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The ICRC visited all forty hostages June 25, meeting with thirty-seven hostages "all in one place" and separately with the three crewmen. The ICRC said that no hijackers were present during their meetings, and reported the condition of the hostages to be "good." Three of the hostages were reported by the ICRC to have been held in "improper conditions." The ICRC requested that they be moved. The ICRC said it has no further details to provide the USG at this time. The ICRC requests that the USG make no public comment beyond confirming the fact that all forty hostages were visited.

The ICRC requested that one hostage suffering from a heart condition be released. Barri informed Embassy Beirut that he now has personal custody of this hostage and tentative plans are for him to be transported under Barri's protection to Beirut Airport for departure from Lebanon this morning.

Responding to yesterday's White House briefing, Israeli Foreign Minister Shamir announced that Israel would "consider positively" cooperation with Washington on any move connected with a "blockade of Beirut airport." Shamir also said that Israel had not ruled out releasing more Shiite detainees, "depending on developments."

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