November 25, 1985

CHRONOLOGY

HIJACKING OF EGYPTIAN AIRLINER
FLIGHT 648
ATHENS TO CAIRO

(ALL TIMES EASTERN STANDARD TIME)

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<td>1406</td>
<td>According to press reports Egyptian plane departed Athens.</td>
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<td>Press reports plane was hijacked by unknown number of hijackers claiming to be Egyptian revolutionaries.</td>
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<td>Plane arrived Malta.</td>
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<td>State NOIWON: Ambassador Veliotes told State that an Egypt Air Boeing 737 (Flight # MS-647) was hijacked today enroute from Athens to Cairo. The plane is on the ground in Malta as of 1716. There are 86 passengers on board and 10 crew members. FAA reports six Americans are on board. The number and nationality of the hijackers is unknown; Cairo speculates they are either Libyan or Syrian. There have been no demands. Informed Bohn, Teicher, Pearson, McDaniel, Latham, and Djerejian. Stark on page.</td>
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<td>U.S. Embassy in Valletta reports 2 wounded hostages aboard... hijackers asked for ambulance and technician for plane repairs... other demands unknown... will kill passengers if demands not met.</td>
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<td>State NOIWON reports 3 American citizens on plane, 90 passengers total...6 crew (4 sky marshals), 17 Greeks, 34 Egyptians, 2 Moroccans, 21 Filipinos, 2 Mexicans, 5 Europeans (NFI), 2 Australians, 1 Tunisian, 1 Chadian, 2 Israelis. AMCITS: Patrick S. Baker, Scarlett M. Rogenkamp, Jackie N. Mink (Pflug).</td>
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Charlie Allen advises hijackers are demanding fuel or more passengers will be killed. Maltese Interior Ministry talking to hijackers, who now say they will release some passengers if refueled...Libyan Ambassador in Malta demanding that plane be refueled.

FAA/State reports that one of the 4 Egyptian sky marshalls was killed in a shoot out.

TELCON with Admiral Poindexter: Egyptian Defense Minister asking all Nations who have passengers on the plane to pressure Maltese government. British forces not prepared, don't count on them. We will give diplomatic support to Egypt.

CNN reports 4 bodies on ramp...could be the three AMCITs plus the sky marshall.

Charlie Allen reports that tower communications indicate 6 dead.

Oakley-Poindexter telecon: 11 women hostages released (7 Filipino, 4 Egyptian.) Originally three hijackers; one killed in shoot out with air marshall; marshal also killed; two hijackers left...number and identity of dead not confirmed.

Allen reports Maltese government confirms six dead, identities still unknown.
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2255  Allen telcon: John McMahon wants to know if anyone has approached the Maltese about disabling aircraft; passed to Admiral Poindexter, then State Department.

2335  Allen telcon: Egyptian team to depart Cairo at midnight...Mubarak has asked for U.S. CAP support ...Weinberger approval for lethal ROE... Coral Sea will position four F-18s at Sigonella. Libyan Ambassador is in tower at Luqa.

2355  Admiral Poindexter called to say he had just talked to the President, who approved the lethal ROE.

November 24, 1985:

0026  Hijackers are believed to be two Moroccans and one Tunisian listed on manifest.

0045  Egyptian C-130 due to depart at 0050; will fly directly to Malta....3 U.S. military to accompany, including MG Wiggin.

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American passenger Baker released from hospital.

Allen Telcon: Maltese claim to have slashed tires...US can't confirm plane disabled. US ambassador negotiating to get EUCOM helicopter-carrying communications equipment into airport.

Allen telcon: ETA for two Egyptian C-130s is 0400.

Allen telcon: FAA reports Egyptian planes on ground at 0320...confirmation being sought. Two separate reports credit Maltese with disabling airliner...US cannot confirm.

Allen telcon: Egyptian team on ground in Malta...hijackers have spotted them and told tower "we don't want any military plane near us or we'll blow the plane." Egyptian team is expected to begin action shortly.

