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PROJECT NUMBER: 8808 SESSION NUMBER: 06
DATE OF SESSION: 14 APR 88 DATE OF REPORT: 15 APR 88
START: 1540 END: 1635
METHODOLOGY: WRV VIEWER IDENTIFIER: 079

1. (S/NF/SK) MISSION: Determine if the previously projected release of LTC William Rich Higgins has been jeopardized or altered in any way as a result of the highjacking of the Kuwaiti Airlines 747 currently located at Algiers, Algeria.
2. (S/NF/SK) VIEWER TASKING: Provide update in accordance with mission tasking reflected in Para 1, above.
3. (S/NF/SK) COMMENTS: No inclmencies noted. A summary of information reflecting data on LTC Higgins, the highjacked Kuwaiti Airlines, and Iran's leadership is at Enclosure #1.
4. (U) EVALUATION: Accuracy of data to be determined by impending events.

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SUMMARY

USMC LTC Higgins will be released from captivity on or about the 20/22 April 1988. The negotiator (previously mentioned in the Washington Post) by the name of Rukers (from Kuwait?) will be largely responsible for the pursuit of negotiations that will lead to the release of LTC Higgins. "Papers" are/were submitted *(to the US)* to obtain "agreements" that will facilitate this release.

yes The highjacking of the 747 Kuwaiti Airline jet transport will not unfavorably affect the release of LTC Higgins. That episode, the highjacking of the 747, will end within about six days. The aircraft will not leave Algiers, Algeria, for any other location. It will remain at its current location where the highjacking issue will be resolved. There will be no further loss of life.

Khomeini did not like the idea of having the highjacked Kuwaiti Airline on Iranian soil. It did not fit into his game plan; he neither wanted nor desired that kind of publicity at this time. Khomeini is in sort of "hiding", he is removed from public attention. Activities that will lead to a "shift of power" to a dual seated form of government *is* ongoing. The resultant shift of power will allow for a more westernized and liberal form of government in Iran. Iran's war with Iraq will continue despite an evident favorable change in power. There is no evidence *of agreement* ^{for} of a mutual basis for the discontinuance of this conflict until about December 1988 or January 1989.

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