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1. ELEVEN (11) AMERICANS WERE AMONG APPROXIMATELY 100
RELEASED PASSENGERS WHO ARRIVED PARIS ORLY AIRPORT
0230 JULY 2 BY SPECIAL AIR FRANCE FLIGHT. MET BY
CONOFFS AND TAKEN TO HOTELS. PASSENGERS GREATLY
FATIGUED AND CONOFFS MADE NO ATTEMPT TO DEBRIEF THEM.
WE WILL TRY TO DEBRIEF THEM WHEN THEY APPLY FOR
PASSPORTS. ALL PASSENGERS PASSPORTS AND MANY IDENTITY
DOCUMENTS RETAINED BY HIJACKERS. UNLESS DEPT OBJECTS
WE INTEND TO ISSUE REPLACEMENT PASSPORTS.

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2. RELEASED AMERICANS ARE: DR. DAVID BASS, JAY EDWIN BRANDS, BACHELL ZEERE BRANDS, SANFORD FREEDMAN, JULIE ANN HARSTON, PETER VICTOR RABINOWITZ, NANCY SAM RABINOWITZ, MURRAY IRVING SCHWARTZ,PHYLLIS BERNARD TEODOROPOULOS, BARUCH LEIB ZEGER AND CYNTHIA ABRAHAM ZEGER.

3. BASS, TWO BRANDS, TWO RABINOWITZ AND MRS. TEODOROPOULOS AND HUSBAND STAYING CONCORDE LAFAYETTE HOTEL, SCHWARTZ STAYING ORLY HILTON. ZEGERS AT PARIS HILTON AND FREEDMAN JOINING MRS. TAYLOR AT HOTEL LITTRE.

4. MOST PASSENGERS INTEND STAY PARIS FEW DAYS EXCEPT FOR HARSTON WHO RETURNING TO US JULY 2 (SEE SEPTEL RE PASSPORT WAIVER).

5. AMONG RELEASED PASSENGERS, EID BOULOS RIZEK IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS JORDANIAN ALIEN RESIDENT OF DETROIT AND BEARER OF REENTRY PERMIT TAKEN FROM HIM BY HIJACKERS. QUESTION OF VISA WAIVER DISCUSSED IN KRUG/HURRITZINS TELCON AS RIZEK HOPES TO LEAVE FOR DETROIT BY AIR FRANCE FLIGHT 1100 HOURS JULY 2. PLEASE ADVISE RIZEK'S UNCLE, ANGELO ARANKI, 1731 WOODGATE, TROY, MICHIGAN 48084, TELEPHONE: (313) 524-6929 OF HIS COMING.

6. ZEGERS AND FREEDMAN REPORTED THAT ONLY INCIDENT OF VIOLENCE INVOLVED YOUNG ISRAELI MAN WHO REFUSED ANSWER HIJACKERS QUESTIONS AND MADE TO STAND FACE UP AGAINST WALL UNTIL HE FAINTED. ANOTHER MAN HAD BEEN THREATENED DURING HIJACKING WITH PISTOL WHIPPING OR ELBOW IN FACE IF HE MADE TROUBLE BUT NOTHING HAPPENED.

7. ZEGERS, FREEDMAN AND BASS SAID AMIN MADE SPEECH TO PASSENGERS TO BE RELEASED SAYING HE COULD DO NOTHING MORE TO HELP AND THAT FATE OF OTHERS IN HANDS OF ISRAELI GOVERNMENT. BUT NO THREATS REPORTED AGAINST REMAINING PASSENGERS AS OF DEPARTURE TIME.

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8. AIR FRANCE AND FRENCH POLICE, WHO WERE DEBRIEFING
SOME PASSENGERS WHO WANTED TALK, REQUESTED PASSENGERS
NOT TO TALK IN GREAT DETAIL TO NEWS MEDIA. MANY
REPORTERS AT ARRIVAL HALL THOUGH FEW GOT TO TALK MUCH
WITH PASSENGERS IN CONFUSION OVER ONWARD TICKETS AND
TEMPORARY LODGING, ETC. MERV GRIFFITH AND ENTOURAGE MET
MURRAY SCHWARTZ AND BOTH TALKED TO PRESS AS DID MRS.
ZEGER. BASED ON COMMENTS HEARD BY CONOFFS AND IN
VIEW OF AGE AND PHILOSOPHICAL DIFFERENCES AMONG
PASSENGERS THERE MAY BE SEVERAL DIFFERENT AND CONFLICTING
VERSIONS OF HIJACKING IN PRESS. STATEMENTS MAY INCLUDE
CHARGES THAT FREEDMAN, TAYLOR, AND OTHER YOUNGER
PASSENGERS "SYMPATHETIC" TOWARDS HIJACKERS AND THAT
OLDER PASSENGERS "INTRANSIGENCE" INFLUENCED HIJACKERS TO
SEGREGATE "ISRAELIS."
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9. AS REPORTED REFTEL, TWO OTHER AMERICANS, DAUGHTER
AND SON-IN-LAW OF MR. GEORGE KARFUNKE, WERE NOT
RELEASED. ACCORDING TO ZEGERS, THY WERE AMONG GROUP OF
88 "ISRAELIS" STILL HELD CAPTIVE ALONG WITH CREW OF 12
AND ABOUT 20 OTHER PASSENGERS. ZEGERS SAID KEL
DAUGHTER BORN IN BROOKLYN AND SON-IN-LAW BORN IN HUNGARY
BUT HAS BEEN LONG TIME NATURALIZED CITIZEN. THEY ARE
NOT ISRAELI CITIZENS, BUT MAKING TEN-DAY HOLIDAY VISIT
TO ISRAEL. ZEGERS DID NOT KNOW WHY THEY WERE INCLUDED
IN ISRAELI GROUP.
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