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SUBJECT: DISCUSSIONS WITH BARRI ON THE SEVEN

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2. FIRST OFF, TWA 847 WAS NO UNMITIGATED SUCCESS FOR BARRI AND HE HAS BEEN TAKING A RELATIVELY LOW PROFILE SINCE THE HOSTAGES WERE RELEASED. HE WILL NOT BE EAGER TO "GET UP FRONT" ON THE SEVEN (AND COULD EVEN DUCK CONTACT WITH ME, AS HE WAS DOING BEFORE THE TWA HIJACKING) AND THE QUESTION IS HOW BEST TO PUSH HIM.

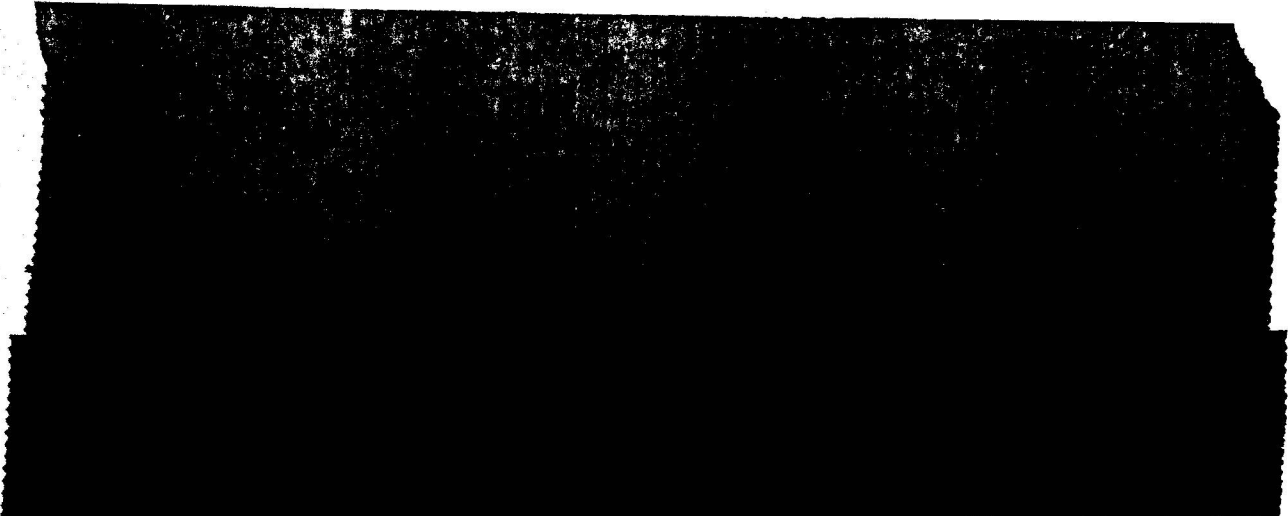
3. THAT SAID, I HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT ASKING BARRI TO TELL THE CAPTORS "WE ARE WILLING TO TALK AS WAS THE CASE WITH THE TWA HIJACKING." HE AND THE CAPTORS ARE LIABLE TO INFER THAT WE WANT BARRI TO PLAY THE SAME ROLE.



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AS "MEDIATOR"; OR THAT WE ARE READY TO TALK DIRECTLY
WITH THE CAPTORS; AND THAT WE ARE READY TO DEAL ALTHOUGH
WE SAY "WE CANNOT ACCEDE TO DEMANDS."



5. WITH BARRI, WE SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON HIS OWN INTEREST IN ASSERTING HIS AUTHORITY AND REPEAT AND SOLVING A PROBLEM THAT TAINTS AMAL AND THE SHIAS AS WELL IN THE EYES OF THE WHOLE WORLD. HE SHOULD BE PUSHED TO ACT ON THIS AND ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS. WE SHOULD AVOID SAYING ANYTHING THAT COULD APPEAR INSTEAD TO INVITE HIM TO REPLAY THE DOUBLE GAME VERSION OF "MEDIATOR".

6. I WOULD ALSO EMPHASIZE THE LINE OF BARRI'S SELF INTEREST OVER THE POINT THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE EXPECT HIM TO FREE THE SEVEN. HE IS NOT IN THE SAME POSITION ON THE SEVEN THAT HE WAS IN THE TWA AFFAIR.

7. FINALLY -- AND NEED IT BE REPEATED -- ONCE AGAIN, THE MOST PROMISING LINE ON THE SEVEN IS THROUGH THE SYRIANS. DIRECTLY WITH THE CAPTORS AND WORKING WITH BARRI.

8. I WILL TRY A HARD RUN AT BARRI -- ASSUMING HE DOES NOT DUCK CONTACT -- ONCE I HAVE YOUR REACTION TO POINTS



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