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METHODOLOGY: WRV VIEWER IDENTIFIER: 079

1. (S//NF//SK) MISSION: Access and describe current status of the hostages, specifically, USMC LTC William (Rich) Higgins, the other US hostages, Rudolf Cordes, Terry Waite, and the Israeli hostages. Attempt to determine dates of release from captivity.
2. (S//NF//SK) VIEWER TASKING: Viewer tasked with essential elements of information reflected in mission tasking, Para 1, above.
3. (S//NF//SK) COMMENTS: No inclemencies noted. In a passing reference to the desirability of continuing the topical search of interest related to plans and intentions related to the possible hijack of an aircraft in Athens, Greece, it was and must be noted that initial sessions need to be refined by subsequent sessions in order to arrive at reasonable conclusions.

12 Aug 88 { 4. (S//NF//SK): EVALUATION: *as per D Staff / Harry Kleni D B-5C*
IR info corroborates substantially contents of
summary, particularly, Para 1.
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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

The impending release of LTC Higgins appears imminent and the result of continuing negotiations undertaken and pursued by the UN Secretary General, Perez de Cuellar. It is anticipated that LTC Higgins will be released on or before the projected date of implementation of the Cease Fire scheduled for 20 August 1988. LTC Higgins is very much aware of his projected and impending release from captivity perceived as a good will gesture by Iran. LTC Higgins is in good physical condition; his contentment is tinged with impatience at the thought of freedom. The Syrians play an indirect but important and controlled roll in the release of Higgins; they implement the results of the negotiations. Higgins is currently located at Sukar Al Gharb located directly east of Bsaba, his last known location. His ultimate and near-term destination is Khaloah (phonetic) located immediately south of the Beirut International Airport. Dayr Dobil located east of Khaloah was indicated as an intermittent stopover. See ENCLOSURE 1. Decisions have been made to assemble and evacuate hostages from Lebanon to Tehran; however, Higgins will not be going to Tehran. His release is a separate (UN) issue negotiated under the auspices of UN. He will be transported initially by a non-US/UN ocean vessel to Egypt. He will subsequently be transported by a US/UN vessel to Tunisia. Ultimately, he will then sail via a US/UN military vessel from Tunisia to the US.

The two Israeli hostages identified in previous reporting are not affected or subject to the ongoing negotiations. Their physical location remain the same (Hotel Dieu). The burden of their release is dependent upon the Israelis themselves. Cellular phones (telephones) are used at the location of the Israeli hostages; the possibility of installing surreptitious listening devices may be considered. The possibility that budgetary constraints could delay the release of the Israeli hostages resurfaced anew (but was not pursued further).

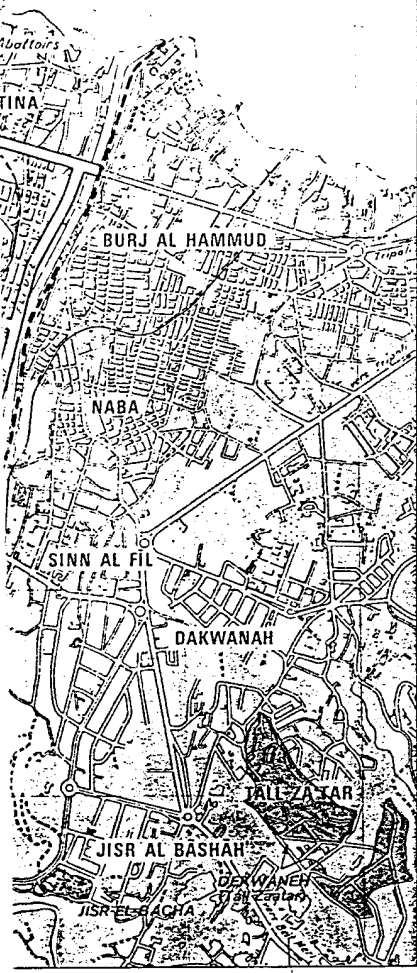
The hostages held in the military barracks surrounded by Syrian troops, will be the first to leave Beirut for Tehran. Rudolf Cordes and Frank Reed will be among this first group to reach Tehran while Edward Tracy will arrive in Tehran with the second group. The hostages appear to be evacuated by helicopter. Robert Polhill is in such bad physical condition that he cannot be moved to Tehran; he is being attended by medical personnel in a facility operated or associated with the Red Cross and located in the area of Building #212 in Beirut. See Enclosure 2. Because of the continuing physical abuse they have had to endure, both Joseph Cicippio and Alann Steen are in a near-death status. The captors are in a quandary as to do with them. Terry Waite, Thomas Sutherland, and Terry Anderson will be the last to be released (as previously reported). Again, all indications are that Anderson will be the very last to be released. Terry Waite, oddly enough, does not wish to be released from captivity until such time as all the other hostages have been released from captivity.

