

Portions of the following document, marked SECRET, by NOFORN WNINTEL, pages 0049 and 0050, is shown here as it relates to the report by the Defense Intelligence Agency as to their assessment of responsibility for the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 and the payment of \$11 million by Iran to the PFLP group based in Syria. The critical information by the Defense Intelligence Agency as to the blame for placing the bomb on Pan Am Flight 103 is the next to the last paragraph that states:

Mohtashemi is closely connected with the Al Abas and Abu Nidal terrorist groups. He is actually a long—time friend of Abu Nidal. He was recently paid 10 million dollars in cash and gold to these two organizations to carry out terrorist activities and was the one who paid the same amount to bomb Pan Am Flight 103 in retaliation for the US shoot-down of the Iranian Airbus.

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS RELEASABLE TO THE MNF

SUMMARY: (S) IRAQI AIRCRAFT IN IRAN WERE TO BE USED AGAINST US SHIPPING IN THE GULF AND AGAINST AIR BASES IN TURKEY. THIS WAS THE PLAN OF AYATOLLAH MOHTASHEMI, WHO IS NOW SUPPORTING MORE THAN 300 IRAQI PILOTS IN IRAN. MOHTASHEMI IS SAID TO HAVE PAID 10 MILLION DOLLARS TO TWO ORGANIZATIONS TO CARRY OUT TERRORIST ACTIVITIES.

TEXT: (U)

1. (S) INTRODUCTION. THIS REPORT PROVIDES INFORMATION ON IRAQI PILOTS IN IRAN (PARA 2), THE PROPOSED USE AND DISPOSITION OF IRAQI AIRCRAFT IN IRAN (PARA 3), AND THE INDIVIDUAL IN THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT WHO SUPPORTED THE USE OF THE AIRCRAFT AGAINST US FORCES (PARA 4).
2. (S) IRAQI PILOTS IN IRAN. THERE ARE CURRENTLY MORE THAN 300 IRAQI PILOTS IN IRAN. THESE INCLUDE THOSE WHO FLEW THEIR AIRCRAFT TO IRAN AND SOME WHO MADE THE TRIP OVERLAND. THEY ARE NOT POSITIONED WITH THE AIRCRAFT, BUT ARE LIVING IN TEHRAN IN THE YOSEFABAD SECTOR OF THE CITY. THIS IS A WEALTHY AREA AND THE PILOTS ARE LIVING WELL; SOME OF THEM HAVE THEIR FAMILIES THERE. THEY ARE SUPPORTED FINANCIALLY AND OTHERWISE BY AYATOLLAH ((MOHTASHEMI)) (SEE PARA 4).
3. (S) USE OF THE IRAQI AIRCRAFT. THE IRAQI AIRCRAFT WERE MOVED TO IRAN TO BE USED BY THE IRAQI PILOTS IN A STRIKE AGAINST US FORCES IN THE GULF AND IN TURKEY. MIRAGE AIRCRAFT CARRIED THE EXOCET MISSILE, WHICH WAS TO BE USED AGAINST US SHIPS. MIRAGE AIRCRAFT ARE LOCATED AT DEZFUL AND SHIRAZ, CLOSE ENOUGH TO THE GULF FOR A STRIKE. MIG-29, -27 AND -23 AIRCRAFT ARE ALSO LOCATED AT SHIRAZ AND AT TABRIZ, FROM WHERE THEY COULD BE USED TO STRIKE AIR BASES IN TURKEY. TWO IRAQI AWACS AIRCRAFT ARE LOCATED AT GHALE

MOGHI AB IN TEHRAN. OTHER AIRCRAFT ARE LOCATED AT SHAHROKHI AB IN HAMADAN; AT ISFAHAN, WHERE THE IRANIAN F-14'S ARE LOCATED; AND POSSIBLY AT BANDAR ABBAS. THE PIRST PRIME MINISTER UNDER THE LATE AYATOLLAH KHOMEINI, ((BARGAZAN)), SUPPORTS THE IDEA OF KEEPING THE IRAQI AIRCRAFT AS PARTIAL PAYMENT OF REPARATIONS FROM IRAQ.

4. (S) AYATOLLAH MOHTASHEMI. MOHTASHEMI WAS THE INDIVIDUAL IN THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT WHO SUPPORTED THE USE OF THE IRAQI AIRCRAFT AGAINST US FORCES. A STRIKE WAS TO BE CARRIED OUT IF THE WAR HAD LASTED LONGER. IRANIAN PRESIDENT HASHEMI ((RAFSANJANI)) HAD OPPOSED THE USE OF THE AIRCRAFT AGAINST COALITION FORCES, AND THIS IS THE MAIN REASON WHY THEY WERE NOT USED. MOHTASHEMI IS CLOSELY CONNECTED WITH THE AL ABAS AND ABU NIDAL TERRORIST GROUPS. HE IS ACTUALLY A LONG-TIME FRIEND OF ABU NIDAL. HE HAS RECENTLY PAID 10 MILLION.

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DOLLARS IN CASH AND GOLD TO THESE TWO ORGANIZATIONS TO CARRY OUT TERRORIST ACTIVITIES AND WAS THE ONE WHO PAID THE SAME AMOUNT TO BOMB PAN AM FLIGHT 103 IN RETALIATION FOR THE US SHOOT-DOWN OF THE IRANIAN AIRBUS. MOHTASHEMI HAS ALSO SPENT TIME IN LEBANON.

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