters relating to emergencies, cables should be addressed directly to the Resident Representative with an information copy to whomever is to be kept informed.

The implications concerning the travel of Ms. Balkind to Damascus, touched not so much the question of the possible effect on the release of the hostages but rather her (or any other spouse's) effect on the office of the Resident Representative itself. A context such as the hijacking is necessarily a highly emotive one, and, in the very best of situations, a difficult one. Ms. Balkind was as calm as could be expected; but her very presence necessarily made it extremely difficult for me to manoeuvre as; in addition to the already unknown elements, I had the incipient fears of Ms. Balkind, which are necessarily attendant in a situation, to handle.

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One final point: the mass media in the latter part of the 20th century are remarkably well informed of a given situation of international interest. Mr. Balkind's nationality, and the family lineage and connections of Ms. Balkind, were known in detail by at least four of the journalists who approached me for information. As I pointed out to Mr. Boorsma, the fact that Mr. Balkind was a South African national, and that this information was withheld from this office, could well have placed us in a very embarrassing and perhaps, even, a compromising situation vis-à-vis the Syrian authorities. As I conveyed to Mr. Boorsma, I hope that in the future he will better understand that it is incumbent upon him that all major factors, in a given problem, are conveyed to the field in as much detail as possible.

Again, let me thank you for having understood the context in which my letter of 17 March 1981, was written.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Robert P. Thompson
Resident Representative a.i.
Letter No. 48

April 30, 1981

Mr. James L. Theodores
Organization Planning Department
Room I9-100, World Bank
Washington, D.C.

Dear Jim:

I still have to thank you for your letter of March 16 in which you requested me to let you know how in my view we could better cope with hijacking incidences such as the recent one.

I just received your memorandum of April 16 to Field Office Heads which in my view very well covers the ground. A clear command structure within the Bank is of course what is most needed and what was somewhat lacking in the first days after the plane got hijacked. I felt that I was very much left on my own out here. Having tried to do whatever I could do I was surprised when I was called from Washington one evening and questioned whether I had done all that was necessary to deal with the situation. This was followed by Ernie's telexed instruction to stay put and not to take any action without prior instruction from Washington. All this was due to the fact that this was the Bank's first hijacking case and I am certain that in future we will know our respective roles.

Of course, also in the field it should be clear who is in command. While I entirely agree that the U.N. ResRep as designated security official for all U.N. agencies should have the coordinating role, I would assume that a Bank ResRep would be your better choice to take specific actions in the field. He would certainly be strongly motivated to do whatever has to be done while you may have problems with a U.N. ResRep if he does not come from one of the Bank member countries.

I also believe that a Bank emergency manual should specify actions that a Bank ResRep should take in such cases. Whom he is to contact in the field (which Government agency, what level, embassies of Bank staff involved). Such manual should primarily consist of a check-list of actions to be taken.

With best personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Wolfgang E. Siebeck
Chief, Resident Mission

Headquarters: Washington, D.C., USA
April 7, 1981

Mr. Robert P. Thompson
Resident Representative
United Nations Development Programme
P. O. Box 2317
Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Thank you for your letter of 17 March 1981 which we received on 3 April 1981. Please be assured your comments were very much appreciated and viewed in the constructive manner in which they were offered.

As you may know, the Field Coordinator's Office in the World Bank is responsible for monitoring all emergencies and/or security-related developments which affect our staff in any way. In this regard, we coordinate directly and fully with Mr. Boersma of the Emergency Coordination Unit in New York. In critical emergencies, such as the Pakistani aircraft hijacking, the Bank's emergency center is staffed and monitors developments on a 24-hour basis and our management, and Mrs. Balkind, were kept promptly and fully informed at all hours of the day or night.

It was understood at this end that Mr. Boersma would be communicating directly with you throughout the crisis and that we would keep in touch with our own people in field. As you will note, we also routed all communications through your office to ensure you were kept fully informed of our management's views as well. More specifically, in our cable and telex of 8 March, we made a special effort to point out the need for coordinating fully with your office in all matters and that no initiatives were to be taken directly on behalf of the World Bank unless authorized by our Senior Vice President through this office. The reason for this is that we had agreed that the UN would properly take the lead role and we wanted to be sure no actions would be inadvertently taken to undermine such efforts.

As for Mrs. Balkind's travel to Damascus, this was done on the advice of the Bank's senior medical advisor who felt this was in the best interest of both Mr. and Mrs. Balkind. Travel took place only at the last minute when release of the hostages was expected momentarily. Mr. Boersma was kept informed of this possibility and we cabled this information through you to Mr. Haile-Mariam at the earliest possible time in advance of her arrival in Damascus. At the same time, we took special efforts not to divulge names in order to avoid the media and any resultant publicity. The Bank properly maintained a low-profile approach throughout. We were also very much aware of the delicate nature
of the situation and wish to assure you we would not have agreed for Mrs. Balkind to proceed if we felt her presence would in any way have affected the release of the hostages.

At this juncture, with the establishment of the Emergency Coordination Unit in New York and the Bank's own efforts to upgrade its capacity to deal with emergency situations, we are working closely with Mr. Boersma to ensure our mutual efforts are fully coordinated and mutually reinforcing. It will take time to effectively mesh these efforts and we believe a good start has been made in this direction. In this context, the comments you have offered are welcomed and appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

James L. Theodores
Acting Field Coordinator

cc: Mr. Boersma, UNDP, New York

bcc: Messrs. Paijmans, AOPVP
     Cole, AOPVP
Telex message from Bonev, UNDP ResRep to Kabul - (Received from Boorsma, UN New York, 11:55 a.m., March 6, 1981.)

For Morse, Timbrell, Joseph Boorsma, info Priestly Further my telephone conversation with Mr. Nordstrand approximately 10 foreign diplomats including some press attaches, one official from U.S. Embassy and Christopher Runnel, UNDP Assistant ResRep were called today 6 March at 1330 hours to Foreign Ministry and at 1340 hours proceeded to airport. Informed that hijackers had set a deadline for 1400 hours (same day) Kabul time for Pakistani government to comply with hijackers' demand. They were all taken to airport control tower there. Runnel was asked to speak with Jeffrey Balkind, World Bank official, and a Nigerian and two Americans who were among the hostages. They stated they were in good health. The hijackers were treating them well and there are 110 hostages on board including five women, two of whom are Americans. One hostage was released 5 March and another this morning both suffering mentally. The hijackers are armed with time bombs, grenades and pistols. They added the atmosphere is nevertheless tense and expressed fear that Pakistani government was not doing anything about them and they fear for their lives. They stressed that Afghan authority appeared to have done everything possible to help.

Afterwards, the representative of Pakistani government spoke to Alam Gir, and expressed that his government has accepted some demands but would take more time to identify all the individuals numbering about 90 whose release has been requested. Assistant ResRep Runnel spoke with Alam Gir to ask for more time while Pakistani representatives contacted their government. Alam Gir did not agree. Shortly afterwards, Alam Gir announced one passenger (a Pakistani diplomat), a son of a general, had been shot after attempting to attack one of the hijackers. The person was taken by Afghan authorities to a hospital where we understand his condition is serious. As at 1625 hours, no other contact between Alam Gir and control tower. Meanwhile Afghan government urgently requesting U.S. and UN authorities to intervene with Pakistan government to speed up responses to hijackers. Grateful urgent reply on follow up action taken so we may inform Afghan government accordingly.

P.S. The President of Afghanistan sent a personal message to the hijackers demanding to refrain from violence and proposed deadline until tomorrow 7 March 1500 hours. The hijackers appreciated Afghan government's approach and extended deadline until 7 March 1500 hours. Urgent intervention at UN necessary.
AFP NEWS SUMMARY 1 -- MARCH 7 (SINCE 1600 GMT YESTERDAY).

- ISLAMABAD: HIJACKERS OF A PAKISTANI JET HELD IN KABUL FOR THE PAST FIVE DAYS SHOT DEAD A PAKISTANI DIPLOMAT, ONE OF THE PLANE'S 115 HOSTAGES, AND SET A NEW DEADLINE FOR THEIR DEMAND THAT 90 POLITICAL PRISONERS BE RELEASED FROM PAKISTANI JAILS. THE KILLING PROMPTED ISLAMABAD TO CHARGE AFGHAN OFFICIALS WITH "COLLUSION." PAKISTANI NEGOTIATORS ALSO SAID THE GROUP THAT HAD CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE HIJACKING WAS LED BY MURTAZA BHUTTO, EXILED SON OF LATE PRIME MINISTER ZULFIKAR ALI BHUTTO. (AFP)

- WARSAW: POLISH AUTHORITIES HAVE BROUGHT CHARGES WHICH COULD RESULT IN THE DEATH PENALTY FOR FOUR NATIONALIST LEADERS OF THE INDEPENDENT POLAND CONFEDERATION (KFN). THE FOUR, WHO HAVE BEEN IN JAIL SINCE LAST YEAR, ARE ACCUSED OF ANTI-STATE ACTIVITIES AND ACTIONS INIMICAL TO POLAND'S "ESSENTIAL POLITICAL INTERESTS," AND OF TRYING TO BREAK UP POLAND'S ALLIANCES WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. MEANWHILE, 50 WORKERS IN THE SOUTHWESTERN CITY OF WROCLAW FORMED A GUARD TO PROTECT ANOTHER DISSIDENT, SOCIAL SELF-DEFENSE COMMITTEE (KOR) LEADER ADAM MICHNIK, FROM ARREST. (AFP)

- WASHINGTON: PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN DEFENDED HIS DECISION TO SEND MILITARY ADVISERS AND SUPPLIES TO EL SALVADOR'S MILITARY-CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT, SAYING HE WAS "TRYING TO HALT THE INFILTRATION OF THE AMERICAS BY TERRORISTS AND BY OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE." THE PRESIDENT, IN HIS SECOND NEWS CONFERENCE SINCE TAKING OFFICE ON JANUARY 20, ALSO SAID HE WOULD "VIEW VERY SERIOUSLY" A MILITARY COUP IN THE COUNTRY. (AFP)

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ISLAMABAD, MARCH 5 (AFP) - PAKISTAN TODAY REPATRIATED 28 PASSENGERS FREED YESTERDAY FROM A PAKISTANI HIJACKED TO KABUL MONDAY BY ARMED HIJACKERS DEMANDING THE RELEASE OF SOME 70 POLITICAL PRISONERS HELD HERE, INFORMED SOURCES SAID.