Egyptian commandos land at Malta.

Allen telcon: Egyptian commando leader is talking with Maltese prime minister...discussing military options.

Markowitz telcon: Malta has approved a joint Egyptian-Maltese plan to commence operations tonight (Malta time)...specifically rejects U.S. involvement...Hijackers have asked to speak to Algerian and Libyan ambassadors (there is no Algerian ambassador to Malta).
Ambassador Oakley called to confirm above information.

Markowitz telcon: Maltese foreign minister and police chief assure that plane is disabled... Maltese SWAT and regular army have surrounded plane... officials are talking to hijackers... eight people have been taken from tarmac -- seven wounded, one dead.

Markowitz telcon: Libyan ambassador is on the plane.

Vice President called, received update from MKB.

Markowitz telcon: Libyan ambassador is off the plane.

Briefed Paul Thompson on situation.

Mr. Regan called for update on situation.

Markowitz telcon: PLO member is said to be assisting with negotiations in Malta.

Markowitz telcon: Of the three Americans on the manifest, Baker and Mink were taken to the hospital wounded, and the third, Rogenkamp, has been killed.

Stark and Teicher telephoned for update.

Craig Fuller provided latest report.

Paul Thompson called from aircraft. Latest situation report provided.

Markowitz telcon: aircraft is still mobile, tires have not been slashed. Maltese, however, do not intend to permit aircraft to depart.
Djerejian called in and briefed on situation.

Press reports indicate that Egypt has proclaimed a State of Emergency in the Western region along the Libyan border.

Press guidance issued by State condemning the hijacking and offering all appropriate assistance to Egypt and Malta. State working group is almost certain that one American has died, and has notified the family. However, until dental records provide verification, press is not being informed. (Text of guidance sent to Mr. McFarlane's aircraft.)

Markowitz telcon: Egyptians are planning to commence operation at 2030 local (1430 EST). Another body has been dumped from the aircraft. Israeli female (Lisa Mendehlson in hospital in serious condition. It appears that an American female -- Mink -- still on aircraft or unaccounted for. Passenger manifest reflected an American passenger originally gave name as "Pflug" then crossed out and given as Jackie Ann Mink. (See Athens 2034)

Ambassador Oakley (in WHSR) reported that all Americans are now accounted for. Status: Scarlett M. Rogenkamp, killed; Jackie N. Mink wounded and in the hospital; Patrick S. Baker, wounded, treated at the hospital and released.
reports that ambulances and police vehicles are seen removing casualties and passengers. No firm casualty report is available, but all firing ceased shortly after a side door on the aircraft was forcibly opened with explosives and the assault force entered the aircraft. (Passed to Mr. McFarlane's aircraft.)
NOIWON convened by State Department to report hijacking was over. According to our DCM in Malta, several shots were fired. Unknown number of casualties.

1515 Charlie Allen telcon: 24 additional casualties reported, 12 serious. Initial reports indicate 2 hijackers on board, both were killed.

1515 Mr. McFarlane informed via secure phone of additional casualties. He will call the President.

1530 Mr. McFarlane informed the President of results of Egyptian assault. Following were briefed by the Situation Room: Poindexter, the Vice President, Mr. Regan, Larry Speakes, Bob Pearson, Ron Sable, Michael Guest (Press Duty Officer), David Chew, Don Fortier.

1625 Allen Telcon: Preliminary reports indicate 20 passengers killed during assault, many more injured, some seriously. Additional details will follow.

1630 Greek Foreign Ministry official says Greek investigation indicates weapons could not have entered plane with passengers...all passengers pass double security examinations before boarding.

1650 U.S. Ambassador Matthews reports that at least 50 passengers are dead, many from smoke inhalation. Terrorists blew up the front of the aircraft as the Egyptian assault team entered the aft section.

1745 Situation Room updated all parties with latest information on casualties.

1830 NSC proposed Press Statement on Egyptian operation drafted by North, Stark, and Teicher. Statement approved by Poindexter, Chew and Speakes.