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**United States Department of State**

*Washington, D.C. 20520*

DOS Case No. F-2017-17196

FBI Case No. 1360458-000

John Greenwald  
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Dear Mr. Greenwald:

In response to your request dated October 24, 2016, under the Freedom of Information Act (Title 5 USC Section 552), to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the FBI sent us five (5) documents having Department of State equities.

We have determined three (3) of these documents may be released in full and are attached. Two (2) of the documents may be released in part. The sections withheld are marked with the appropriate Freedom of Information exemption. All released material is enclosed.

You have the right to appeal our determination by writing, within 90 days, to the Chairman, Appeals Review Panel, c/o Appeals Officer, A/GIS/IPS/PP/LA, U.S. Department of State, SA-2, Room 8100, Washington, D.C. 20522-8100. The appeal letter should refer to the case number shown above, clearly identify the decision being appealed, and provide supporting arguments when possible. For further information, see the Code of Federal Regulations, 22 CFR 171.13.

We have now completed the processing of your case. If you have any questions, you may write to the Office of Information Programs and Services, SA-2, Department of State, Washington, DC 20522-8100, or telephone us at (202) 261-8484. Please be sure to refer to the case number shown above in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

Eric F. Stein, Director  
Office of Information Programs and Services

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E.O. 12356: DECL: CADR  
TAGS: ASIC, PTER, CASC  
SUBJECT: CRASH OF IRAN AIR FLIGHT 655

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1. (U) PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT AN IRANIAN AIRLINER WITH AN ESTIMATED 290 PERSONS ABOARD WAS CRASHED IN THE PERSIAN GULF. THE AIRCRAFT, IRAN AIR FLIGHT 655, WAS ENROUTE FROM BANDAR ABBAS, IRAN, TO DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. IRAN HAS CHARGED THAT THE AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN BY U.S. FORCES IN THE GULF.

2. (C) WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF INVESTIGATING THE INCIDENT TO ESTABLISH THE FACTS. UNTIL WE HAVE DONE SO, POSTS SHOULD MAKE NO/NO PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING THE INCIDENT, EXCEPT TO SAY THAT AN URGENT INVESTIGATION IS UNDERWAY. ALL/ALL PRESS INQUIRIES SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT.

3. (C) IN LIGHT OF THIS INCIDENT, POSTS ARE ADVISED TO ESTABLISH APPROPRIATE ENHANCED SECURITY MEASURES, TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

A) WHERE DEEMED NECESSARY, CONTACT HOST GOVERNMENT POLICE & SECURITY OFFICIALS, REQUESTING INCREASED SECURITY.

COVERAGE AT PRINCIPAL USG FACILITIES AND RESIDENCES.

B) IN MEETINGS WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF DEMONSTRATIONS AND/OR RIOTS DIRECTED AT USG PERSONNEL AND INSTALLATIONS.

C) CONVENE THE PAC TO REVIEW CONTINGENCY PLANS AND TO DETERMINE WHETHER OTHER MEASURES ARE APPROPRIATE AT YOUR SPECIFIC POST.

D) POSTS ARE ASKED TO ENSURE THAT THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY, BOTH OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL, BE INFORMED OF OUR CONCERNS AND BE INSTRUCTED TO TAKE INCREASED PERSONAL SECURITY MEASURES.

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4. ANY INCIDENTS WHICH, IN POLICE'S VIEW, ARE CAUSED OR  
ASCRIBED TO CURRENT GULF ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE REPORTED  
TO THE DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY.