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ACCORDING TO KABUL RADIO LAST NIGHT, PAKISTANI NEGOTIATORS IN KABUL HAD PROMISED A "VERY QUICK RESPONSE" TO THE HIJACKERS' DEMANDS, AND THANKED AFGHAN AUTHORITIES FOR THEIR HELP.

BUT A PAKISTANI DEFENCE MINISTRY OFFICIAL SAID TODAY THAT NEGOTIATORS IN KABUL STILL DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION ABOUT THE HIJACKERS' REPORTED DEMANDS FOR THE RELEASE OF 70 PRISONERS FROM PAKISTANI JAILS.
HIJACK - WITNESS 1.

PESHAWAR, PAKISTAN, MARCH 5 (AFP) - THREE HIJACKERS ARE HOLDING 120 PASSENGERS AND CREWMEN ABOARD A PAKISTANI AIRLINER IN KABUL, A NINE-YEAR-OLD BOY WHO HAD BEEN ON THE CRAFT AND ELUDED A SECURITY CORDON AT THE AIRPORT HERE TOLD NEWSMEN TODAY.

THE BOY, WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS ZULFIKAR, WAS AMONG 28 PASSENGERS WHO WERE FREED BY THE HIJACKERS YESTERDAY AND REPATRIATED TO PAKISTAN TODAY. THE AIRLINER WAS SEIZED MONDAY.

SECURITY GUARDS SEALED OFF THE SECTION OF THE AIRPORT HERE TO WHICH THE FREED HOSTAGES WERE TAKEN AND WOULD NOT ALLOW NEWSMEN NEAR THEM. HOWEVER, ZULFIKAR MANAGED TO SLIP THROUGH THE NET.

"THE PIRATES ARE CALLED ALAM GIR, RIZWAN AND ZAFAR," HE TOLD JOURNALISTS. "THEY HAVEN'T HIT ANYONE AND THEY ARE CONSTANTLY THREATENING TO BLOW UP THE PLANE WITH A TIME BOMB."

ACCORDING TO THE BOY, THE HIJACKERS REPEATEDLY TOLD THEIR HOSTAGES THAT "WE DON'T WANT TO HARM YOU, BUT STAY IN YOUR SEATS AND KEEP CALM OR WE'LL BLOW UP EVERYTHING."

ZULFIKAR SAID THAT THE THREE MEN WERE ARMED WITH PISTOLS AND TOLD THEIR HOSTAGES THAT THEY ALSO POSSESSED SUBMACHINE GUNS, "ALTHOUGH I NEVER SAW ANY," HE ADDED.

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HIJACK - WITNESS 2 LAST (PESHAWAR).

"I WASN'T SCARED OF THEM," HE DECLARED.

THE BOY SAID THAT THE MEN SPOKE URDU, PAKISTAN'S PRINCIPAL LANGUAGE, AND ENGLISH AND WERE DRESSED IN WESTERN STYLE.

THE HOSTAGES WERE GIVEN EGGS AND BISCUITS TO EAT AND WATER TO DRINK ABOARD THE PLANE, ZULFIKAR SAID. THE RELEASED HOSTAGES WERE TAKEN TO THE HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL IN KABUL. "THERE WERE AFGHAN SOLDIERS EVERYWHERE," HE ADDED.

ZULFIKAR'S FATHER WORKS IN KUWAIT AND THE BOY WAS TRAVELING WITH HIS MOTHER, HIS 12-YEAR-OLD SISTER AND HIS TWO- AND FIVE-YEAR-OLD BROTHERS, ALL OF WHOM WERE FREED.

ACCORDING TO AN ISLAMABAD SOURCE, THE HIJACKERS ARE DEMANDING THE RELEASE OF 78 POLITICAL PRISONERS FROM PAKISTANI JAILS. THEY ALSO WANT THE PRISONERS TO BE FLOWN TO KABUL.

THE SOURCE ADDED THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THE PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT WOULD AGREE TO THE HIJACKERS' DEMAND.

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HIJACK
ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN (AP) -- A PAKISTANI PLANE FLEW BACK FROM KABUL TODAY WITH 27 PEOPLE FREED FROM A HIJACKED JETLINER, BUT 118 OTHERS, INCLUDING SEVERAL AMERICANS AND A WORLD BANK OFFICIAL, REMAINED CAPTIVE AND THE HIJACKER AGAIN THREATENED TO SET OFF GRENADES ABOARD THE AIRCRAFT AT THE AFGHAN AIRPORT IN KABUL.

THE HIJACKER DEMANDED THAT 79 PAKISTANIS, INCLUDING POLITICAL PRISONERS, BE FLOWN TO KABUL, THE AFGHAN CAPITAL. A PAKISTANI OFFICIAL SAID SOME OF THEM WERE IN JAIL, BUT THAT OTHERS WERE "NOT EVEN IN CUSTODY."

THE HIJACKER HAS IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS MOHAMMAD ALAMGIR, SAID HE HAS TWO ACCOMPlices AND HAND GRENADES ABOARD AND THAT HIS FINAL DESTINATION IS IRAN.

THE HIJACKER FREED 13 CHILDREN, 13 WOMEN AND A SICK MAN WEDNESDAY CONMANDED TO THE PAKISTAN INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES BOEING 720 WHICH HE FLEW TO KABUL.

U.S. EMBASSY OFFICIALS SAID THEY BELIEVED DEBORAH LEIGHTON WEISNER, OF AUBURN, MAINE, AND CHARLOTTE HUBBELL WERE AMONG THOSE RELEASED, MRS. HUBBELL'S HOMETOWN WAS NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE.

AFGHANISTAN RADIO REPORTED THAT AN AMERICAN CHILD OF PAKISTANI ORIGIN, ZUBAIR QURESHI, AND HIS MOTHER ALSO WERE RELEASED BUT EMBASSY OFFICIALS SAID THEY COULD NOT CONFIRM THIS.

ACCORDING TO PAKISTANI OFFICIALS, THOSE ABOARD THE EVACUATION PLANE INCLUDED 10 CHILDREN AND 16 WOMEN RELEASED WEDNESDAY FROM THE PAKISTAN INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES BOEING 720, WHICH THE HIJACKER COMMANDED MONDAY DURING A FLIGHT BETWEEN KARACHI AND PESHAWAR IN NORTHERN PAKISTAN.

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HIJACK - WITNESS 3 (PESHAWAR) REOPENS.

LATER TODAY, PAKISTANI OFFICIALS SAID THAT THE GROUP OF 28 HOSTAGES BROUGHT TO PESHAWAR TODAY CONSISTED OF 16 WOMEN, 10 CHILDREN OF WHOM TWO ARE INFANTS, AND TWO MEN, BOTH OF WHOM ARE AILING.

A DIPLOMATIC SOURCE SAID THAT THERE WERE THREE OR FOUR AMERICAN WOMEN ABOARD THE PLANE BUT THAT THE HIJACKERS HAD REFUSED TO FREE THEM.

A PAKISTANI WOMEN, MRS. ANZOOR UL-HAQ, REFUSED TO LEAVE THE PLANE, INSISTING THAT SHE WANTED TO SHARE THE FATE OF HER SON, AN AIRLINE EMPLOYEE WHO IS ABOARD THE BOEING.

THE PAKISTANIS WERE NOT ALLOWING NEWSMEN NEAR THE FREED HOSTAGES, ARGUING THAT ANY INFORMATION THAT LEAKED OUT MIGHT ENDANGER THE LIVES OF THE 120 PEOPLE STILL ABOARD THE PLANE IN KABUL.

HOWEVER, SOME OF THE FREED PASSENGERS WERE INTERVIEWED BY PAKISTAN TELEVISION BUT THE FILMS WERE CENSORED BEFORE BEING BROADCAST.

JJ/YMW

AFP 05 1803

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HIJACK - DEMAND.

ISLAMABAD, MARCH 5 (AFP) - AFGHANISTAN RADIO SAID TODAY THAT ALAM GIR, THE SUPPOSED MASTERMIND OF THE HIJACKING OF A PAKISTANI AIRLINER THAT WAS FORCED TO LAND AT THE KABUL AIRPORT, HAD DEMANDED "A CLEAR AND QUICK RESPONSE" BY PAKISTANI NEGOTIATORS TO HIS DEMANDS.

THE PUSHTU-LANGUAGE REPORT, WHICH WAS MONITORED HERE, DID NOT INDICATE WHETHER THE HIJACKER HAD SET A DEADLINE.

THREE MEN, ARMED WITH PISTOLS AND SAID TO HAVE A BOMB WITH THEM, SEIZED THE PLANE MONDAY. THEY RELEASED 28 PEOPLE YESTERDAY, PRINCIPALLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN, BUT ARE STILL DETAINING 120 PASSENGERS AND CREWMEN ABOARD THE CRAFT AT KABUL AIRPORT.

ACCORDING TO THE KABUL RADIO REPORT, ALAM GIR DEMANDED THAT A DELEGATION FROM THE PAKISTANI EMBASSY BE SENT TO NEGOTIATE WITH HIM THIS MORNING. THE EMBASSY REPLIED THAT IT COULD NOT SEND SUCH A TEAM TO THE AIRPORT UNTIL 1 P.M.

THE HIJACKER AGREED TO THE DELAY. AT 1 P.M., THE EMBASSY SAID THAT ITS NEGOTIATORS WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MEET WITH THE HIJACKERS UNTIL 4 P.M., THE RADIO SAID.