In the order of release from captivity, Higgins will be released first, Cordes and Reed second, followed by Tracy, Polhill, Cicippio. Waite, Sutherland and Anderson will be last.

Other, isolated, pieces of information revealed that Kurt Waldheim, President of Austria and former Secretary General of the UN, is reportedly playing an active role in the negotiations.

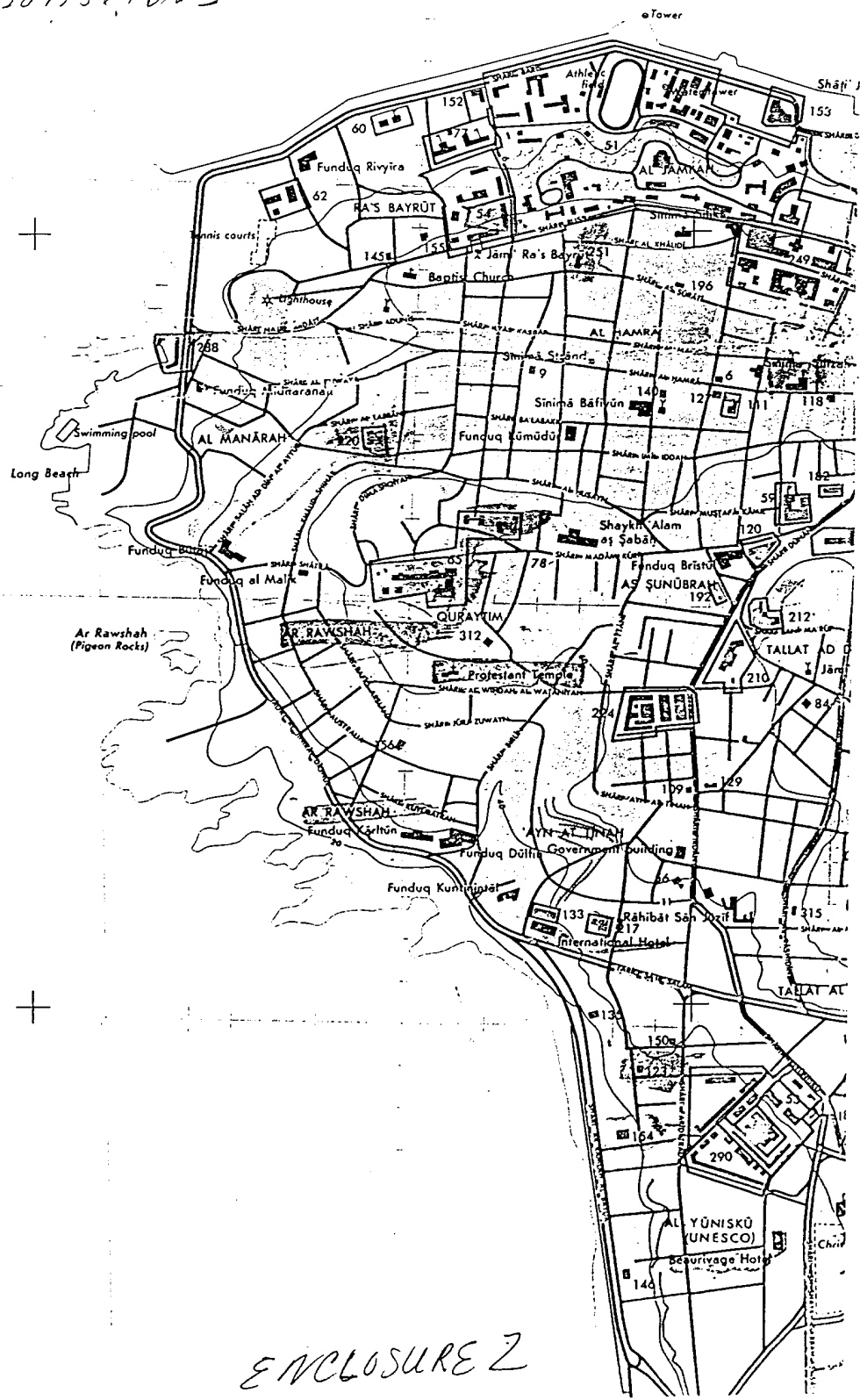
Final peace between Iraq and Iran will not be achieved until about February 1989; isolated skirmishes will continue to plague both sides in view of the deep hatred spawned by this war.

