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E.O. ~~XXXXX~~ 12065: GDS 4/29/88 (NEGROPONTE, John D.) OR-M
TAGS: PTER, HO
SUBJECT: HIJACKING

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1. ~~██████████~~ - ENTIRE TEXT
(Monsignor Andres Cordero Lanza di Montezemolo)
2. Ambassador met with Apostolic Nuncio/at 1300 local time to review hijacking situation from Nuncio's perspective. Nuncio had been on aircraft from 1100-1200 local time.
3. First, Nuncio said that of the four terrorists only one does any talking and he is obviously in charge. Nuncio heard other terrorists call him "Toribio" which means Simple Simon in Spanish. According to Nuncio, Toribio is cool, polite and appears to be in his mid-40's.
4. First demand of terrorists, as previously reported, was for \$1 million and release of political prisoners.

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In addition American citizen prisoners would have to stay on board until reaching next destination.

5. Nuncio said that Toribio's position remained adamant this morning but that he did tell Nuncio that "final position" would be request for ~~XXXXXXX~~ One Hundred Thousand Dollars, fuel, and maps of Central America and Caribbean. Apparently, reference to political prisoners was dropped in this "final position" of Toribio. Toribio also added that two persons they would "never release" were pilot Pablo Sanchez because of his father's alleged ties with Standard Fruit and the Standard Fruit sales manager, presumably Gregory Bascon.
6. Apostolic Nuncio said his understanding of GOH position was willingness to provide fuel and maps for any destination in Central America, Mexico or Panama in exchange for all rpt all passengers. This understanding of GOH position accords precisely with ours.
7. According to Nuncio, passengers are well, though tired. Nuncio believes they are being treated well and he is not aware of terrorists having made any threats against individual passengers.
8. An interesting detail is that the dynamite in the possession of the terrorists is leaking due to the heat.

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10. COMMENT: Terrorists' demands appear to have declined somewhat.


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