WHEN THE TALKS FINALLY BEGAN, ALAM GIR IMMEDIATELY DEMANDED THE RELEASE FROM PAKISTANI JAILS OF 78 POLITICAL PRISONERS, ACCORDING TO THE BROADCAST.

THE RADIO SAID THAT THE EMBASSY NEGOTIATORS INSISTED THAT THEY DID NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO GRANT SUCH TERMS AND THAT ISLAMABAD HAD TO BE CONSULTED.

KABUL RADIO SAID THAT ALAM GIR THEN DEMANDED "A CLEAR AND QUICK RESPONSE" BY THE PAKISTANIS.

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AFP 05 1806
HIJACK - ZIA.

ISLAMABAD, MARCH 7 (AFP) - IN THE ABSENCE OF DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE HIJACKERS OF A PAKISTANI JETLINER, AUTHORITIES HERE HAVE TAKEN "CERTAIN OTHER MEASURES" TO SAVE THE LIVES OF THE 111 HOSTAGES ON BOARD, PRESIDENT GENERAL MUSHARRAF MUHAMMED ZIA UL-HAQ SAID HERE TODAY.

DETAILS OF THE MEASURES WOULD BE "REVEALED AT A PROPER TIME", HE TOLD NEWSMEN WHILE COMMENTING ON THE LATEST DEADLINE FIXED BY THE HIJACKERS, WHO ARE THREATENING TO BLOW UP THE PLANE AT KABUL AIRPORT IF SOME 90 POLITICAL PRISONERS ARE NOT FREED.

THE PRESIDENT SAID HE WAS READY TO CONSIDER THE DEMANDS OF THE TERRORIST GROUP'S LEADER, ALAM GUR, IF THEIR "EXACTNESS" WAS PINNED DOWN. BUT HE ADDED THAT THE "PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT REFUSES TO BE BLACKMAILED."

"TODAY IT IS A PERSON ASKING FOR THE RELEASE OF A MAN INVOLVED IN A MURDER CASE. TOMORROW THERE WILL BE SOMEBODY ELSE," HE SAID "BUT WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER ALL LEGITIMATE DEMANDS, IF THEY CAN BE CALLED SO."

PRESIDENT ZIA AGAIN SAID HE REGRETTED THE DENIAL BY AFGHAN AUTHORITIES OF MEANS OF ESTABLISHING DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE HIJACKERS. HE SAID THAT "THE ATTITUDE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN IS NOT POSITIVE IF NOT OTHERWISE. BUT, WE ARE TRYING TO SAVE LIVES."

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HIJACK - ZIA2 (ISLAMABAD) REOPENS.

ASKED WHETHER THE CRISIS HAD LED TO WORSENING OF RELATIONS BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN, HE SAID, "NO, I HOPE NOT. LOTS OF SUCH INCIDENTS DO TAKE PLACE. BUT THIS SHOULD NOT HARM THE RELATIONS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES."

HE SAID THE PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN HAVE HIGH REGARD FOR THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN, AND ADDED: "WE DO NOT NOT RECOGNISE THE PRESENT REGIME IN KABUL, BUT TECHNICALLY, THEY ARE IN CONTROL AND IN THIS REGARD, WE HAVE TECHNICALLY APPROACHED THEM FOR ALL HELP AND ASSISTANCE, AND WE HOPE IT WILL BE FORTHCOMING."

ASKED WHAT ROLE THE SOVIET UNION WAS PLAYING, PRESIDENT ZIA SAID, "WELL WE DO NOT KNOW. WE HAVE APPROACHED THEM ALSO."

SZ/PM

AFP 072016
Hijack - U.S.

WASHINGTON, MARCH 7 (AFP) - The United States has told the Soviet government that it expects it to use its influence to end the captivity of 111 people held since Monday aboard a Pakistan Airlines jet at Kabul airport, the State Department said today, noting that three of the passengers are American.

"The Soviets, despite their strong position in principle opposing airplane hijackings, have made no apparent effort to help resolve the crisis," said Joseph Reap, a State Department spokesman.

"We have made clear that we expect them to use their influence in Kabul to achieve an early release of the passengers and crew and a peaceful end to the incident," he added.

Two American women, identified as Deborah Leighton Weisner and Charlotte Hubble, were among four passengers released by the hijackers today after an appeal from Afghan education minister Anahita Ratebzad.

The names of the other Americans on the jet could not be immediately obtained.

The Afghan government's only attempts to end a deadlock over the captors' demands that 90 political prisoners be released from Pakistani jails was to try to convince Islamabad to "acquiesce to the criminal demands," Mr. Reap said.

Mr. Reap said responsibility for the hostages' safety "lies ultimately with the Soviets, because of their obvious influence in Kabul."

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Hijack - Relatives.

Peshawar, Pakistan, March 7 (AFP) - People in Northwest Frontier Province and adjoining tribal areas to which most of the hostages held in Kabul belong are demanding that the relatives of the hijackers be handed over to the relatives of hostages, it was reported today by the official news agency APP.

They claimed this demand was in accordance with the customary law of the area which demands 'blood for blood', the report said.

AFP 072252

Hijack - Stewardess.

Islamabad, March 7 (AFP) - Two Pakistani International Airlines stewardesses today rejected a second offer of freedom from the hijackers who are threatening to blow up their jetliner at Kabul airport, Afghan radio said today.

The radio said that the commandos agreed to free five women today at the request of Afghanistan’s education minister. But while two American hostages left the plane, stewardesses Parzana and Manila Raza elected to stay behind with the other captive passengers and crew.

The fifth woman, a Pakistani, also decided to pass up the chance at safety, reportedly to stay with her adult son on the plane.

The five had remained in the Boeing 720-3 jet even after the hijackers had earlier this week released all the women and children. The gunmen now hold 111 people.

PM
AFP 072057
ROUNDUP HIJACK 2 (ISLAMABAD).

RADIO KABUL SAID THAT THE MISSION CHIEFS OF THE PLO, IRAQ, INDONESIA, BANGLADESH AND IRAN HELD TALKS WITH AFGHAN OFFICIALS BEFORE GOING TO THE CONTROL TOWER OF KABUL AIRPORT. PAKISTANI SOURCES SAID "INTENSIVE DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITIES" WERE CONTINUING AT THE AIRPORT.

THE COMMANDOS, MEMBERS OF THE AL ZULFIKAR TERRORIST GROUP, HELD 115 PEOPLE AFTER YESTERDAY'S FATAL SHOOTING OF A PAKISTANI DIPLOMAT BUT LATER RELEASED TWO AMERICAN WOMEN AND TWO SICK MEN TO BRING THE TOTAL TO 111. THERE WAS ALSO A REPORT THEY HAD PLANNED TO FREE TWO STEWARDESSES.

IN A CONCILIATORY GESTURE, PAKISTANI OFFICIALS AGREED TODAY TO FREE FIVE RELATIVES OF TWO MEMBERS OF THE AL ZULFIKAR GROUP WANTED FOR THE MURDER OF A STUDENT DURING A DEMONSTRATION AT KARACHI. THEY ALSO AGREED TO STOP BROADCAST ATTACKS ON THE HIJACKERS OVER RADIO PAKISTAN.

BUT THE PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT SAID IT WAS UNWILLING TO MEET ALL THE HIJACKERS' DEMANDS. IT SAID IT "REFUSED TO GIVE IN TO BLACKMAIL IN RELEASING OTHER PRISONERS WHO COULD BE GUILTY OF GRAVE CRIMES."

THE DRAMA NOW MATCHES IN LENGTH THE SECOND LONGEST AIRPLANE HIJACKING ON RECORD: THE OCTOBER 1977 COMMANDEERING OF A LUFTHANSA BOEING 737 WITH 87 PEOPLE ON BOARD OVER ROME THAT EVENTUALLY ENDED IN MOGADISHU, SOMALIA.

IT IS ONLY A DAY AWAY FROM EQUALING THE LONGEST HIJACKING: THAT OF AN AIR FRANCE AIRBUS ON A TEL AVIV-PARIS FLIGHT ON JUNE 27, 1976, THAT LANDED AT UGANDA'S ENTEBBE AIRPORT. ISRAELI COMMANDOS FREED THE HOSTAGES IN A DARING RAID THAT LEFT THREE CAPTIVES, 20 UGANDAN SOLDIERS, ONE ISRAELI AND SEVEN TERRORISTS DEAD.

MORE/PM/3M

AFP 071904

ROUNDUP HIJACK 3 LAST (ISLAMABAD).

THE TWO AMERICAN WOMEN FREED TODAY WERE DEBORAH LEIGHTON WEISNER AND CHARLOTTE HUBBLE, WHO INITIALLY CHOSE TO STAY ON THE PLANE WITH THEIR TRAVEL COMPANIONS WHEN MOST OF THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN WERE RELEASED WEDNESDAY.

KABUL RADIO SAID THEIR RELEASE WAS THE RESULT OF A "DIRECT REQUEST" BY AFGHAN EDUCATION MINISTER ANAHITA RATEZBAH TO REPUTED HIJACK RINGLEADER ALAM GIR. THE MINISTER CALLED FOR THEIR FREEDOM TO MARK AFGHANISTAN'S CELEBRATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY TOMORROW.

THERE WERE ALSO REPORTS THE GUNMEN HAD PLANNED TO RELEASE TWO PAKISTANI AIRLINE HOSTESSES. A FIFTH WOMAN, A PAKISTANI, REFUSED TO LEAVE, SAYING THAT SHE WANTED TO STAY WITH HER ADULT SON.

OFFICIALS SAID THAT ONE OF THE MEN RELEASED YESTERDAY HAD "LOST MENTAL BALANCE" DUE TO THE ORDEAL. THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE WORD ON THE CONDITION OF THE OTHER, SAID TO BE A PAKISTANI EMPLOYED IN SAUDI ARABIA.

