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JACK, THE SUPERVISOR, IS CLASSIC BOSTON IRISH, COMPLETE WITH RED-HAIR, SOLID INFORMATION ABOUT WHERE MASS CAN BE ATTEND ON SUNDAY ALMOST ANYWHERE AND ENCYCLOPEDIA KNOWLEDGE OF THE CELTICS. THERE ARE OTHERS, ON THE PLANE AND WAITING ON THE GROUND, WHEN KISSINGER IS ABOUT TO LAND.

ONE IS A BLACK WITH A FORMIDABLE AFRO AND ONE LOOKS LIKE JOHN DEAN'S TWIN BROTHER.

THEY HAVE A SORT OF UNIFORM AND DemeanOR THAT MAKES THEM OBVIOUS TO ANYONE WHO PAYS ATTENTION. THEY WEAR TOPCOATS IN "HOT" COUNTRIES, THE BETTER TO CONCEAL THE STUBBY ISRAELI-MADE UZI SUBMACHINE GUNS SLUNG UNDER THEIR SHOOTING ARMS.

THEY WEAR DISTINCTIVE LAPEL PINS FOR INSTANT RECOGNITION TO THE SECURITY MEN OF OTHER NATIONS.

THEY USE MINIATURE RADIO RECEIVERS RESEMBLING HEARING AIDS AND MICROPHONES THAT COULD BE CONCEALED IN A THIMBLE.

THEIR WALKIE-TALKIE RADIOS, IN COMMUNICATION WITH A COMMAND CENTER ON THE GROUND, ARE ATTACHED TO THEIR BELTS ON ONE SIDE.

THEY ALL WEAR HIP-HOLSTERED .38 CALIBER PISTOLS AND SOMETIMES, IN TICKLISH COUNTRIES, GULLET-PROOF VESTS. SPASRE BULLETS FOR THE PISTOLS ARE CARRIED ON THEIR BELTS.

THEY CARRY VARIOUS OTHER WEAPONS IN A VARIETY OF ATTACHE CASES, FISHING TACKLE BOXES AND AIRLINE FLIGHT BAGS.

AT EVERY STOP THEY LINE UP AT THE REAR EXIT OF THE AIRCRAFT AS SOON AS IT LANDS. THEY ALWAYS GET OFF FIRST.

WALLY'S JOB IS TO SIGNAL THE OTHER AGENTS FROM THE TAXIWAY AND HE DOES IT WITH ECONOMY OF WORDS:

"EPSTEIN. DANDELION 970, WE HAVE A WHEELS DOWN AT 53," HE BARDS INTO THE RADIO TELEPHONE BY THE REAR EXIT.

TRANSLATION: EPSTEIN IS IN CHARGE OF THE AGENTS OF THE GROUND AT THE AIRPORT. DANDELION IS KISSINGER (HIS CODE NAME ACTUALLY IS ANOTHER WORD). 970 IDENTIFIES THE AIRPLANE. THE WHEELS TOUCHED GROUND AT 53 MINUTES AFTER THE HOUR.

THE AIRBORNE AGENTS NEVER LOOK AT THE SECRETARY AS HE IS DESCENDING THE RAMP, GREETING DIGNITARIES OR WALKING TO THE WAITING FLEET OF CARS.

THEIR EYES ROVE OVER THE CROWD, LIKE ROTATING BEACONS. THEY WATCH WINDOWS, ROOFS, FACES, THE EVER-PRESENT THROG OF JOSTLING CAMERAMEN AND ANY SPECTATORS WHO HAVE BEEN ALLOWED NEAR THE RAMP.

NEWSMEN TRAVELING WITH KISSINGER KNOW WHEN SUSPICION OF DANGER HEIGHTENS.

ON THIS CURRENT TRIP, THEY KNEW IT WHEN THE SECRET SERVICE PRODUCED NOT ONE, BUT TWO OF THE ARMORED LIMOUSINES THAT ARE NORMALLY KEPT IN WASHINGTON. THEY WERE FLOWN TO THE MIDEAST BY THE AIR FORCE FOR USE IN JERUSALEM AND DAMASCUS, CITIES RIFE WITH ASRAB AND ISRAELI FIREBRANDS.

SOMETIMES, IT IS EVEN EASIER TO SMELL DANGER. IN ALGIERS, THE AGENTS UNLIMBERED THEIR AUTOMATIC WEAPONS LAST WINTER AND THRUST THE MUZZLES OUT OF THEIR CAR WINDOWS ON THE LONG DRIVE

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INTO THE CITY.

THE FACT THAT THE WEAPONS WERE ISRAELI-MADE WAS NOT LOST ON THE COGNOSCENTI.

IN DAMASCUS, THERE WAS A THREAT TO KILL KISSINGER WHEN HE VISITED THE GREAT Omayyad MOSQUE AND THE SECRET SERVICE CANCELED THE VISIT AND TOOK HIM TO THE AIRPORT BY A CIRCUITOUS ROUTE.

ON A VISIT TO LEBANON, THE THREAT OF DANGER WAS CONSIDERED SO GREAT THAT THE SECRET SERVICE REFUSED TO PERMIT KISSINGER TO LAND AT BEIRUT WHERE DEMONSTRATORS WERE ASSEMBLING.

INSTEAD, THE ENTIRE FOUR-HOUR VISIT WAS DIVERTED TO AN AUXILIARY AIR BASE NEAR THE RUINS OF BIBLICAL BAALBEK.

HAL SAID MOST OF THE KISSINGER DETAIL IS MADE UP OF MARRIED MEN BETWEEN THE MIDTWENTIES AND EARLY FORTIES.

THEY ARE PROUD, WELL-TRAINED MEN, HE SAID, WHO HAVE COMPULSORY PHYSICAL AND FIREARMS TRAINING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

MOST OF THEM ARE PHILOSOPHICAL ABOUT THE FREQUENCY OF KISSINGERS TRIPS AND THEY SAY THEIR FAMILIES ACCEPT IT.

THE ADVANCE MEN OF THE KISSINGER TRAVEL DETAIL DO A LOT OF LEAP-FROGGING BECAUSE THE SECRETARY OFTEN MANAGES TO PAY OFFICIAL VISITS TO THREE NATIONS IN A SINGLE DAY.

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