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METHODOLOGY: WRV

VIEWER IDENTIFIER: 079

1. (S/NF/SK) MISSION: Determine the current location and personal status of USMC LTC William (Rich) Higgins.
  
2. (S/NF/SK) VIEWER TASKING: Determine the current location and personal status of LTC Higgins. Estimate time of release.
  
3. (S/NF/SK) COMMENTS: No inclemencies noted. Session constitutes a weekly update of data related to Higgins and the other hostages. A Summary of Information is attached as Enclosure 1; at Enclosure 2 is a copy of a section of a map of Lebanon with a red arrow indicating "Mazra at Nabi Qasim" as the current location of Higgins. A composite of publicly available material reflected at Enclosure 3 was used as a reference to update the status of the other US hostages in Lebanon.
  
4. (S/NF/SK): EVALUATION:

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USMC LTC William (Rich) Higgins and his captors continued to travel in a southerly direction along the coast (of Lebanon); they travelled mainly at night. They were unable to complete their trek to Arab Salim, their intended destination. Higgins and his six captors are currently located in the immediate vicinity of "Mazra at Nabi Qasim". SEE ENCLOSURE 2. The captors are confused, scared, and feel the pressure of the Israeli forces directed against them. They (the captors) travelled along the coast line preferring to maintain a land/water interface that would again allow for Higgins to be set afloat as in the past should the need arise. There are no other hostages with Higgins. Higgins is being better treated because the captors are preoccupied and concerned with their own welfare. The release of LTC Higgins is dependent upon sever factors: current national negotiations; the influence of Israeli pressure against the captors; direction from representatives of the new power base in Iran; and, internal negotiations between the moderate and radical Shiite groups represented in Beirut. (Data out of apparent context indicates that a "Colonel Lester" [phonetic] takes an active role that facilitates the release of Higgins).

Cordez, the German national being held hostage, will be released on or about 16 June 1988; negotiations on his behalf are progression favorably.

Utilizing ENCLOSURE 3 as a guide, the following observations

ENCLOSURE 1

were made regarding the remaining US hostages. Terry Anderson remains the most hated of the hostages; he is physically very weak and vulnerable. Anderson will be released in August (about 28 August—as previously reported. Although there are a number of factors affecting the release of Higgins, his anticipated date of release is mid June 1988. Edward Tracy (the writer from Vermont living in Beirut) will be released on or about 12 August 1988. Thomas Sutherland (Agriculture Dean, University of Beirut), will be released on or about 30 June 1988. Jesse Turner (Math Instructor, University of Beirut) is active against the hostages in a manner much like Terry Waite; Turner has lost a lot of weight. His status is tenuous. There was no projected date for the release for Turner. Frank Herbert Reed (Director, Lebanese International School, a quiet man by nature, has remained quiet and inconspicuous; this is working to his advantage. His release is projected for 30 June 1988.

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(NOTE: Viewer 079 was unable to access information related to Joseph Cicippio [Comptroller, University of Beirut] and Allen Steen [Professor of Journalism, University of Beirut].