PM/BM
KABUL HIJACK LEAD (TOPS NO10)

URGENT

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN (AP) -- TWO AMERICAN WOMAN HOSTAGES AND TWO PAKISTANIS WERE RELEASED TODAY FROM THE HIJACKED PAKISTANI JETLINER IN KABUL, WESTERN DIPLOMATS AND KABUL RADIO SAID. THE HIJACKERS, WHO HAVE KILLED ONE HOSTAGE, HAVE EXTENDED THEIR DEADLINE TO 5:30 A.M. EST SUNDAY, ACCORDING TO THE RADIO.

RADIO KABUL ALSO SAID REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOVIET UNION, THE PAKISTAN MAINLIGNMENT ORGANIZATION, AND FIVE ISLAMIC NATIONS INCLUDING IRAQ, WERE INVOLVED IN "INTENSIVE DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITIES" AIMED AT ENDING THE STAND-OFF.

IN ISLAMABAD PICKUP 2ND GRAP, NO10.

AP-WX-0307 1133EST

US-KABUL HIJACK

BY R. GREGORY NOKES

WASHINGTON (AP) -- THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION HAS TOLD THE SOVIETS IT EXPECTS THEM TO "USE THEIR INFLUENCE" TO HELP END THE SIX-DAY-OLD HIJACKING CRISIS IN AFGHANISTAN AND HOLDS THE SOVIETS ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF THE HOSTAGES, INCLUDING THREE AMERICANS.

STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN JOSEPH REAP SAID SATURDAY THAT SO FAR THE SOVIET UNION HAS "MADE NO APPARENT EFFORT" TO TERMINATE THE SIX-DAY-OLD HIJACKING CRISIS AND THE HOLDING OF 111 HOSTAGES ABOARD A PAKISTANI AIRLINER AT THE KABUL AIRPORT.

THREE AMERICANS REMAIN AMONG THE CAPTIVES, ALTHOUGH TWO AMERICANS "WERE RELEASED EARLIER SATURDAY AND WERE TAKEN TO THE U.S. EMBASSY IN KABUL.

"THE SOVIETS, DESPITE THEIR STRONG POSITION IN PRINCIPLE OPPOSING AIRPLANE HIJACKINGS, HAVE MADE NO APPARENT EFFORT TO HELP RESOLVE THE CRISIS," REAP SAID, READING FROM A STATEMENT.

REAP SAID THE U.S. OFFICIALS HAVE "MADE CLEAR" TO THE SOVIETS IN BOTH MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON "THAT WE EXPECT THEM TO USE THEIR INFLUENCE IN KABUL TO ACHIEVE AN EARLY RELEASE OF THE PASSENGERS AND CREW AND A PEACEFUL END TO THE INCIDENT." THE SOVIET UNION HAS 85,000 TROOPS IN AFGHANISTAN AND IS REGARDED AS THE POWER BEHIND THE GOVERNMENT THERE.


REAP SAID THE SAFETY OF THE HOSTAGES IS BOTH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE AFGHAN AUTHORITIES AND "ULTIMATELY WITH THE SOVIETS BECAUSE OF THEIR OBVIOUS INFLUENCE IN KABUL."

HE SAID THE AFGHANS HAVE ATTEMPTED TO PRESSURE THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN "TO ACCOMPLISH THE CRIMINAL DEMANDS OF THE TERRORISTS" WHO ARE DEMANDING RELEASE OF PERSONS HELD PRISONER IN PAKISTAN.

HE SAID THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT Pressed THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN TO MAKE ANY CONCESSIONS, HOWEVER.

THE UNITED STATES MAINTAINS AN EMBASSY IN KABUL AND HAS HAD REPRESENTATIVES AT THE KABUL AIRPORT OBSERVING THE INCIDENT, REAP SAID.

HE SAID THE UNITED STATES DOESN'T HAVE ANY INFORMATION "THAT SUGGESTS THAT FORCE WILL BE USED TO RESOLVE THE INCIDENT."

AP-WX-0307 1133EST
URGENT

HIJACK - KAR MAL

ISLAMABAD, MARCH 6 (AFP) - AFGHAN PRESIDENT BABRAK KAR MAL APPEALED TO THE HI J ACKERS OF A PAKISTANI A IRL INER, WHO FATALLY SHOT ONE OF THE 116 PEOPLE ABOARD THE CRAFT EARLIER TODAY, NOT TO KILL ANY MORE HOSTAGES.

HE TOLD THE THREE HIJACKERS THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS THEIR DEMANDS DIRECTLY WITH PAKISTANI OFFICIALS.

KABUL RADIO REPORTED THAT ALAM GIR, WHO IS BELIEVED TO BE THE MASTERMIND BEHIND THE SEIZURE OF THE PLANE, HAD AGREED TO MR. KAR MAL'S APPEAL.

THE RADIO, MONITORED HERE, SAID THAT TARIQ RAHI M, SECOND SECRETARY OF THE PAKISTANI EMBASSY IN T EHERAN AND A SON OF RETIRED GENERAL RAHI M KHAN, WAS SHOT AND CRITICALLY WOUNDED INSIDE THE PLANE.

THE HIJACKERS, BELIEVING THAT MR. RAHI M WAS DEAD, TOLD KABUL AIRPORT OFFICIALS TO TAKE HIS BODY AWAY. MR. RAHI M DIED TWO HOURS LATER IN A HOSPITAL, THE RADIO REPORTED.

ACCORDING TO THE BROADCAST, THE SHOOTING OCCURRED AS THE HIJACKERS NEGOTIATED WITH A TEAM OF PAKISTANI OFFICIALS.

APPARENTLY IT FOLLOWED ALAM GIR'S DEMAND THAT ISLAMABAD RESPOND QUICKLY TO HIS DEMANDS THAT PAKISTAN FREE 90 POLITICAL PRISONERS.

THE MURDERED DIPLOMAT HAD SERVED AS AIDE TO FORMER PAKISTANI PRIME MINISTER ZUL FIKAR ALI BHUTTO, WHO WAS HANGED BY THE PRESENT MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

JJ/AGV

AFP 061735

2ND LEAD HIJACK - SHOT 2 (ISLAMABAD) REOPENS.

AFGHAN RADIO ADDED THAT ABOUT 20 MINUTES AFTER THE SHOOTING, ALAM GIR INFORMED THE KABUL AIRPORT CONTROL TOWER OF THE REACTION OF PASSENGERS STILL HOSTAGE ON THE PLANE, INCLUDING 'MESSAGES OF DISTRESS' FROM U.S. AND NIGERIAN NATIONALS.

THE MESSAGES REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED INDIGNATION OVER THE SLOW TEMPO OF NEGOTIATIONS ON THE PASSENGERS' RELEASE.

THE RADIO HAD NOT YET REPORTED THE KILLING OF MR. RAHI M WHEN IT BROADCAST NEWS OF THE MESSAGES, AND DID NOT INCLUDE ANY REFERENCE TO THE MURDER.

THE REPORT SAID NOTABLY THAT A WORLD BANK OFFICIAL ON BOARD THE AIRCRAFT 'CALLED ON THE U.S. NEWS AGENCIES ASSOCIATED PRESS AND UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL TO TRANSMIT HIS COMPLAINT TO THE PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT' AND REQUEST IT TO BRING A SPEEDY END TO THE DRAMA.

ACCORDING TO RADIO KABUL, THE MESSAGE ADDED THAT THE CAPTIVE PASSENGERS WERE 'ILL AND TIRED' AND THAT 'THE EFFORTS OF AFGHAN AUTHORITIES COULD NOT BEAR FRUIT IF THE PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT DID NOT PROVIDE AN IMMEDIATE REPLY TO THE STATED DEMANDS' OF THE HIJACKERS.

ME/AGV
LEAD HIJACK - DYNAMITE.

MOSCOW, MARCH 7 (AFP) - ALAM GIR, THE LEADER OF THE AL ZULFIKAR TERRORIST GROUP HOLDING SOME 111 PASSENGERS HOSTAGE ABOARD A PAKISTANI JET IN KABUL, HAS AGREED TO EXTEND FOR 24 HOURS THE DEADLINE SET FOR 1030 GMT TODAY, TASS NEWS AGENCY REPORTED IN A DISPATCH DATED LINED KABUL.

THE GROUP IS DEMANDING THE RELEASE OF 90 POLITICAL PRISONERS IN PAKISTAN. EARLIER TODAY, TASS REPORTED THAT THE AL ZULFIKAR HIJACKERS HAVE NOW THREATENED TO BLOW UP THE PLANE WITH DYNAMITE AT 3 P.M. LOCAL TIME TOMORROW (1100 GMT) IF PAKISTANI AUTHORITIES DO NOT MEET THEIR DEMANDS.

TODAY'S EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE -- FOR RESUMPTION OF KILLING OF THE PLANE'S PASSENGERS -- FOLLOWED LAST MINUTE NEGOTIATIONS, HELD AT THE REQUEST OF AFGHAN AUTHORITIES, BY THE IRAQI AMBASSADOR TO AFGHANISTAN AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION.

IN ISLAMABAD, OFFICIAL PAKISTANI SOURCES SAID THAT DIPLOMATS OF SEVERAL COUNTRIES (X X X) PICKED UP 2ND PARA, HIJACK - DYNAMITE 2 EX-MOSCOW.

ME/AGV

AFP 071523

HIJACK - DEADLINE.

ISLAMABAD, MARCH 7 (AFP) - THREE HIJACKERS THREATENING TO BLOW UP A PAKISTANI JETLINER IN KABUL WITH 111 PEOPLE ABOARD HAVE AGREED TO A 24-HOUR EXTENSION OF THEIR DEADLINE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR DEMANDS, RADIO KABUL SAID TODAY.

THE BROADCAST, MONITORED HERE, CONFIRMED A REPORT FROM THE SOVIET NEWS AGENCY TASS IN MOSCOW THAT THE HIJACKERS PUT BACK THEIR DEADLINE FROM 5 P.M. (1030 GMT) TODAY TO THE SAME TIME TOMORROW.

