



USDA
Level I
Security Briefing
for
Overseas Travel

Marine Barracks - Beirut, Lebanon

23 October 1983

- 241 Dead
- 105 Injured



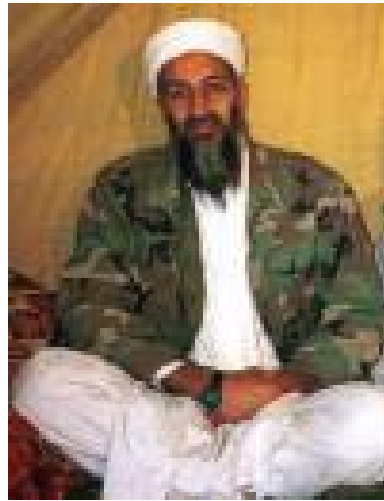
Khobar Towers - Dhahran, Saudi Arabia

25 June 1996

- 19 Dead
- 240 Injured



USS Cole



- **17 Dead**
- **42 Wounded**

World Trade Center



2,823 Dead and ??? Injured

Pentagon

198 Dead



Lampadusa Italy

April 15, 1986

The Government of Libya launched two Scud missiles at LORAN(Long Range Aids to Navigation) Station



Air Station Borinquen July 6, 1991

An HC-130 located at Air Station Borinquen was damaged by fire from an incendiary device. There were no injuries to personnel or damage to other Coast Guard property. The attack on the aircraft was discovered at 0600 when a passing local airport official saw black burn marks on the button of the aircraft and a charred box like container underneath the aircraft. The aircraft was parked on USCG property 200 yards east of the hangar. Press info was minimized and impact well managed

Terrorism

- The calculated use of violence or threat of violence to inculcate fear, intended to coerce or to intimidate governments or societies in the pursuit of goals that are generally *political, religious* or *ideological*.

Why the US Citizens are Targeted

- Government employees are easily identifiable
- Government employees are the largest single contingent of U.S. Government Representatives overseas 2nd to military
- Government employees are symbols of the U.S.
- Financial gain, national recognition for their cause



Antiterrorism for Individuals

- **Defensive Measures**
- **Reducing vulnerability**
- **Random Antiterrorism Measures (RAMs)**



Force Protection

Active and Passive measures to deter and defeat threats to:

- US Government employees
- Their Families
- US Citizens
- Facilities and Equipment



Self Protection



Threat Levels and Threat Conditions



Threat Level Factors

- Existence of Terrorism in a given area
- Capability of terrorists to commit acts of terrorism
- Intentions of terrorist groups to commit their acts
- History of terrorism in a given area
- Targeting intelligence
- The current security environment

Threat Levels

- Low
- Moderate
- Significant
- High

FPCONs

Force Protection Conditions

- Normal
- Alpha
- Bravo
- Charlie
- Delta

FPCON NORMAL

This condition applies when a general threat of possible terrorist activity exists but warrants only routine security posture.

FPCON ALPHA

This condition applies when there is a general threat of possible terrorist activity directed against units and personnel, the nature and extent of which are unpredictable, and the circumstances do not justify full implementation of the measures of FPCON BRAVO.

FPCON BRAVO

This condition applies when an increased and more predictable threat of terrorist activity exists. The measures in this FPCON must be capable of being maintained for weeks without causing undue hardship, without affecting operational capability, and without aggravating relations with local authorities. All previous measures remain in effect.

FPCON CHARLIE

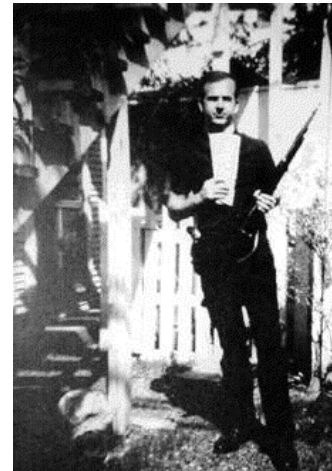
This condition applies when an incident occurs or when intelligence is received indicating that some form of terrorist action against units and personnel is imminent. Implementation of this measure for more than a short period will probably create hardship and will affect the peacetime activities of the unit and its personnel. All previous measures remain in effect.