5. PASS IMMEDIATELY TO ALL CONSULAR FACILITIES.

6. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. ARMAGOST

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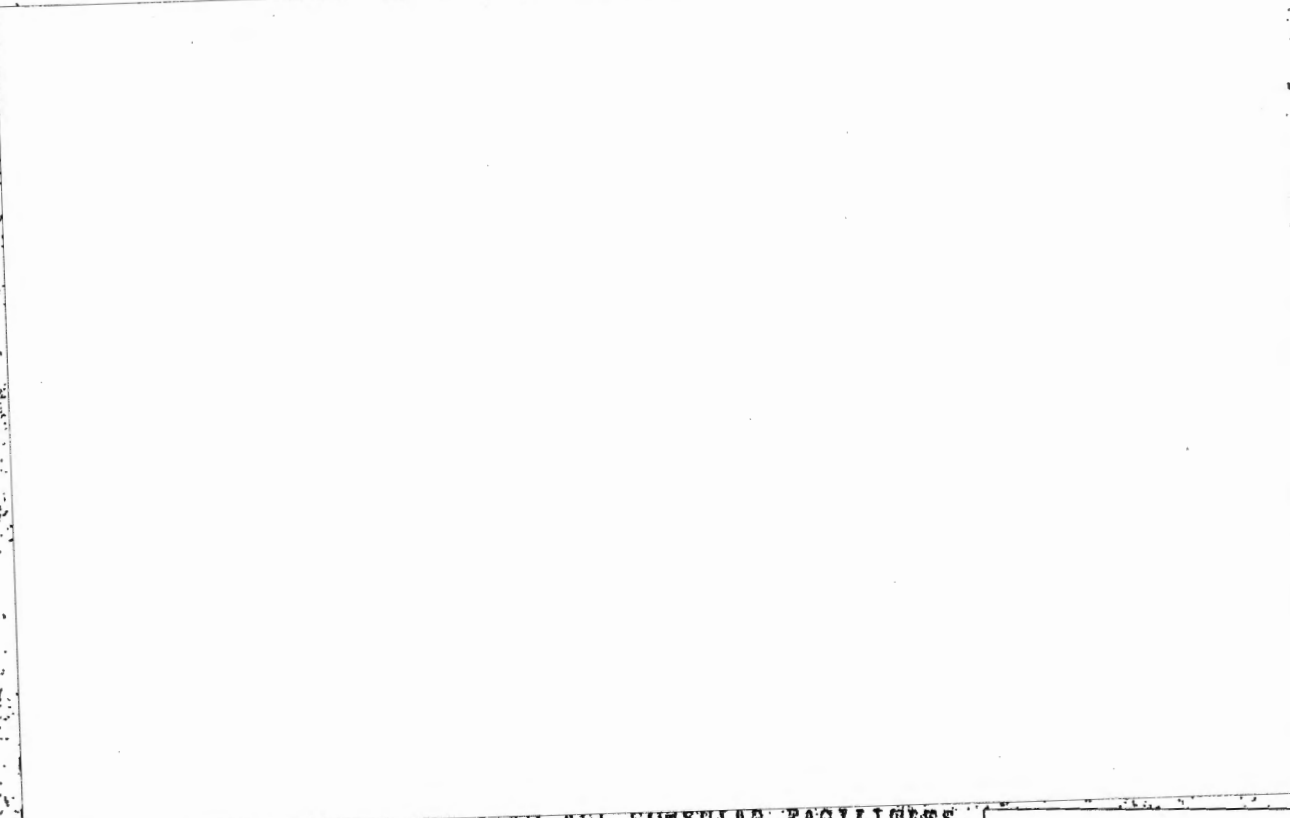
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E.O. 12358: N/A

TAGS: MOPS, PREL, IR

SUBJECT: U.S. STATEMENTS ON THE IRAN AIR CRASH

1. FOLLOWING ARE THE TEXTS OF STATEMENTS ISSUED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE CHAIRMAN, JCS ON JULY 3:

2. BEGIN TEXT OF STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT:

I AM SADDENED TO REPORT THAT IT APPEARS THAT IN A PROPER DEFENSIVE ACTION BY THE USS VINCENNES THIS MORNING IN THE PERSIAN GULF AN IRANIAN AIRLINER WAS SHOT DOWN OVER THE STRAIT OF HORMUZ. THIS IS A TERRIBLE HUMAN TRAGEDY. OUR SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES GO OUT TO THE PASSENGERS, CREW, AND THEIR FAMILIES. THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT A FULL INVESTIGATION.