THE GUARDEN AGREED TO THE EXTENSION AFTER LEADERS OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (PLO) AND THE IRAQI MISSION IN AFGHANISTAN ESTABLISHED DIRECT CONTACT WITH THEM, THE RADIO SAID.

THE HIJACKERS, WHO COMMANDERED THE BOEING 720-3 JET ON MONDAY, SHOT AND KILLED ONE OF THEIR HOSTAGES YESTERDAY AFTER AN INITIAL DEADLINE OF 2 P.M. HAD PASSED WITH NO RESPONSE TO THEIR DEMAND FOR THE RELEASE OF 90 POLITICAL PRISONERS IN PAKISTAN.

PM/3M

AFP 071638
URGENT.

HIJACK - DYNAMITE.

MOSCOW, MARCH 7 (AFP) - THE HIJACKERS HOLDING AT LEAST 111 AIRLINE PASSENGERS HOSTAGE ABOARD A PAKISTAN AIRLINES JET IN KABUL HAVE THREATENED TO BLOW UP THE PLANE WITH DYNAMITE AT 3 P.M. LOCAL TIME TOMORROW IF PAKISTANI AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT RELEASED 90 POLITICAL PRISONERS, TASS NEWS AGENCY SAID IN A REPORT DATED 15ED KABUL.

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AFP 071453

MEANWHILE IN ISLAMABAD, OFFICIAL PAKISTANI SOURCES SAID THAT "INTENSIVE DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITIES" WERE PROCEEDING AT THE KABUL AIRPORT.

THE SOURCES SAID THAT DIPLOMATS OF SEVERAL COUNTRIES WITH REPRESENTATIONS IN KABUL, INCLUDING THE SOVIET UNION, WERE INVOLVED IN EFFORTS TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF THE PASSENGERS STILL ON BOARD THE BOEING AIRCRAFT, HIJACKED ON MONDAY EN ROUTE TO PESHAWAR, PAKISTAN.

THE HIJACKERS LATE YESTERDAY RELEASED TWO PAKISTANI PASSENGERS WHO WERE TAKEN ILL. THE TWO ARRIVED IN PESHAWAR TODAY ON BOARD THE PLANE WHICH BROUGHT BACK THE BODY OF THE PAKISTANI DIPLOMAT KILLED BY THE GUNMEN YESTERDAY.

OFFICIALS SOURCES SAID THAT ONE OF THE RELEASED PASSENGERS, NAMED AS KHALIL UR REHMAN, HAD "LOST MENTAL BALANCE" DUE TO THE ORDEAL. THE OTHER MAN WAS IDENTIFIED AS ISRAF SHAH, A PAKISTANI EMPLOYED IN RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA, WHO HAD BEEN EN ROUTE TO MEET HIS FAMILY IN PESHAWAR.

SZ/ME/AGV
AFP 071504
LEAD HIJACK 1 (CORRECTING).

ISLAMABAD, MARCH 7 (AFP) - PAKISTAN HAS AGREED TO SOME OF THE DEMANDS OF THE AL ZULFIKAR TERRORIST GROUP NOW HOLDING AT LEAST 111 AIRLINE PASSENGERS ON BOARD A PAKISTANI JET IN KABUL, PAKISTANI OFFICIALS SAID.

THE GROUP IS DEMANDING THE RELEASE OF 90 POLITICAL PRISONERS IN PAKISTAN. BUT THE PAKISTANI OFFICIALS ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT SUBMIT TO 'ANY BLACKMAIL.'

INFORMED SOURCES SAID AN OFFICIAL REPLY HAS BEEN CONVEYED TO THE HIJACKERS.

MEANWHILE, TWO AMERICAN WOMEN LEFT THE PLANE AFTER THE TERRORISTS AGREED TO LET THEM GO, DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAID HERE. IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THEY WERE JOINED BY TWO PAKISTANI AIRLINE HOSTESSES. A FIFTH WOMAN, A PAKISTANI, REFUSED TO LEAVE, SAYING THAT SHE WANTED TO SAY WITH HER ADULT SON.

THE TWO AMERICAN WOMEN WERE DEBORAH LEIGHTON WEISNER AND CHARLOTTE HUBBLE, THEY INITIALY CHOSE TO STAY ON THE PLANE WITH THEIR TRAVEL COMPANIONS, WHEN MOST OF THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN WERE RELEASED WEDNESDAY.

AFGHAN EDUCATION MINISTER ANAHITA RASTEZAD ANNOUNCED THE LATEST RELEASE ON AFGHAN TELEVISION, DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAID. SHE REPORTEDLY SAID SHE HAD MADE A ''HUMANITARIAN APPEAL'' TO THE TERRORISTS, AND THEY LATER RESPONDED TO IT.

PAKISTAN'S NEGOTIATING TEAM MADE A FRESH CONTACT WITH THE HIJACKERS TODAY SHORTLY BEFORE THE 1030 GMT DEADLINE FIXED BY THE THREE GUNMEN. THE TERRORISTS HAD SAID THEY WOULD START KILLING THE HOSTAGES AFTERWARDS.

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AFP 071437
HIJACK - DOST.

MOSCOW, MARCH 7 (AFP) - AFGHAN FOREIGN MINISTER SHAH MOHAMMED DOST Has URGED U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM TO PRESS PAKISTAN TO ACCEPT THE DEMANDS OF THE HIJACKERS WHO HAVE HELD A PAKISTANI PLANE AT KABUL SINCE LAST MONDAY, TASS REPORTED TODAY.

"DILATORY MANOEUVRES BY THE PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT, WHICH HAS SEVERAL TIMES BROKEN EARLIER PROMISES AND REFUSED TO GIVE A RAPID REPLY TO THE HIJACKERS' DEMANDS, HAVE CREATED AN EXTREMELY TENSE AND DANGEROUS SITUATION WHICH COULD HAVE FATAL CONSEQUENCES," THE SOVIET AGENCY QUOTED HIM AS SAYING YESTERDAY.

(TODAY PAKISTAN ITSELF ASKED MR. WALDHEIM TO USE HIS GOOD OFFICES TO SECURE THE PASSENGERS' RELEASE.)

MR. DOST ASKED MR. WALDHEIM IN A LETTER TO BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON PAKISTAN TO GIVE "AN ADEQUATE REPLY" TO THE HIJACKERS DEMANDS, TASS SAID QUOTING THE AFGHAN BAKHTIAR NEWS AGENCY.

"THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT WOULD HOLD THE PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBLE IF BECAUSE OF ITS DILATORY MANOEUVRES THERE IS A DEATH AMONG THE PASSENGERS OR CREW," MR. DOST ADDED.

A PAKISTANI DIPLOMAT-PASSENGER WAS SHOT DEAD LATE YESTERDAY BY THE HIJACKERS, WHO HAVE DEMANDED THE RELEASE OF 92 POLITICAL PRISONERS IN PAKISTAN.

MN/GB

AFP 071312

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ISLAMABAD, MARCH 7 (AFP) - FOUR FEMALE PASSENGERS, TWO AMERICAN AND TWO PAKISTANI, WERE FREED TODAY FROM THE PAKISTAN AIRLINES PLANE HIJACKED TO KABUL, A DIPLOMATIC SOURCE SAID HERE.

THE PAKISTANI WOMEN WERE SAID TO BE HOSTESSES WHILE THE AMERICANS WERE NAMED AS MRS. DEBORAH LEIGHTON WEISNER AND MRS. CHARLOTTE HUBBLE. THE AMERICAN WOMEN HAD STAYED ABOARD ON WEDNESDAY WHEN MOST OF THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN WERE RELEASED BECAUSE THEY DID NOT WANT TO LEAVE THEIR TRAVELLING COMPANIONS.

MORE/SM/AGV

AFP 071412
URGENT.

HIJACK-CONTACT.

ISLAMABAD, March 7 (AFP) - Pakistan's negotiating team has made fresh contact with the hijackers holding 115 passengers hostage aboard a Boeing aircraft in the Afghan capital Kabul since Monday, official sources said.

The contact was made shortly before the deadline fixed by the three armed gunmen expired around 1030 GMT after which they had pledged to kill hostages, the sources said.

No details of the talks, which took place a short while ago through Kabul airport tower on radio, were immediately available, they said.

SZ/JFB

AFP 071223

HIJACK - WOMEN.

MOSCOW, March 7 (AFP) - The leader of the hijackers of the Pakistani airline plane has agreed to free five women from among the 115 people being held on board, the Soviet news agency TASS said in a report today from Kabul.

GH/JFB

AFP 071226

URGENT.

HIJACK - WOMEN 2 LAST (MOSCOW) REOPENS.

The decision to free the women followed an appeal by Afghan education minister, Mrs Anahita Ratebzhad, TASS said.

The women are nationals of the United States, Italy and Pakistan, the agency said.

The crew included two Pakistani air hostesses who were not freed when 29 women and children were released from the hijack plane on Wednesday. Three sick men have also been allowed to leave the plane which was hijacked on an internal flight on Monday.
URGENT.

HIJACK - REPLY.

ISLAMABAD, MARCH 7 (AFP) - PAKISTAN IS READY TO ACCEPT SOME OF THE CONDITIONS SET BY THE HIJACKERS OF A PAKISTAN INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES PLANE BUT IT WILL NOT SUBMIT TO BLACKMAIL OVER RELEASING PRISONERS HELD FOR SERIOUS CRIMES, GENERAL RAHIM KHAN, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE PAKISTANI DEFENCE MINISTRY SAID HERE TODAY.

THE PAKISTANI DELEGATION IN AFGHANISTAN WAS TRYING TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THE HIJACKERS AT KABUL AIRPORT BEFORE THE END OF THE LATEST DEADLINE SET FOR 3 P.M. (1000 GMT). HE SAID.

