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PROJECT NUMBER: 8808	SESSION NUMBER: 03
DATE OF SESSION: 25 FEB 88	DATE OF REPORT: 25 FEB 88
START: 1010	END: 1215
METHODOLOGY: WRV	VIEWER IDENTIFIER: 079

1. (S/NF/SK) MISSION: Determine current location and identifiable structure (s) where USMC LTC William Richard (Rich) Higgins is being held hostage. Access LTC Higgins and describe his state of mind and results of his experiences to date. Include any attempt by Higgins to communicate as a result of his being video-taped by his captors.

2. (S/NF/SK) VIEWER TASKING: Viewer tasked in accordance with EEI reflected in Para 1.

3. (S/NF/SK) COMMENTS: No physical inclemencies noted. Results of session are attached in Summary attached as Enclosure

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SUMMARY

LTC Higgins is angry, scared, and surprised at how such an abduction could have taken place. He felt quite protected and secure from any type of kidnapping by virtue of his military position. He was initially shocked but he is now coping better with the overall situation than he did at the outset. During the early phases of the abduction he was moved often and rapidly. He is still being shuffled about but his movements are now more deliberate, slower and the result of superficial planning. Normally, there are three or four captors present with LTC Higgins. They verbally abuse and humiliate him, and occasionally shove and push him about. However, he is not being tortured. He will be interrogated when he reaches his ultimate destination, Beirut. While in Beirut, he will be held captive in a structure located in proximity of the other hostages. LTC Higgins is concerned about being taken to remote location in the country where he feels he could be killed and where people (negotiators) may not be able to get in touch with him. He (LTC Higgins) feels somewhat (mentally and emotionally) reassured if he knows he is near power lines. He is normally held in a room the size of a bathroom; he is sometimes blindfolded and sometimes tied up. LTC

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Higgins attempted to provide a code during the course of his video taping by the customers. Analysts should pay close attention to his "eye movements to the left" along with his hands.

LTC Higgins is currently being held in a tall, slender, multi-storied, brown structure located in the immediate vicinity of a "man-made" lake. The lake is located immediately south of Point 2018, Map A, and further identified as Arab Salim. The target structure is described as "half opened, half closed, with no courtyard and (located) near a dump." The lake is situated on the outskirts of a somewhat large town. The immediate area surrounding the target structure was described as a "dump" (rubbish dump). His captors continue to monitor radio and television broadcasts from a town located about 15 to 17 miles "West and South" from the target structure where LTC Higgins is being held captive. The broadcasts are monitored from a "government-type" hotel. The spelling of the name of this hotel name of this hotel has 7 or 8 letters and phonetically sounds like "Allamah." The hotel is located in a town whose name starts with the letter "L". The name of the town sounds like "L-Shaba". The literal meaning of the name "L-Shaba" has a connotation of "weeds" and/or seeds. "Look for a town (15 to 17 miles west and south of the target structure) that is losing its population (popularity?), "that has a diminished population."

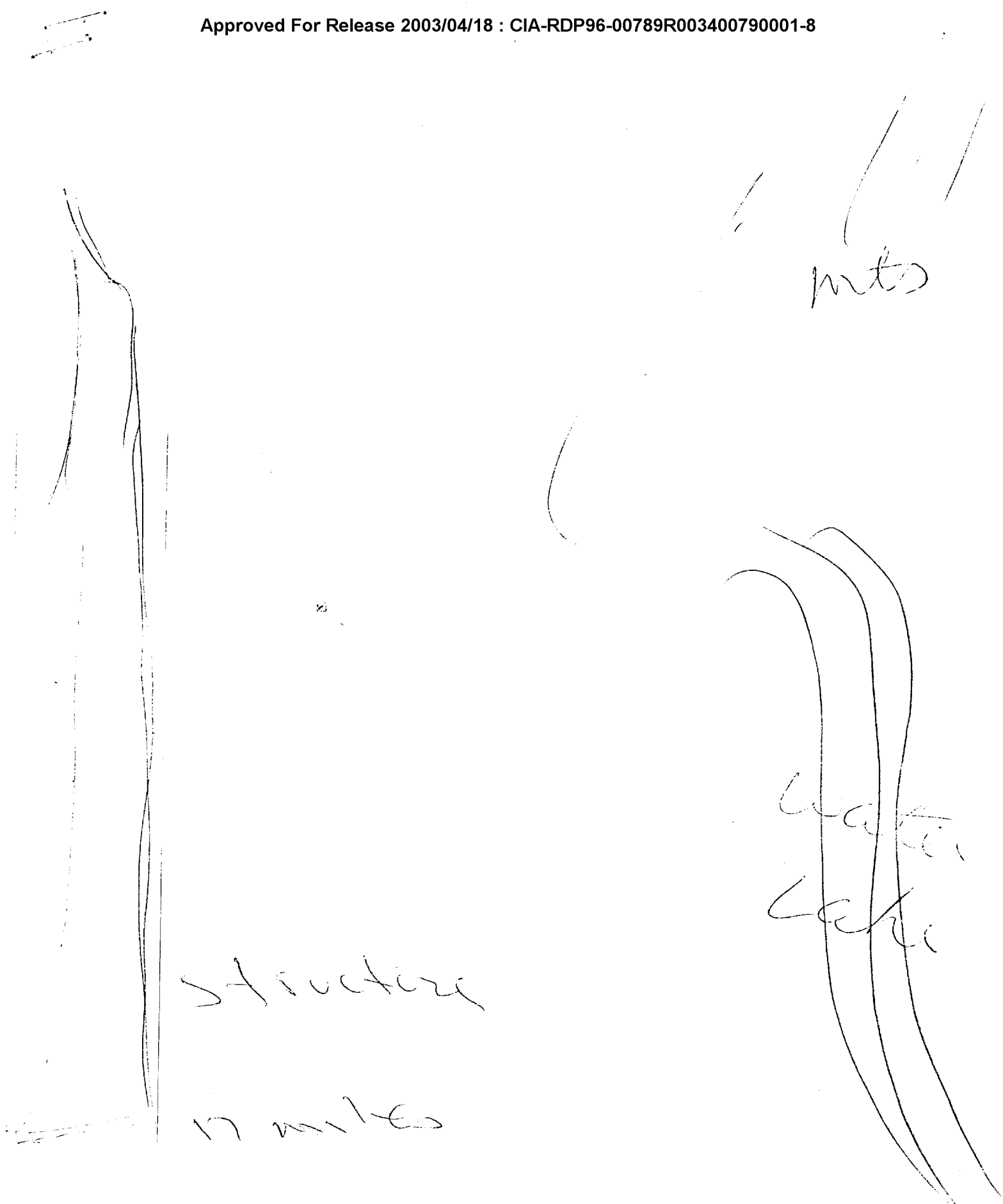
LTC Higgins will be moved from this place in "two and a half or three days." The captors will use a somewhat small black or

(dark) brown car with a "round back" bearing a rounded registration tags on a white background with black lettering; the first letter starts with the letter "L". "It has Beirut tags." The automobile looks like a sports car; in fact, "it looks out of place in the current country setting" it is in. Leaks from within the Lebanese government and occurring within sixty days (about 21 April 1988). They will be highly credible and should be pursued. A "US or English national identifiable as an "ambassador or diplomat", and named "Rutledge" (phonetic) will play a "key role" in the negotiations for the release of LTC Higgins.

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