WE DEEPLY REGRET ANY LOSS OF LIFE. THE COURSE OF THE IRANIAN CIVILIAN AIRLINER WAS SUCH THAT IT WAS HEADED DIRECTLY FOR THE USS VINCENNES, WHICH WAS AT THE TIME ENGAGED WITH FIVE IRANIAN BOGHAMMAR BOATS THAT HAD ATTACKED OUR FORCES. WHEN THE AIRCRAFT FAILED TO HEED REPEATED WARNINGS, THE VINCENNES FOLLOWED STANDING PROCEDURES

AND WIDELY PUBLICIZED PROCEDURES, FIRING TO PROTECT ITSELF AGAINST POSSIBLE ATTACK.

THE ONLY U.S. INTEREST IN THE PERSIAN GULF IS PEACE, AND THIS TRAGEDY REINFORCES THE NEED TO ACHIEVE THAT GOAL WITH ALL POSSIBLE SPEED. (END TEXT.)

3. BEGIN TEXT OF STATEMENT BY ADMIRAL CROSSLAND:

AFTER RECEIVING FURTHER DATA AND EVALUATING INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM THE PERSIAN GULF, WE BELIEVE THAT THE CRUISER USS VINCENNES, WHILE ACTIVELY ENGAGED WITH THREATENING IRANIAN SURFACE UNITS AND PROTECTING ITSELF

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FROM WHAT WAS CONCLUDED TO BE A HOSTILE AIRCRAFT, SHOT DOWN AN IRANIAN AIRLINER OVER THE STRAIT OF HORMUZ. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT DEEPLY REGRETS THIS INCIDENT. A FULL INVESTIGATION WILL BE CONDUCTED, BUT IT IS OUR JUDGMENT THAT BASED ON THE INFORMATION CURRENTLY AVAILABLE, THE LOCAL COMMANDERS HAD SUFFICIENT REASONS TO BELIEVE THEIR UNITS WERE IN JEOPARDY, AND THEY FIRED IN SELF-DEFENSE.

THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS COMMENCED WHEN VINCENNES' HELICOPTER WAS FIRED UPON BY IRANIAN SURFACE UNITS AT 10:18 A.M. LOCAL GULF TIME (2:18 A.M. EDT), APPROXIMATELY 40 MINUTES BEFORE THE AIR ACTION. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE VINCENNES IDENTIFIED THE IRANIAN FIRING UNITS AND CLOSER TO ENGAGE. THE IRANIAN GUNBOATS TURNED TOWARD VINCENNES AT HIGH SPEED AND WERE ENGAGED AT 10:22 A.M. WITH GUNFIRE FROM THE FRIGATE ALBERT B. MONTGOMERY. WHILE SO INVOLVED, THE VINCENNES DETECTED AN AIRCRAFT OVER IRAN AT ABOUT 10:47 A.M. THIS AIRCRAFT HEADED TOWARD THE VINCENNES AND COMMENCED CLOSING AT HIGH SPEED. VINCENNES IMMEDIATELY BEGAN ASSESSING THIS NEW THREAT. THE SUSPECT AIRCRAFT WAS OUTSIDE THE PRESCRIBED COMMERCIAL AIR CORRIDOR. MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE AIRCRAFT HEADED FOR VINCENNES ON A CONSTANT BEARING AT HIGH SPEED--APPROXIMATELY 450 KNOTS.

