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**REPORT ON
THE
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RESCUE MISSION**

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(u) (S) COMJTF was advised of the accident. The Desert One Commander directed the Combat Control Team (CCT) to insure that no one was left behind. He also decided that the remaining helicopters would be left intact due to their proximity to the evacuation aircraft and since there were no time delay explosives available to destroy them.

(u) (S) After all personnel were aboard, the three C-130s took off approximately 20 minutes after the accident. The initial casualty count was an unknown number killed in the fire, six injured and two with major burns.

Er E (S) COMJTF ordered two MEDEVAC C-141s which had been prepositioned at [redacted] for the second nights mission to launch [redacted]. In addition, a C-9 specially configured with a burn package on a normal standby status was directed to launch from [redacted].

(u) (S) The Desert One Commander requested tactical air support to destroy the helicopters left behind. COMJTF relayed the request to higher authorities in Washington with the recommendation that it not be approved. It was decided in Washington not to approve the request, to avoid endangering Iranian lives, which in turn might jeopardize the hostages. The helicopters were not destroyed. It was not known by the Desert One Commander at the time, but several helicopter crews had left classified material aboard their helicopters during the emergency evacuation following the collision, fire, and explosions.

E (S) Within approximately 20 minutes of the arrival of the C-130s [redacted] the C-141s with medical assistance landed. All helicopter crews, DELTA and the injured personnel were transferred. Less than an hour after landing, the