THE HIJACKERS HAVE DRAWN UP A LIST OF PASSENGERS THEY WOULD KILL, ONE AFTER THE OTHER, IF THEIR DEMANDS WERE NOT MET, GEN. RAHIM KHAN SAID. THE HIJACKERS, WHO FORCED THE PLANE TO FLY TO KABUL ON MONDAY, ARE REPORTED TO WANT 92 POLITICAL PRISONERS RELEASED FROM PAKISTANI JAILS. THEY HAVE ALREADY KILLED ONE PASSENGER AND ARE HOLDING 115 ABOARD THE BOEING.

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AFP 071105

URGENT.

HIJACK - REPLY 2 (ISLAMABAD) REOPENS.

GEN. KHAN SAID PAKISTAN HAD BEEN TOLD OF THE NEW DEADLINE BY THE KABUL GOVERNMENT, BUT SAID AS FAR AS HE KNEW THERE HAD BEEN NO FURTHER CONTACT BETWEEN THE ISLAMABAD AND KABUL GOVERNMENTS SINCE LATE YESTERDAY WHICH COULD LEAD TO THE RELEASE OF THE 115 PASSENGERS.

THE NEW DEADLINE WAS SET AFTER AN APPEAL FROM AFGHAN PRESIDENT BABRAK KARMAH.

ALAM GIR, THE SUSPECTED LEADER OF THE HIJACKERS, SAID ON KABUL RADIO THAT "HE COULD NOT REFUSE THE REQUEST OF THE AFGHAN PRESIDENT," BUT HE WARNED THAT HIS DEMANDS FOR THE RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN PAKISTAN HAD NOT CHANGED, NOR HAD HE ENDED HIS THREATS TO KILL THE PASSENGERS.

ONE OF THE PASSENGERS, A PAKISTANI DIPLOMAT, WAS SHOT DEAD YESTERDAY.

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HIJACK - REPLY 3 LAST (ISLAMABAD).

PAKISTAN WOULD FREE FIVE PRISONERS WHO ARE PARENTS OF TWO MEMBERS OF THE AL ZULFIKAR ORGANISATION WANTED FOR THE MURDER OF A STUDENT DURING A DEMONSTRATION AT KARACHI, GEN. KHAN SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT WOULD ALSO EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITY OF FREEING PRISONERS AMONG THE 92 WHOSE FREEDOM THE HIJACKERS DEMAND, WHO HAVE NOT BEEN CONVICTED FOR SERIOUS CRIMES, THE GENERAL SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT WAS ALSO READY PROHIBIT ANY COMMENTARY BEING BROADCAST ON NATIONAL RADIO ABOUT THE COMMANDO AND THE AL ZULFIKAR ORGANISATION, GEN. KHAN ADDED.

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URGENT

HIJACK - PAKISTANI.

ISLAMABAD, MARCH 6 (AFP) - PRESIDENT ZIA UL-HAQ AND OTHER TOP PAKISTANI LEADERS TODAY HELD AN EMERGENCY MEETING TO DISCUSS THE DEMANDS OF THREE GUNMEN HOLDING 116 PEOPLE HOSTAGE ABOARD A PAKISTANI AIRLINE JET AT KABUL AIRPORT, INFORMED SOURCES HERE SAID.

THE SOURCES SAID THAT THE SESSION AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY MIGHT PRODUCE A PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT POSITION ON THE DEMANDS, WHICH INCLUDE THE RELEASE OF 90 POLITICAL PRISONERS. ISLAMABAD HAD EARLIER ASKED THE GUNMEN FOR MORE DETAILS.

THE HIJACKERS' LEADER, ALAM GIER, HAD EARLIER DEMANDED A "CATEGORICAL REPLY" ON THE PRISONER ISSUE AND WARNED OF "SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES" IF A RESPONSE WAS NOT FORTHCOMING.

MEANWHILE, KABUL RADIO MONITORED HERE SAID THAT THE HIJACKERS, WHO HAVE THREATENED TO BLOW UP THE BOEING 720-3 JET, HAD DEMANDED IMMEDIATE CONTACT WITH THE HEAD OF THE NEGOTIATING TEAM.

PM

AFP 061411
Hijack (New Series) 1.

Islamabad, March 6 (AFP) - Three gunmen who have held 116 people on a hijacked Pakistani jet in Kabul since Monday gave new warnings Thursday night of "serious consequences" if Islamabad did not agree promptly to their demand for the release of 90 (EDS: correct) political prisoners in Pakistan, Radio Kabul reported in a broadcast monitored here.

Twenty-nine passengers who arrived today in Peshawar, Pakistan, after being released from the plane yesterday said the hijackers were "constantly threatening" to blow it up with a time bomb.

But Alam Gir, identified as the mastermind of the Al-Zulfiqar group that has claimed responsibility for the hijacking, appeared "serious but less aggressive" than his two accomplices, they said.

Meanwhile, a Pakistani negotiating team in Kabul told the radio it had not been able to convey its government's reaction to the three men. They said "release of political prisoners is not the main demand," but declined to elaborate, the radio said.

There also was no indication as to the government's reaction.

The fresh warning was issued after the Pakistanis postponed meetings with the hijackers, scheduled for 10 a.m. (0530 GMT) and 1 p.m. (0930 GMT), according to the radio.
Hijacking-Airport - 2 (New Delhi) - Reopens.

Afghan President, Babrak Karmal, was scheduled to arrive today from Moscow, the Indian Airlines crew member said quoting Afghan authorities at the airport.

Mr. Karmal left for the Soviet Union on February 13 to take part in the 26th Congress of the CPSU.

The source said the airport was swarming with Afghan security men. The pilot of the Indian Airlines scheduled flight was given only 20 minutes to take off, he said.

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AFP 061004

Hijacking-Airport 3 Last (New Delhi).

He said he saw the PIA Boeing stationed at the extreme right end of the airport.

"I saw soldiers, but it was extremely difficult to say for sure whether they were Afghans or Soviets", he said.

He also saw two military trucks standing nearby the plane. He said the air temperature recorded at the time of take off at Kabul was minus four degree Celsius.

Travellers arriving by the Indian Airlines plane said they only saw the Boeing, but no activity.

Meanwhile, diplomatic sources in the Indian capital today said there was evidence that Soviet troops were seen near the hijacked aircraft.

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HIJACK 2 LAST (ISLAMABAD).

ALAM GIR TOLD THE RADIO THAT HE WANTED A "CATEGORICAL REPLY," AND ADDED THAT "IF ANYTHING SERIOUS HAPPENS, THE PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE."

A PAKISTANI SPOKESMAN, COMMENTING ON THE RADIO KABUL BROADCAST, WAS CRITICAL OF WHAT HE CALLED THE AFGHAN AUTHORITIES' "UNHELPFUL ATTITUDE." HE CHARGED THAT 29 PEOPLE, MOSTLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN, FREED BY THE HIJACKERS YESTERDAY DID NOT KNOW OF THE PAKISTANI PRESENCE IN KABUL, AND THAT THE ENVOYS WERE UNABLE TO MEET DIRECTLY WITH THE CAPTORS.

ASKED ABOUT THE THREAT OF ACTION BY THE HIJACKERS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID: "WE HAVE ALREADY PASSED QUITE A FEW DEADLINES." HE DECLINED TO COMMENT ON THE PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS.

HE SAID THE AL-ZULFIKAR GROUP WAS UNKNOWN BEFORE THE HIJACKING, BUT ADDED THAT ALAM GIR HAD "CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY" FOR SEVERAL BOMB BLASTS IN PAKISTAN, AMONG THEM AN EXPLOSION DURING POPE JOHN PAUL II'S BRIEF STOPOVER THERE LAST MONTH EN ROUTE TO THE PHILIPPINES.

RADIO KABUL MEANWHILE COUNTERED THE OFFICIAL'S PROTEST OVER POOR AFGHAN COOPERATION WITH REPORTS OF RELEASED PASSENGERS' COMPLIMENTS OVER "BROTHERLY TREATMENT" BY KABUL AUTHORITIES.

JF/DM

AFP 060107
ISLAMABAD, MARCH 6 (AFP) - PAKISTAN WAS TODAY WAITING FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE DEMANDS OF THREE GUNMEN HOLDING A PAKISTANI AIRLINE PLANES AND 116 PEOPLE HOSTAGE AT KABUL AIRPORT.

THE GROUP'S LEADER ALAM GIR HAD EARLIER DEMANDED A ''CATEGORICAL REPLY' TO HIS DEMAND FOR THE RELEASE OF 90 POLITICAL PRISONERS AND Warned OF 'SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES' IF THE DEMAND WAS NOT MET.

BUT PAKISTANI PRESIDENT MOHAMMED ZIA UL-HAQ TODAY DESCRIBED THE DEMANDS AS ''VAGUE'' AND SAID HIS GOVERNMENT HAD ASKED FOR MORE DETAILS.

PRESIDENT ZIA, WHO RETURNED HERE TODAY FROM THE ISLAMIC PEACE MISSION TO IRAN AND IRAQ, TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE THE HIJACKERS, WHO SAID THEY BELONGED TO THE AL-ZULFIKAR GROUP, WANTED THE RELEASE OF PARENTS AND BROTHERS OF THE STUDENTS AND WHO WERE RECENTLY ARRESTED IN KARACHI, THE RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AND A GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKING THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE RE-ARRESTED.

''THE GOVERNMENT HAD ASKED FOR DETAILS OF THESE DEMANDS. WHAT THE HIJACKER MEANT BY THE RELEASE OF PARENTS AND BROTHERS OF STUDENTS AND WHAT WERE THE NAMES OF THE PRISONERS WHOM HE WANTED TO BE RELEASED,'' PRESIDENT ZIA SAID.

MEANWHILE KABUL AIRPORT, WHERE THE BOEING AND 116 OF ITS ORIGINAL 148 PASSENGERS HAD BEEN WAITING SINCE BEING FORCED TO FLY THERE ON MONDAY, WAS CLOSED TO AIR TRAFFIC.

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ROUNDUP HIJACK 2 LAST (ISLAMABAD).

