

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

CO 001-07

DATE RECEIVED: AUGUST 14, 1989

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. WILLIAM N. STOKES

SUBJECT: OFFERS HIS SUGGESTIONS AND PROPOSALS FOR THE
U.S. POSITION ON THE CURRENT MIDDLE EAST
SITUATION

		ACTION		DISPOSITION	
ROUTE TO:		ACT	DATE	TYPE	C COMPLETED
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COMMENTS: FORMER HOSTAGE

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*A-APPROPRIATE ACTION	*A-ANSWERED	*TYPE RESP=INITIALS	*
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I-INFO COPY/NO ACT NEC		*OUTGOING	*
*R-DIRECT REPLY W/COPY *			*
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*X-INTERIM REPLY *			*

REFER QUESTIONS AND ROUTING UPDATES TO CENTRAL REFERENCE
(ROOM 75, OEOB) EXT-2590
KEEP THIS WORKSHEET ATTACHED TO THE ORIGINAL INCOMING
LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS
MANAGEMENT.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

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S/S _____

Date September 14, 1989

FOR: Mr. Philip Hughes
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: President George Bush
From: Mr. William N. Stokes
Date: August 2, 1989
Subject: Mr. Stokes offers suggestions on the hostage situation
and U.S. policy.

WH Referral Dated: September 1, 1989
NSCS ID# (if any): 063110

 The attached item was sent directly to the
Department of State.

ACTION TAKEN:

- A draft reply is attached.
 A draft reply will be forwarded.
 A translation is attached.
 X An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
 We believe no response is necessary for the reason
 cited below.
 The Department of State has no objection to the
 proposed travel.
 Other (see remarks).

REMARKS:

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for Director
Secretariat Staff

Withdrawal/Redaction Sheet

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Document No. and Type	Subject/Title of Document	Date	Restriction	Class.
02a. Letter	Case Number: 063110 From Morris Busby to William Stokes. Re: Thank you for your letter to POTUS concerning continued detention of American hostages. [Redaction of personal address.] (1 pp.)	09/12/1989	(b)(6)	

Collection:

Record Group: Bush Presidential Records
Office: Records Management, White House Office of (WHORM)
Series: Subject File
Subseries: Scanned
WHORM Cat.: CO001-07
File Location: 051053 to 090613

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 12, 1989

Dear Mr. Stokes:

Thank you for your letter to President Bush concerning the continued detention of the American hostages in Lebanon. The President has asked me to respond on his behalf, because of our office's role in coordinating counterterrorism policy.

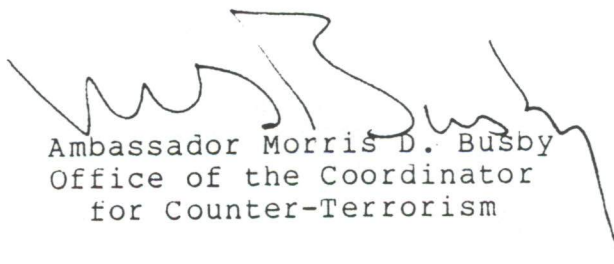
We appreciate your thoughts on how to resolve the hostage issue. Please be assured that your government continues to seek the safe release of all Americans held hostage in Lebanon. We have emphasized through many channels that we are prepared to speak with anyone authoritative, at any time about the welfare and unconditional release of the hostages. To date, our calls have gone unanswered.

Our approach will continue to be firm but prudent. The plight of our fellow citizens will not fade from our foreign policy agenda. Their freedom will remain an urgent priority for us. As the President has observed, however, the process is likely to be long, difficult and complex.

Please be assured that your government will take advantage of all legitimate opportunities to obtain the safe release of all our hostages.

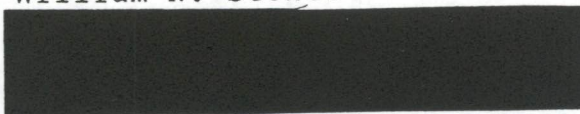
With best wishes,

Sincerely,



Ambassador Morris D. Busby
Office of the Coordinator
for Counter-Terrorism

Mr. William N. Stokes



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02b. Cover Sheet	Case Number: 063110 White House Referral to Department of State. Re: Offers his suggestions and proposals for the U.S. position on the current Middle East Situation. [Redaction of personal address.] (1 pp.)	09/01/1989	(b)(6)	

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T H E W H I T E H O U S E O F F I C E

REFERRAL

SEPTEMBER 1, 1989

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:
APPROPRIATE ACTION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 063110

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED AUGUST 2, 1989

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: MR. WILLIAM N. STOKES

(b)(6)

SUBJECT: OFFERS HIS SUGGESTIONS AND PROPOSALS FOR THE
U.S. POSITION ON THE CURRENT MIDDLE EAST
SITUATION

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE
(OR DRAFT) TO:
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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02c. Letter	Case Number: 063110 From William Stokes to POTUS. Re: Propose the following U.S. position on the current Middle East situation. [Redaction of personal address and phone number.] (1 pp.)	08/02/1989	(b)(6)	

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August 2, 1989

The President of the USA.
Mr. President:

Presuming on our acquaintance, beginning with the Foreign Service inspection of your mission in Beijing, and as a former hostage myself, I propose the following US position on the current Middle East situation, based on thirty years of experience there:

Carrots

Welcome the statement of the President of Iran condemning the Higgins execution, and note the importance of Iranian leadership in any future regional settlement.

USG condemns hostage taking by anyone. In the tangled situation which exists, US has practical influence only with Israel, and consequently calls upon Israel to release its hostages unconditionally within 30 days. USG recommends that the hostages be released to the custody of the President of Iran, as a unilateral act of generosity and conciliation.

USG asks Iranian government to request all holding hostages to release them unconditionally to Iranian custody within 30 days, with an initial statement of concerns that should be addressed in a regional peace settlement.

When hostages are not menaced by reprisals, USG is prepared to examine all legitimate grievances, and to participate actively in a multilateral Middle East settlement, as requested by the parties directly concerned.

Sticks

If any American hostage is harmed, USG will:

- contribute substantial assistance, proportional to the harm, to governments or groups in Lebanon opposing the perpetrators;
- pursue those responsible, directly or indirectly, and bring them to justice. USG would seek formation of special international commission for this purpose and would contribute to its operations.

USG invites all Middle East parties to release hostages and prisoners as a first step toward a regional peace settlement.

Respectfully,

Bill

William N. Stokes