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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - THE UNITED STATES COULD NOT DUPLICATE THE DRAMATIC ISRAELI RESCUE OF HIJACKED HOSTAGES, SAYS CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY DIRECTOR GEORGE BUSH.

"NO, WE COULDN'T DO THAT," BUSH SAID FRIDAY IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION.

"WE DO HAVE A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE IN FURNISHING INTELLIGENCE TO POLICY MAKERS AND OUR FRIENDS ON THE MOVEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISTS," HE ADDED, "BUT TO INDICATE THAT WE HAVE THAT KIND OF ACTION CAPABILITY IN THESE TIMES, THE ANSWER IS VERY FRANKLY NO."

BUSH SAID ONE OF THE MAJOR VALUES OF INTELLIGENCE IS TO FIGHT TERRORISM.

"THE MORE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THIS, THE MORE SUPPORT THE CIA WILL HAVE," HE SAID.

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