(IN NEW DELHI, AN INDIAN AIRLINES CREW MEMBER SAID THEIR PLANE WAS ORDERED TO LEAVE KABUL 40 MINUTES BEFORE IT WAS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE AND THEY WERE TOLD THE AIRPORT WAS BEING CLOSED FOR VIP MOVEMENTS. AFP AGHAN PRESIDENT BABRAK KARMAI WAS REPORTED TO BE RETURNING TO KABUL FROM MOSCOW WHERE HE HAD ATTENDED THE SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY CONGRESS.

THE PAKISTANI BOEING WAS PARKED AT THE EXTREME END OF THE AIRPORT, THE SOURCE SAID.

''I SAW SOLDIERS BUT IT WAS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO SAY FOR SURE WHETHER THEY WERE AFGHANS OR SOVIETS,'' THE CREW MEMBER SAID.

DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN NEW DELHI SAID THERE WAS EVIDENCE THAT SOVIET TROOPS WERE SEEN NEAR THE PLANE.)

TWENTY-NINE PASSENGERS, MAINLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN, RELEASED FROM THE PLANE ON WEDNESDAY, ARRIVED IN THE PAKISTANI BORDER TOWN OF PESHAWAR YESTERDAY. THEY SAID THE HIJACKERS WERE ''CONSTANTLY THREATENING'' TO BLOW IT UP, BUT ALAM GIR APPEARED ''SERIOUS BUT LESS AGGRESSIVE THAN HIS TWO ACCOMPLICES,'' THEY ADDED.

''QUITE A FEW DEADLINES'' HAD PASSED DURING TALKS WITH THE HIJACKERS, PAKISTANI OFFICIALS SAID TODAY.

THEY ALSO CONFIRMED THAT A THIRD SICK MAN WAS FREED FROM THE PLANE AND WOULD RETURN HOME AS SOON AS HE WAS WELL ENOUGH. A NUMBER OF WOMEN, MAINLY UNITED STATES CITIZENS, AND THE TWO AIR HOSTESSES WERE STILL ON THE PLANE TODAY.

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2ND LEAD HIJACK - SHOT.

ISLAMABAD, MARCH 6 (AFP) - THE HIJACKERS HOLDING 116 PEOPLE ABOARD A PAKISTANI JET AT KABUL AIRPORT TODAY SHOT AND KILLED ONE OF THE PASSENGERS, THE SECOND SECRETARY OF THE PAKISTANI EMBASSY IN TEBERAN, KABUL RADIO REPORTED.

ALAM GIR, THE LEADER OF THE HIJACKERS, FIRED AT TARIQ RAHIM, SON OF RETIRED PAKISTANI ARMY GENERAL RAHIM KHAN, AT 3:40 P.M. WHILE TALKS WERE BEING HELD ON THE GUNMAN'S DEMANDS, RADIO KABUL SAID.

IT DID NOT SAY WHETHER THE GUNMEN THREATENED TO KILL ANY MORE PASSENGERS. THE HIJACKERS HAVE DEMANDED THE RELEASE OF 90 POLITICAL PRISONERS AND EARLIER WARNED OF "SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES" IF THE DEMAND WAS NOT MET.

THE RADIO SAID THAT ALAM GIR, BELIEVING MR. RAHIM WAS DEAD, ASKED KABUL AUTHORITIES AND U.N. REPRESENTATIVES TO "TAKE THE BODY OUT" OF THE PLANE. THE VICTIM, STILL ALIVE, WAS RUSHED TO A HOSPITAL WHERE HE DIED MORE THAN TWO HOURS LATER, IT SAID.

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March 14, 1981

MERIDIEN HOTEL
DAMASCUS, SYRIA

FOR URGENT DELIVERY TO HAILE-MARTAM. PLEASE FORWARD SOONEST
TO STAFF MEMBER AND WIFE. QUOTE ALL OF US SHARE IN THIS HAPPY
MOMENT OF YOUR SAFE RELEASE AND SEND OUR WARMEST WISHES FOR
YOUR SPEEDY RECOVERY FROM THE ORDEAL OF THESE PAST TWO WEEKS.
WE ARE ANXIOUS TO KNOW OF YOUR HEALTH AND GENERAL WELL-BEING
AND ARE FULLY PREPARED TO RESPOND TO YOUR NEEDS. WE WANT YOU
AND SPOUSE HAVE WELL DESERVED PRIVATE AND QUIET REST FOR WHICH
ARRANGEMENTS MADE AND DISCUSSED WITH YOUR WIFE. AFTERWARDS
WE ALL LOOK FORWARD YOUR LONG DELAYED RETURN HOME. ON BEHALF
OF ALL OF US, WELCOME BACK AND WARMEST BEST WISHES.
MARTIJN J.W.M. PAIJMANS, VICE PRESIDENT, AOP UNQUOTE
KIND REGARDS, THEODORES.

cc: Mr. Hopper, ASNVP
    Mr. Paijmans, AOPVP
FOR URGENT DELIVERY TO HAILE-MARIAM. PLEASE FORWARD SOONEST TO STAFF MEMBER AND WIFE. QUOTE JUST WANT TO ASSURE YOU THERE IS NO TRUTH TO THE RUMOR THAT YOU ARE BEING DOCKED TWO WEEKS' PAY FOR IDLENESS. ALL OF US IN SOUTH ASIA REGION AGONIZED WITH YOU ON THIS INCREDIBLE INCIDENT. WE WISH YOU AND YOUR STALWART WIFE OUR VERY BEST WISHES FOR A GOOD HOLIDAY. DON'T WORRY ABOUT THINGS HERE. WE WANT YOU BACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHEN YOU ARE READY AND NOT UNTIL THEN.

WITH WARMEST AND MOST HEARTFELT REGARDS. HOPPER UNQUOTE

KIND REGARDS, THEODORES.
BE INFORMED THAT APPROPRIATE FIRST CLASS HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS
FOR HIM AND HIS WIFE IN BOTH LONDON AND PARIS HAVE ALREADY
BEEN MADE. PLEASE ARRANGE FIRST CLASS TRAVEL FOR HIM IN
ACCORDANCE WITH HIS WISHES AND ADVISE WASHINGTON, LONDON AND
PARIS OF HIS TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS. WIFE WILL BE ON HAND TO
MEET STAFF MEMBER ON HIS ARRIVAL AT DESTINATION SELECTED BY
HIM.

WE ARE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO ENSURE STAFF MEMBER IS
GIVEN FULLEST PRIVACY THROUGHOUT FROM THE TIME OF RELEASE
THROUGH HIS RETURN HOME. PLEASE TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES
IN THIS REGARD. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IN RESPONSE TO ALL
REPEAT ALL INQUIRIES, THE BANK'S OFFICIAL POSITION CONTINUES
TO BE QUOTE NO COMMENT UNQUOTE.

IF YOU DEEM BEST TO TELEPHONE TRAVEL DETAILS FOR EITHER
LONDON OR PARIS PLEASE CONTACT MRS. ROCHE-RAINHORN IN PARIS
OFFICE (723-54-21) OR AT HOME (233-82-37) WHO WILL ADVISE
LONDON STAFF AS NECESSARY.

PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS TELEX SOONEST AND
MANY THANKS FOR YOUR PERSONAL EFFORTS IN THIS MATTER.

KIND REGARDS, THEODORES
URGENT FOR MR. ANDERS ROEJKJAER

UNDP RESREP TRIPOLI

PLEASE CONVEY URGENTLY TO ABDEL-SALAM KINAWY, WORLD BANK STAFF MEMBER, WHO HAD REQUESTED ACCOMMODATION AT BEACH HOTEL. ALSO GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD PROVIDE WITH FULLEST ASSISTANCE. AAA WE ARE ADVISED THAT HIJACKED PAKISTANI AIRLINER WITH STAFF MEMBER ABOARD NOW EXPECTED PROCEED TO LIBYA WHERE PASSENGERS WILL BE RELEASED. GRATEFUL YOU BE ON HAND TO MEET STAFF MEMBER ON RELEASE AND PERSONALLY LOOK AFTER HIM. PLEASE COORDINATE WITH MR. ROEJKJAER REGARDING ANY ASSISTANCE YOU MAY REQUIRE.

BBB FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE, BANK IS MOST ANXIOUS THAT STAFF MEMBER SHOULD ON RELEASE HAVE OPTION AS TO WHERE HE WOULD INITIALLY WISH TO TRAVEL. HE SHOULD HOWEVER

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Darcy -

I believe the attached cable reflects the plan of action you have arranged for Balkind and his wife.

Please consider the attached as a draft and feel free to suggest any change you deem appropriate.

Once the cable is finalized, I believe we should hold for awhile until we have a little clearer definition how things are likely to go. The telegraph office is manned 24 hrs. so there is no problem in having the message sent out rather quickly.

Regards

[Signature]
UNDEVPRO

DAMASCUS, SYRIA

FOR MR. THOMPSON. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING TO HAILE-MARIAM

SOONEST POSSIBLE. QUOTE FOLLOWING OUR PHONE CONVERSATION

12 MARCH WISH TO INFORM FURTHER AS FOLLOWS.

AAA IF HIJACK SITUATION NEGOTIATED SUCCESSFULLY AND

HOSTAGES RELEASED IN DAMASCUS, GRATEFUL YOU BE ON HAND TO

MEET STAFF MEMBER ON RELEASE AND PERSONALLY LOOK AFTER HIM.

PLEASE REQUEST THOMPSON TO PROVIDE WHATEVER ASSISTANCE YOU

MIGHT REQUIRE.

BBB PLEASE ARRANGE FIRST-CLASS TRAVEL FOR STAFF MEMBER TO

EITHER LONDON OR PARIS WHICHEVER HE DESIRES. WHEN HE HAS

DECIDED PLEASE ADVISE BOTH REPEAT BOTH OUR LONDON AND

PARIS OFFICES OF TRAVEL DETAILS. BANK HAS MADE APPROPRIATE

ARRANGEMENTS IN BOTH CITIES FOR STAFF MEMBER AND WIFE. ON

RECEIPT OF TRAVEL DETAILS BY BANK OFFICES, WIFE WILL BE ON

HAND TO MEET STAFF MEMBER AT WHICHEVER DESTINATION HE HAS

CHosen.

