

## Message Text

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R 131822Z DEC 77  
FM AMEMBASSY BONN  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3969  
INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT  
AMEMBASSY CAIRO  
AMEMBASSY AMMAN  
AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV  
USINT BAGHDAD

C O N F I D E N T I A L BONN 20661

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, GW  
SUBJECT: FRG AND THE PLO

REF: BONN 18802

1. A FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL INFORMS US THAT THE FRG EMBASSY IN BEIRUT, WHICH MAINTAINS LOW-LEVEL CONTACTS WITH THE PLO, WAS RECENTLY INSTRUCTED TO NOTIFY THE LATTER THAT BONN WAS CONCERNED ABOUT CONTACTS BETWEEN IT AND GERMAN TERRORISTS. THE EMBASSY TOLD THE PLO IT WAS AWARE THAT MEMBERS OF THE GERMAN "RED ARMY FACTION" HAD RECENTLY BEEN IN BEIRUT AND HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH PLO MEMBERS. (THE GERMAN TERRORISTS, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED BY OUR SOURCE, ARE NOW THOUGHT TO BE IN BAGHDAD). OUR SOURCE SAID THE CONTACTS HAD NOT BEEN LIMITED TO THE WADI HADDAD GROUP.

2. THE PLO HAD TACITLY ADMITTED THE CONTACTS, REPLYING THAT THEIRS WAS A LOOSELY STRUCTURED ORGANIZATION AND  
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THE LEADERSHIP WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO REGULATE ALL ACTIVITIES. THE PLO HAD ALSO REITERATED ITS PROFESSED OPPOSITION TO TERRORISM.

3. OUR FOREIGN OFFICE SOURCE SAID THE FRG EMBASSY IN BAGHDAD MAINTAINED SIMILAR LOW-LEVEL CONTACTS WITH THE PLO AND THAT THESE WERE DESIGNED IN PART TO WARD OFF

POSSIBLE ACTS OF TERRORISM AGAINST THE FRG. HE ADDED  
THAT THE NOVEMBER 3 MEETING IN BONN BETWEEN SPD LEADERS  
AND PLO REPRESENTATIVE SARTAWI (REFTEL) WAS INTER ALIA  
PART OF THIS EFFORT.  
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