FPCON DELTA

This condition applies in the immediate area where a terrorist attack has occurred or when intelligence has been received that terrorist action against a specific location is likely. Normally, this FPCON is declared as a localized warning.

Criminal activity and possible Terrorist activities

- Hostage-taking
- Kidnapping
- Murders
- Assaults
- Rapes
- Extortions
- Police impersonations



Current Events

- Feb. 2001 – US Citizen murdered in daylight robbery attempt in Mexico City
- Spring/Summer 2002 4 Americans kidnapped in separate incidents

Current Events

- 2001 US Citizen murdered while driving alone off side road at night
- Nightlife combined with alcohol creates crime
- In the State of Chiapas armed rebels are currently present
- Last month, clash of Mexican army troops and leftist guerrillas near Acapulco leaves 11 dead

Before you Travel

- Check the current Political Climate for the area you will be visiting (know your country)
- Read Official Information
- Check the Newspaper coverage

Before you Travel

- www.state.gov
- Tell your health ins. co.
- Expect immediate cash payment prior to receiving medical care
- Vaccine shots (877)-FYI-TRIP = CDC hotline
- www.usembassy-mexico.gov – prior to receiving medical treatment
- Check exchange rate

Local Flavor

- Spanish national language
- 761,000sq miles
- Mexico City is capital
- 101.1M population
- 175,000 armed forces
- 31 states and 1 Federal district
- Local currency is peso, ratio is 5:1
- Signs mostly in Spanish

Entry Requirements

- No Visa requirements for travel under 72 hours
- Contact Mexico Embassy at 202-736-1000 or www.Embassyofmexico.org
- Must show more than a drivers license to exit

Health Information

- Don't drink tap water
- Don't swim in fresh water, salt water is safer
- Wash hands often
- Air pollution high
- High altitude areas cause respiratory problems
- Eat only in established restaurants
- Malaria risk is high
- I.D. all vaccines required prior to travel
- CDC hotline 877-394-8747

Medical

- Expect immediate cash payment prior to services
- US Medical ins. Often not accepted
- Expect substandard medical care except in the capital
- Medicare and Medicaid will not pay
- Language difficulties
- Take vaccines 6 weeks prior
- State dept. Consular Affairs
202-647-3000

Family Training

- Teach your family about the customs, culture and geography of the country visited
- Always tell someone where you are going and when you are returning
- Learn emergency phrases
- Memorize police and help telephone numbers
- Carry phrase cards
- Family care plan
- Travel in pairs



Family Security Measures

- Checking In – as a group
- Using Local Telephone service – expect to be tapped
- Safe Havens – know them
- Emergency Procedures
- No admittance to strangers
- know your neighbors
- Alternate routes

Family Security Measures

- Keep phone contact list, memorize key numbers of emergency and embassy locations
- Ask for US rep. during incidents
- Use toll roads if possible
- Don't carry controversial material

Family OPSEC

- No name on mailbox or house
- Answering the phone
- Unlisted phone number
- Screening of trash
- Advise children
- Advice to school officials



Family OPSEC

- Use hotel safes
- Be careful what you say

Target Selection

what are they looking for?

- Vulnerable
- Stay on toll roads
- Travel during daylight
- Predictable
- Soft



Hard Target

- Inaccessible
- Be mindful of ATM's
- Charge cell phones
- Large amounts of cash
- Observant
- Aware