CCC WE ARE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO ENSURE STAFF MEMBER IS

GIVEN FULLEST PRIVACY THROUGHOUT FROM THE TIME OF RELEASE

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THROUGH HIS RETURN HOME. PLEASE TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES IN THIS REGARD.

DDD IF YOU DEEM BEST TO TELEPHONE TRAVEL DETAILS TO RESPECT RESPECTIVE BANK OFFICES, HEREWITH ARE HOME TELEPHONES OF PERSONS TO CONTACT IF CALLS BEING MADE DURING OFF-HOURS.

EEE PLEASE ADVISE THOMPSON HIS CABLE 12 MARCH RECEIVED AND ALSO CONVEY OUR DEEP GRATITUDE FOR HIS MANY KINDNESSES AND EFFORTS TO DATE. WISH ALSO REASSURE OUR POSITION FROM OUTSET HAS BEEN TO RELY FULLY ON UN FOR ANY INITIATIVES REQUIRED. FFF YOUR PERSONAL EFFORTS HAVE BEEN WELCOMED AND GREATLY APPRECIATED. MANY THANKS. REGARDS, THEODORES
MERIDIEN HOTEL
DAMASCUS, SYRIA

FOR PROMPT DELIVERY TO MR. HAILE-MARIAM WORLD BANK OFFICIAL
AAA GRATEFUL YOU CONTACT THOMPSON UNDP AND SEE IF POSSIBLE
IN LOW-KEY REPEAT LOW-KEY APPROACH TO FIND OUT IF RELEASED
STEWARDESS CAN INFORM AS TO GENERAL CONDITION AND WELLBEING
BANK STAFF MEMBER. IF ABLE TALK DIRECTLY WITH STEWARDESS ALL
THE BETTER BUT REALIZE THIS MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE. IF NOT
WOULD STILL LIKE TO OBTAIN BEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON
THIS MATTER SOONEST POSSIBLE PROVIDED IT CAN BE DONE WITH
APPROPRIATE DISCRETION.

BBBB WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE INFORMATION UPDATES ON OVERALL
SITUATION AS SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS MATERIALIZE. IF SENT
BY UNDP DAMASCUS PLEASE HAVE COPIED SIMULTANEOUSLY TO BANK AS
NOTHING YET RECEIVED IN RESPONSE OUR INITIAL REQUEST.

REGARDS, THEODORES

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cc: Mr. Poijmans, AOPVP
    Mr. Bart, EM2
MR. ROBERT THOMPSON, DEPUTY RESREP
UNDEVPRO, DAMASCUS, SYRIA

GRATEFUL IF YOU CAN FORWARD COPY OF THIS CABLE TO MR. TEKETEL
HAILE-MARIAM STAYING MERIDIEN HOTEL.

AAA GRATEFUL YOU CONTACT THOMPSON UNDP AND SEE IF POSSIBLE
IN LOW-KEY REPEAT LOW-KEY APPROACH TO FIND OUT IF RELEASED
STEWARDESS CAN INFORM AS TO GENERAL CONDITION AND WELLBEING
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REGARDS, THEODORES.

Security - Hijacked Airliner

cc: Mr. Paijmans, AOPVP
Mr. Bart, CH2

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NEW DELHI, INDIA

FOR ROULET. THANKS URTLX 472 AND FOR EARLIER ADVISORIES ON HIJACK SITUATION WHICH CAN NOW BE DISCONTINUED FROM YOUR END.

REGARDS, THEODORES

cc: Mr. Paijmans, AOPVP
    Mr. Hopper, ASNVP
MR ROBERT THOMPSON
UNDP DEPUTY RESREP

DAMASCUS, SYRIA

FOR THOMPSON. GRATEFUL YOU CONVEY THIS MESSAGE SOONEST TO WORLD BANK MEMBER MR TEKETEL HAILE-MIRIAM STAYING MERIDIEN HOTEL.

ALSO PLEASE PROVIDE HIM WITH BACKGROUND DETAILS ON SITUATION IF HE DOES NOT ALREADY HAVE. AAA WISH YOU TO BE AWARE THAT PAKISTANI AIRLINES PLANE HAS LEFT KABUL AND ARRIVED DAMASCUS ABOUT 2200 HRS MARCH 8 WASHINGTON TIME. JEFFREY BALKIND OF ASP REGION AMONG ABOUT 110 PERSONS ABOARD FOR PAST 7 DAYS.

BBB PLEASE DO NOT REPEAT DO NOT TAKE ANY INITIATIVES, FORMAL OR INFORMAL, IN THIS SITUATION UNLESS SPECIFICALLY INSTRUCTED THROUGH MY OFFICE OR DIRECTLY BY E. STERN OR M. PAIJMANS.

CCC LIKELY THAT UN. SECRETARY GENERAL WILL MAKE DIRECT REPRESENTATION ON BEHALF ALL PASSENGERS FOR THEIR WELL BEING AND EARLY RELEASE AS HE DID EARLIER DURING NEGOTIATIONS IN KABUL.

WE WISH CONTINUE MAINTAIN LOW-KEY AND LOW PROFILE APPROACH AND COORDINATE WITH UNITED NATIONS. DDD GRATEFUL YOU CONTACT UNDP DEPUTY RESREP THOMPSON SOONEST TO COORDINATE AND HELP ENSURE WE ARE KEPT FULLY INFORMED ON DEVELOPMENTS. WHENEVER YOU ARE OBTAIN ANY SUBSTANTIVE AND CONFIRMED INFORMATION PLEASE HAVE

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MERIDIEN HOTEL"

DAMASCUS, SYRIA

PROMPT DELIVERY PLEASE FOR MR TEKETEL HAILE-MARIAM WORLD BANK OFFICIAL STAYING MERIDIEN HOTEL. AAA WISH YOU TO BE AWARE THAT PAKISTANI AIRLINES PLANE HAS LEFT KABUL AND ARRIVED DAMASCUS ABOUT 2200 HRS MARCH 8 WASHINGTON TIME. JEFFREY BALKIND OF ASP REGION AMONG ABOUT 110 PERSONS ABOARD FOR PAST 7 DAYS.

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FOR SIEBECK.

AAA MANY THANKS YOUR EXTENSIVE EFFORTS IN PROVIDING FULLEST
AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON HIJACKING DEVELOPMENTS. UNTIL
SITUATION RESOLVED, AND WITHIN PARAMETERS ESTABLISHED IN
STERN'S TELEX TO YOU, GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD CONTINUE PROVIDE
TELEXED UPDATES AT START AND END EACH DAY EVEN IF YOU HAVE TO
REPORT NO NEW INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

BBB IF YOU FEEL PHONE CONTACT NEEDED IN CASE FAST-BREAKING
EVENTS, YOU CAN REACH ME THROUGH OFFICE 676-1318 AND 676-1319
OR AT HOME (202) 965-0836. IF NO ANSWER AT EITHER OFFICE OR
HOME PLEASE CALL THE BANK'S MAIN SECURITY DESK 477-2311 WHO
WILL CONTACT ME BY BEEPER SO EYE CAN CALL YOU BACK.

MR. PAIJMANS REQUESTED EYE PROVIDE YOU WITH HIS HOME PHONE
(301) 530-1361 IN EVENT YOU NEED TO CONTACT HIM DIRECTLY.

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NEW DELHI, INDIA

FOR ROULET.

AAA UNTIL HIJACKED PLANE SITUATION RESOLVED, AND WITHIN
PARAMETERS ESTABLISHED IN STERN'S TELEX TO YOU, GRATEFUL.
IF YOU COULD CONTINUE PROVIDE TELEXED UPDATES AT START AND
END EACH DAY EVEN IF YOU HAVE TO REPORT NO NEW INFORMATION
AVAILABLE.

BBB IF YOU FEEL PHONE CONTACT NEEDED IN CASE FAST-BREAKING
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FOR SIEBECK REYUR 226 NO REPEAT NO NEED TO HAND AN OFFICIAL
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H.E.: SHAH MOHAMMAD DOST, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, KABUL, AFGHANISTAN.

FOR URGENT DELIVERY. YOUR EXCELLENCY. AAA. WE UNDERSTAND THAT
UNDP KABUL HAS INFORMED YOUR MINISTRY THAT MR. JEFFREY BALKIND,
A WORLD BANK STAFF MEMBER TRAVELLING ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS IS
AMONG THOSE ON THE PIA PLANE WHICH WAS HIJACKED TO KABUL. BBB.
WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR THE FULLEST ASSISTANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN IN HELPING TO
SECURE THE SAFE RELEASE AND RETURN OF MR. BALKIND. CCC. IN VIEW
OF THE FRAGMENTED INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US AT THIS TIME, ANY
UPDATED INFORMATION ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE SITUATION
WHICH YOUR MINISTRY MIGHT PROVIDE WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.
WITH HIGHEST CONSIDERATION, ROGER CHAUFournier, VICE-PRESIDENT,
EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA REGIONAL OFFICE.
BOOK OF TWO MESSAGES

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Mr. Pollan, PMD
Mr. Twining, ADM
Mr. Ross, ADM
THIS IS TO ADVISE YOU THAT DUE TO MY REASSIGNMENT, RESPONSIBILITY IN IBRD FOR FIELD SECURITY HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY TRANSFERRED TO MR. JAMES THEODORES, TEL. (202) 676-9435, WHO SHOULD BE ADDRESSED BY YOU TILL FURTHER NOTICE. WHEN MY PERMANENT REPLACEMENT AS BANK FIELD COORDINATOR HAS BEEN SELECTED AND APPOINTED, YOU WILL BE INFORMED. REGARDS.

LAWRENCE H. BERLIN