

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

January 28, 1985

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MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN M. POINDEXTER

FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH

SUBJECT: Terrorist Incident Working Group (TIWG) Meeting

The TIWG convenes tomorrow, January 29, from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the White House Situation Room for two purposes:

-- Review and discuss options regarding the current situation with the AMCIT hostages seized in Beirut.

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-- [REDACTED]

Our principal objective for the meeting should be to discern whether or not events have changed since our demarche to Iran regarding our AMCIT hostages, given the videotape of Bill Buckley which aired today.

The agenda at Tab I is designed for stimulating discussion at the meeting. A distribution list has been added so that the agenda can be LDX'd to the principals. An attendance list is attached at Tab A.

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[REDACTED] of the Buckley videotape is attached at Tab B. The timeline of diplomatic/political steps and interagency tasking, which results from the NSPG meeting of January 18, is attached at Tab C.

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You should also discuss the task force concept raised at our last TIWG meeting. While some have suggested places such as Switzerland and Turkey; [REDACTED] still seems best for both communications and proximity. A copy of the Cabinet Office cable drafted this morning is attached at Tab D. Additional relevant cables are attached at Tab E.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the agenda at Tab I and authorize its transmission via LDX.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Attachments

- Tab I - Agenda
- Tab A - Attendance List
- Tab B - [REDACTED] of Buckley Videotape
- Tab C - Platt Memo to McFarlane of Jan 24, 1985
- Tab D - Draft Cabinet Office Cable
- Tab E - Backup Cables

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

TERRORIST INCIDENT WORKING GROUP (TIWG) MEETING

Tuesday, January 29, 1985

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

White House Situation Room

I. INTELLIGENCE . . . . . CIA

A. Update on status of Beirut AMCIT hostages: Levin, Buckley, Weir, Kilburn, and Jenco

B. [REDACTED] (b)(1)

II. PRESENT SITUATION. . . . . State/CIA

A. Result of U.S. demarche to Iran and diplomatic contacts re hostages

B. [REDACTED] (b)(1)

III. NEXT STEPS/OPTIONS.. . . . Chairman

A. Contact with other governments since videotape

B. Task force proposal for hostage investigation

C. Steps to improve collection on hostages

IV. CONGRESSIONAL/PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE. . . . Chairman

J. M. Poindexter

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