A WARNING WAS SENT ON BOTH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN DISTRESS FREQUENCIES BEGINNING AT 10:49 A.M. THIS PROCEDURE WAS REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES, BUT THE AIRCRAFT NEITHER ANSWERED NOR CHANGED ITS COURSE. THERE WERE ELECTRONIC INDICATIONS ON VINCENNES THAT LED IT TO BE BELIEVE THAT THE AIRCRAFT WAS AN F-14 (THERE HAD BEEN A NUMBER OF F-14 FLIGHTS IN THE AREA OVER THE LAST FEW DAYS). GIVEN THE THREATENING FLIGHT PROFILE AND THE DECREASING RANGE, THE AIRCRAFT WAS DECLARED "HOSTILE" AT 10:51 A.M. LOCAL. AT 10:54 A.M., WHEN THE AIRCRAFT WAS ABOUT NINE MILES AWAY, VINCENNES FIRED TWO STANDARD SURFACE TO AIR MISSILES, AT

LEAST ONE OF WHICH HIT AT AN APPROXIMATE RANGE OF SIX MILES. BECAUSE OF THE LIMITED VISIBILITY, THE AIRCRAFT WAS NOT SIGHTED UNTIL THE IMPACT OF THE MISSILE.

IN UNDERSTANDING THIS INCIDENT, IT IS IMPORTANT TO APPRECIATE THE TOTAL CONTEXT IN WHICH OUR SHIPS OPERATE. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT EMPHASIZED FROM THE OUTSET THAT COMMITTING MILITARY UNITS TO THE PERSIAN GULF MISSION WOULD INVOLVE RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES. THIS CONCLUSION HAS BEEN REINFORCED BY SEVERAL INCIDENTS, I.E., BRINGTON MINING, THE STARK TRAGEDY, AND THE SAMUEL B. ROBERTS MINING. A DECISION WAS MADE EARLY IN THE COMMITMENT TO GIVE OUR COMMANDERS SUFFICIENT LATITUDE TO PROTECT THEIR PEOPLE AND EQUIPMENT WHEN HOSTILE INTENT WAS MANIFESTED.

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FROM : HEAD NASS CURACAO

NO: 201/88 RPT NO: 201/88

SUBJECT: REACTION LOCAL ISLAMIC COMMUNITY FOLLOWING DOWNING  
I.A.-FLIGHT 655.

WE INFORM YOU THAT ON THE DAY FOLLOWING THE INCIDENT IN THE  
PERSIAN GULF, THE LOCAL MUSLIMS HELD A MEETING, AFTER THEIR  
HOUR OF PRAYER.  
DURING THIS MEETING THE INCIDENT WAS DISCUSSED AND HEAVILY  
CRITICIZED.

THE PUBLIC RELATIONS REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAN IN CURACAO,  
SEIVERDIN ABRAMAH A Y O U B I, DECLARED HE WOULD SEND A  
TELEGRAM TO THE IRANIAN CONSUL IN VENEZUELA TO EXPRESS THE  
CONDOLENCES OF THE LOCAL ISLAMIC COMMUNITY, TWO DAYS LATER  
HE TRAVELLED TO VENEZUELA TO PERSONALLY EXPRESS HIS  
CONDOLENCES TO THE IRANIAN CONSUL.  
NO OTHER ACTIONS WERE TAKEN NOR WILL BE TAKEN.  
HOWEVER, THEY EXPECT IRAN WILL RETALIATE.

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SUBJECT:

FORTY DAY ANNIVERSARY OF THE DOWNING OF THE  
IRANIAN AIRBUS

1. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE- ENTIRE TEXT

2. THE TRADITIONAL ISLAMIC 40-DAY MOURNING PERIOD FOR THE  
PASSENGERS OF THE IRAN AIRBUS ENDS APPROXIMATELY  
8/12-8/14. THE END OF THE MOURNING PERIOD MAY MEAN A  
RESURGENCE OF ANTIAMERICAN SENTIMENT IN REACTION TO THE  
TRAGEDY. POST IN COUNTRIES WITH A SIGNIFICANT POPULATION  
OF PRO-IRANIAN SHI'A MUSLIMS OR OTHER PRO-IRANIAN  
SYMPATHIZERS SHOULD BE ALERT TO THE POSSIBILITY OF  
ANTI-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATIONS OR SMALL ACTS OF VIOLENCE.

