Subject: TWA Hijacking

1. With reference para two reftel, full text of message received by Israeli Embassy follows: QUOTE - The Foreign Minister refers to what Mr. Davies has told Chargé that the Syrians may be hinting that the release of our passengers may be tied to the release of the Syrian pilots. Mr. Eban would like the U.S. Government to know and the Government of Syria to know that the Syrians should not repeat not entertain any hope to get the release of their pilots by keeping our passengers in Damascus. The opposite is true. If the Israelis will not be released with all the passengers, the situation will become infinitely graver. UNQUOTE.

2. Embassy should pass this to Foreign Ministry with request that it be passed soonest to SARG.

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