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ENCLOSURE 2

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Budget

H⁺ is eminent or about short period of time. Ability to understand is ability to see.

Higgins is good conditions & happy - knows he is being released.

knows he is in close hold situation -

"H" release will go 3 ways

① wait the full days of cease fire 20 Aug

② we think Syrians will release earlier

③ H⁺ will be released as good will gesture

Other hostages are being mobilized & moved to area together

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others being moved to
area of interest

H. must released as
good will gesture -

cease fire will exist between Iraq + Iran

Scrimishes will exist
there will be big payoffs with

people trying to overthrow

Tan Jaberie not bright but
will bend -

other hostages mobilized -

fed and treated better

Palace of Iran making concessions

making transitions + etc.

not the word that Khomeini
wasted

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Ram both administrators

dissatisfied - they put

Hubala in disarray

Hubala do hate hostages

but they have no

suggest - at all -

They will save their own
needs first

world peace factors taking
place at U.N.

"H" - Gno

Sukra Al Charb

directly East of -

Saba

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Syria release of
'H' - they will want
to receive orders to
let him out

Shutes will
cease dissent

Northwest

Dayr Oubai

directly S.W

Saba - heading
towards International
airport

destination directly south of airport

Khaddah

going near water
It will travel the path now

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Lester, I swear I love you

"H" is in Syrian Control

Head North Star -

except - for Waile, Anderson + Sutherland

Military barracks evacuated soon being moved out mainly to Tehran

Famphin -

Pohill

Carter + Reed going to Tehran - by chopper

Pohill carefully as possible receive, medical attention carefully attended

Goes to hospital - in Tehran

goes under Red Cross -

he is under Red Cross

symbol -
Separate

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Red Cross Vicinity
in Kuwait - close to where
he is being held.

in area of Bldg 212

Seizure - seen

so near death -

there is no plan -

Shiites don't know
what to do with them

they won't be taken to

Tehran until they

are cleaned up +

Wait, Anderson + Sutherland

the real hard negotiations

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With the

Tracy will be with
second group

① "H" first

② people in Military Band
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③ Tracy

④ Pahill some how
near

⑤ Seizure & Slain
do not know

⑥ Wail, Archer & Sutherland
Lash

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~~H.~~ H. does not go to Tehran.
People in M.B. go to Tehran.

Pohill - not sure - may
be released to another country.
Tehran does not have facilities to
treat him -

Tracy goes to Tehran

Sociques + Stein do not see

" H. will go to Egypt then
Tunisia) - going by
Vessal - will see wife then

He goes

~~Ship going to Egypt - not U.S.~~
Egypt to Tunisia - is U.S. Vessal

U.N.

Valdner - Austria (