Personal Information

- Yourself
 - Don't share
- Your Job
 - Don't share
- Your Family
 - Don't share



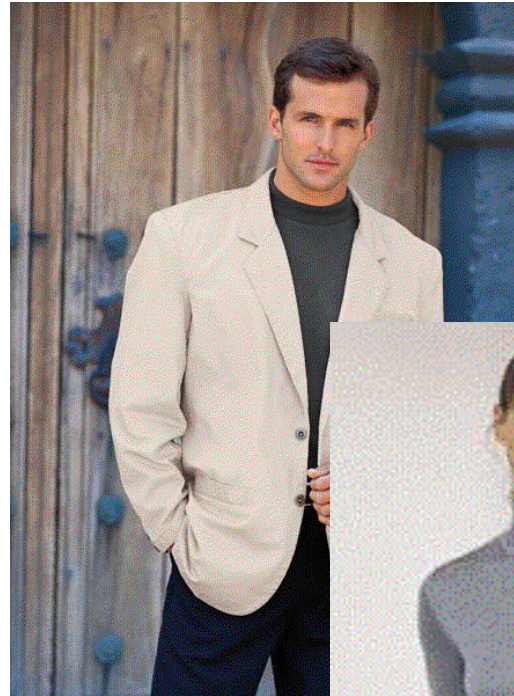
Overcome Routine

- Route to and from work
- Walking the dog, gas, food, shopping
- Departure and arrival times
- Workout times and places



Keep a Low Profile

- Try to blend in
- Wear appropriate clothing
- Don't speak English out loud
- Learn the culture
- Obey local standards of behavior



Awareness on the Street

- **Unexplained absence of locals**
- **If being followed, don't go home, go to the police**
- **Be familiar with your surroundings, know where safe havens are at all times**
- **Signs of surveillance**
- **Confirming surveillance**
- **Go to a safe haven**



Safety in Vehicles

- Maintain your vehicle
- Keep your gas tank at least half full
- Use a locking gas cap
- Do a walk around inspection of the vehicle
- Lock your care even when driving
- Don't pick up hitchhikers



Driving Awareness

- Avoid Boxing in at stop signs and lights
- Keep windows rolled up and doors locked
- Be alert for staging auto accidents
- Know your route and alternate routes
- Avoid roadblocks
- “911” is “060” in Mexico

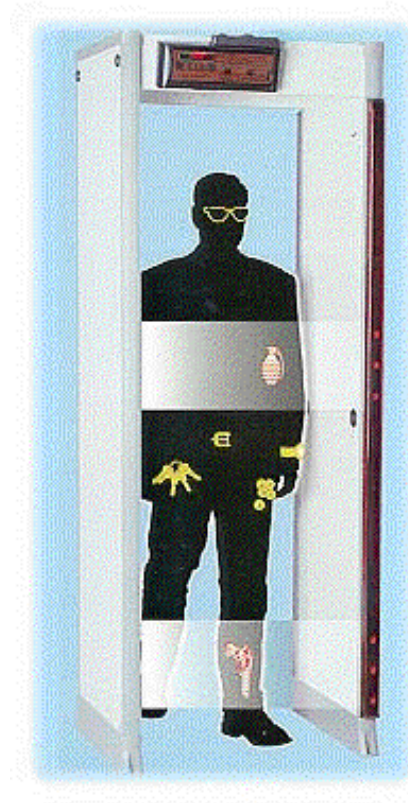


Driving Awareness

- Do not travel at night (livestock and road construction)
- US drivers license is valid
- No driving if –
 - M – ends with 5 or 6
 - T – 7 or 8
 - W – 3 or 4
 - Th – 1 or 2
 - F – 9 or 0 (if letters only, cant drive)
 - S, Sun – anyone can

Security in Airports

- Proceed to secure areas
- Be observant
- Don't leave bags unattended
- Don't accept items from strangers



On the Plane

- Window seat
- Keep low profile
- Hiding credentials and passports
- If you are confronted directly...



Baggage Claim

- Crowded
- Remember, area is unsecured
- Public access
- Stay back and wait

Hotel Security

- Avoid street level rooms
- Learn the escape routes
- Use caution in lobbies
- Make your room look occupied
- Evacuations
- Phone could be tapped



Hostage Situations

- Remain Calm
- Mentally note details
- Discuss non-substantive topics
- Listen actively
- Don't fight back
- Establish a relationship
- No opinions discussed

Hostage Rescue

- DO NOT RUN
- Drop to the floor if possible
- Stand Still
- Obey all instructions
- DO NOT RESIST



QUESTIONS ?