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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

January 24, 1986

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MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN M. POINDEXTER  
FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH  
SUBJECT: Operation Recovery

Please find attached at Tab A a notional timeline for major events in Operation Recovery. To my knowledge the only persons completely cognizant of this schedule are:

John Poindexter  
Don Fortier  
Oliver North

John McMahon  
Clair George  
Tom Twetten  
Dewey Clarridge

Richard Secord  
Amiram Nir  
Prime Minister Shimon Peres

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RECOMMENDATION

That you privately discuss the attachment with the President.

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Attachment

Tab A - Notional Timeline for Operation Recovery

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Notional Timeline for Operation Recovery

Friday, January 24

- CIA provide cube and weight data to Copp for a/c loading.
- CIA prepare intel sample for pass to Gorba.
- Copp provide a/c tail # to CIA for pickup at [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

Saturday, January 25

- Dispatch intel sample to Gorba via Charlie Allen.

Sunday, January 26

- C. Allen deliver intel sample to Gorba at Churchill Hotel, London.
- Copp finalize a/c requirements w/air carrier in Oklahoma.
- Nir provides list of 50 Hizballah prisoners being held by Lahad to Gorba in London.

Monday, January 27

- Gorba place intel sample on 1300 GMT flight to Tehran fm Frankfurt, Germany.

Wednesday, January 29

- Gorba transfer funds for purchase/transport of 1000 basic TOWs to Israeli account at Credit Suisse Bank, Geneva.
- Israeli account manager automatically transfers deposit fm Israeli account to Copp account in same bank (bank record keeping transaction).
- Copp's account manager automatically transfers \$6M to CIA account in same bank (bank record keeping transaction).

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Thursday, January 30

- CIA transfers \$6M to DOD account by wire service transaction.
- CIA orders movement of 1000 TOW missiles fm DOD storage facility Anniston, Alabama, to Midwest depot, Texas.
- CIA bills Copp account \$26K for cost of moving 1000 TOW missiles fm Anniston, Alabama, to Midwest depot, Texas.

Friday, January 31

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Sunday, February 2

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- Copp travels to Israel for site survey of transfer point (Eliat, Israel).
- Copp proceeds to rendezvous in Rome w/Clarridge to establish command post.

Monday, February 3

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Tuesday, February 4

- 1000 TOWs sanitized and prepared for shipping at [REDACTED]
- Copp a/c packers arrive at [REDACTED] and arrange for Copp a/c to lift TOWs fm Kelly AF Base, San Antonio, TX, on CIA contract.

Wednesday, February 5

- Copp a/c arrives Kelly AF Base for loading.
- CIA provides remainder of first intel sample to Gorba at Iranian Embassy in Bonn, Germany.

Thursday, February 6

- Copp a/c commence lifting TOWs fm Kelly AF Base to transfer point at Eliat, Israel.
- Israeli AF "sterilized" 707 a/c arrives at transfer point for loading.
- Copp aircrew arrives Eliat, Israel, to pilot Israeli a/c.
- [REDACTED]
- Remainder of first intel sample flown fm Germany to Tehran in diplomatic pouch on scheduled Iran Airways flight.

Friday, February 7

- Israeli "sterile" a/c piloted by Copp crew commences movement of TOWs fm Eliat to Bandar Abbas, Iran, via Red Sea route.
- [REDACTED]

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Saturday, February 8

- Delivery of 1000 TOWs completed.
- 25 Hizballah released by Lahad.
- Returning Israeli a/c pickup 18 HAWKs at Tehran airport for return to Israel.

Sunday, February 9

- All U.S. hostages released to U.S./British or Swiss Embassy.
- Second group of 25 Hizballah released by Lahad.
- Israelis return \$5.4M to Gorba when HAWKs land in Israel.

Monday, February 10

- Gorba transfers funds to Israel account for purchase/transportation of 3000 TOWs (amount transferred is sufficient to cover purchase of 508 additional TOWs owed to Israel for Weir release and all transportation costs).
- Israelis transfer funds to Copp account at Credit Suisse Bank, Geneva.
- Copp transfers funds to CIA account for purchase/transportation of 3508 TOWs (\$21.048M).
- Four (4) remaining Lebanese-Jews released by Hizballah.

Tuesday, February 11 (Anniversary of Iranian-Islamic Revolution)

- Khomheini steps down.
- CIA transfers \$21.048M to DOD account for purchase of 3508 TOWs at \$6K each.
- CIA starts moving TOWs to [REDACTED] fm Anniston, Alabama, in lots of 1000.

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Thursday, February 13

-- Copp packers return to [REDACTED]

Tuesday, February 18

- Copp a/c pickup 1000 TOWs at Kelly AF Base, Texas; deliver to transfer point (Eliat).
- Israeli "sterilized" 707 a/c w/Copp crew commences delivery of 1000 TOWs to Iran.

Thursday, February 20

- Copp a/c pickup 1000 TOWs at Kelly AF Base, Texas; deliver to transfer point (Eliat).
- Israeli "sterilized" 707 a/c w/Copp crew commences delivery of 1000 TOWs to Iran.

Saturday, February 22

- Copp a/c pickup 1000 TOWs at Kelly AF Base, Texas; deliver to transfer point (Eliat).
- Israeli "sterilized" 707 a/c w/Copp crew commences delivery of 1000 TOWs to Iran.

Monday, February 24

- Copp a/c returns to [REDACTED] pickup 508 TOWs for delivery to Israel.
- Collett (British hostage) and Italian hostages released and Buckley remains returned.

Tuesday, February 25

- Second sample of intel provided to Gorba at Iranian Embassy in Bonn, Germany.
- The 20 of 200 TOWs and first 2 of 20 launchers provided to Afghan resistance by Iranians.

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