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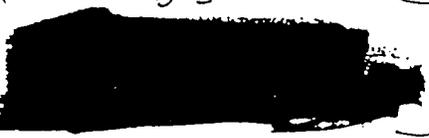
MEMORANDUM FOR: Vice Admiral John M. Poindexter  
 Assistant to the President for  
 National Security Affairs

FROM: Charles E. Allen  
 National Intelligence Officer for Counterterrorism  
 and Narcotics

SUBJECT: Initial DCI-Hostage Location Task Force Report

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1. In accordance with your 20 December directive, the DCI Hostage Locating Task Force (HLTF) has been assembled at CIA Headquarters. Full-time representatives have been assigned by CIA, DIA, NSA, MPIC, and JSOC. Office space has been designated, communications provided, and organizational groundwork established. The Task Force is now in full operation.
2. Attached is the first in a series of weekly reports I shall be forwarding as chief of that Task Force. Each will recap the current hostage situation, highlight new information, and report significant initiatives undertaken to improve collection, analysis, or operations.
3. I am encouraged by my initial experience with this Task Force. The Intelligence Community has provided first rate officers and CIA logistic support has been unstinting. Community agencies have been supportive and I am convinced that this approach will assure more focused attention on the problem and produce improved intelligence support for policymakers on this important issue.

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 LTC Oliver North

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Report by the DCI Hostage Location Task Force - 2 January 1986

Introduction

This is the initial report by the DCI Hostage Location Task Force (HLTF). It summarizes intelligence contained in the attached two documents, covering the status of both the American and French hostages. It also recaps actions which the HLTF has initiated to develop new information on the subject.

The Hostage Situation

There are potentially 12 Westerners currently being held hostage in Lebanon--six Americans, four French, one British, and one Italian. In our judgment, four of the six American hostages, Lawrence Jenco, Terry Anderson, David Jacobsen, and Thomas Sutherland, are being held by the Hizballah Special Security Force of Imad Mughniyah. [

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