3. POSTS ARE URGED TO REVIEW THEIR SECURITY POSTURE.  
RSO'S MAY WISH TO CONTACT HOST GOVERNMENT POLICE  
OFFICIALS CONCERNING THIS MATTER. ADDITIONAL HOST  
GOVERNMENT PROTECTION SHOULD BE REQUESTED IF DEEMED  
NECESSARY.

4. KABUL, BEIRUT, MOSCOW, Leningrad MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.  
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1. sensitive but unclassified. message contains information concerning iran air settlement agreement.
2. ref a was inadvertently sent action to Embassy bern instead of embassy bonn. department is now retransmitting cable action to bonn with info to bern.
3. on july 5, department received documentation sent by post on behalf of homeira ebadatgar haghshenas.
4. department is in the process of reviewing the documentation. if, upon department's completion of the review of mrs. haghshenas' documents, we find that they meet the criteria set forth in the settlement agreement, department will send documentation to embassy bern for transmittal through the swiss foreign ministry to iran. however, if department requires additional documentation and or information, post will be contacted.
5. as for mrs. haghshenas' question about possible claims by her husband's relatives in iran (ref c para 3), department files do not contain any information regarding other relatives of mr. reazian and nothing has been received from iran.
6. department cannot comment on any legal relationship mrs. haghshenas may have with attorney bailey (ref c, para 4). mr. bailey has not, however, asserted to the department that he is representing her interests in this matter.

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DOCUMENTS AS BIRTH CERTIFICATES, MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES OR OTHER OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION PAPERS AS WELL AS ANY EVIDENCE THAT INDICATES LEGACY OR GUARDIANSHIP). (C) WHETHER THE VICTIM EARNED A WAGE WITHIN THE YEAR BEFORE THE INCIDENT ON JULY 3, 1988, AND ANY FURTHER INFORMATION THE CLAIMANT IS ABLE TO PROVIDE. EACH CLAIMANT MUST ALSO PROVIDE A BANK AND ACCOUNT NUMBER FOR TRANSFER OF THE FUNDS. IF A POTENTIAL CLAIMANT DOES NOT WISH TO PROVIDE SUCH INFORMATION TO THE GOL (DIRECTLY OR THROUGH THE USG), THEN THE USG WILL NOT BE IN A POSITION TO ATTEMPT TO ENSURE THAT A CLAIMANT WITH APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION IS INCLUDED IN THE FUNDS DISTRIBUTION.

6. UNDER THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, IRAN HAS 8 YEARS TO PROCESS THE CLAIMS PAYMENTS. IF THE POTENTIAL CLAIMANT DOES NOT WISH TO PRESENT DOCUMENTATION TO GOL (EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH USG), AFTER THIS 8 YEAR PERIOD EXPIRES THE POTENTIAL CLAIMANT COULD CONTACT THE USG TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE GOL EVER FILED A CLAIM FOR SURVIVORS OF THE VICTIM TO WHOM THE POTENTIAL CLAIMANT IS RELATED. IF NO CLAIM HAS BEEN FILED PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, THEN THE USG MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE DIRECT COMPENSATION TO THE POTENTIAL CLAIMANT AT THAT TIME. EIGHT YEARS IS A LONG TIME, HOWEVER, AND WE DO NOT ADVISE THAT YOU FOCUS ON THIS AS AN OPTION.

7. REGARDING MR. TADAYON'S INQUIRY ABOUT HIS CLAIM FOR LOSS OF CHARITY FUNDS ON IRAN AIR FLIGHT 658, THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT DID NOT ALLOCATE ANY COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGES TO THE AIRBUS. MOREOVER, THE USG HAS REPEATEDLY OPPOSED MAKING ANY PAYMENT FOR THE AIRCRAFT. THE OFFER OF EX GRATIA PAYMENTS WAS SOLELY TO THE FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS AND DID NOT INCLUDE COMPENSATION FOR FINANCIAL LOSSES.

8. PLEASE SLUG FURTHER CABLES ON THIS TOPIC FOR L/CID. WE WOULD BE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN GETTING ANY FEEDBACK ON CLAIMANTS' RESPONSES TO THE INFORMATION SET

OUT IN THIS CABLE. PLEASE SEND INFORMATION COLLECTED FROM POTENTIAL CLAIMANTS TO BRENDA A. SHELDON AT L/CID'S DIRECT MAIL ADDRESS:

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SUBJECT: ~~IRAN AIR FLIGHT 658~~; U.S. COMPENSATION SETTLEMENT WITH IRAN

REF: (A) BONN 3205; (B) STATE 35207

1. SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED. MESSAGE CONTAINS INFORMATION CONCERNING IRAN AIR SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

2. IN REF (A), AMEMBASSY BONN REQUESTED ADVICE REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE COMPENSATION CLAIM OF THE WIDOW OF THE IRANIAN PILOT OF IRAN AIR FLIGHT 658 THAT WAS SHOT DOWN BY THE USS VINCENTNES ON JULY 3, 1988.

3. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, THE WIDOW AND HER CHILDREN ARE IRANIAN NATIONALS LIVING AS REFUGEES IN GERMANY, AS IRANIAN NATIONALS AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT, THE CLAIMS OF THE WIDOW AND HER CHILDREN WERE ESPOUSED BY THE GOL WHEN IT BROUGHT THE IRAN AIR CASE BEFORE THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE. THIS IS TRUE FOR ALL POTENTIAL CLAIMANTS OF IRANIAN NATIONALITY AT THE TIME OF THE SHOOTDOWN, REGARDLESS OF CURRENT RESIDENCY AND CURRENT NATIONALITY.

4. WE HAVE NOW CONCLUDED A SETTLEMENT OF THESE CLAIMS WITH IRAN AND ANY SUCH CLAIMS MUST BE HANDLED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT (SEE REF (B) FOR GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE SETTLEMENT). UNDER THE SETTLEMENT, IRAN BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL LEGAL SERVICES (BILS) IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING DOCUMENTATION ON WHETHER EACH IRANIAN VICTIM WAS A WAGE-EARNER AND ON THE HEIRS OF EACH IRANIAN VICTIM. PROPOSED PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS (PAYMENTS ARE TO BE DISTRIBUTED 50 PERCENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH IRANIAN INHERITANCE LAW, 50 PERCENT EQUALLY BETWEEN SIMILARLY SITUATED BENEFICIARIES OF BOTH SEXES) ARE THEN SENT TO THE U.S. INTEREST SECTION OF THE SWISS EMBASSY IN TEHRAN FOR REVIEW. ALTHOUGH WE MIGHT LIKE TO COMPENSATE SUCH CLAIMANTS DIRECTLY, THE CLAIMS OF THOSE POTENTIAL CLAIMANTS MUST BE PROCESSED BY THE GOL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

5. THESE CLAIMANTS CAN GIVE THEIR INFORMATION DIRECTLY TO GOL (BILS) OR THE USG CAN OFFER TO ASSIST THESE CLAIMANTS BY PRESENTING PROOF OF THEIR STATUS AS CLAIMANTS TO THE GOL THROUGH THE US INTEREST SECTION IN THE SWISS EMBASSY. IF SUCH ASSISTANCE IS DESIRED, WE WILL NEED EVIDENCE ESTABLISHING (A) THE IDENTITY OF EACH HEIR AND HIS OR HER CURRENT ADDRESS (SUCH AS AN IDENTIFICATION CARD, PASSPORT OR BANK DOCUMENTS), (B) THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE HEIRS TO THE VICTIM (SUCH

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