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believed to have been seen by a recently released fellow detainee. She was reported being held in Basta, Fath Allah Street, West Beirut and that the person responsible for her abduction was a member of the Hizbollah organization. The Canadian Embassy requested the assistance of the Syrian authorities in effecting her release.

24 Aug. 88—A diplomatic note was sent to the Iranian Embassy in Ottawa requesting assistance in the matter of the abduction of Mrs. Haddad.

07 Nov. 88—A diplomatic note was sent to the Iranian Embassy in Ottawa to the effect that Mrs. Haddad was not being held by Hizbollah and that they had no information concerning her whereabouts.

31 Aug. 90—Telephone call from Constantin Haddad followed up by letter of same date advising he had information to the effect his mother would be released within 20 days and requested that travel documentation be prepared for her return to Canada. This information was relayed to the Canadian Embassy Damascus by telex of 04 Sept. 90 with instructions to offer required consular assistance.

29 Oct. 91—A diplomatic note from Canadian Embassy Damascus was sent to the Lebanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs soliciting assistance in the search for Mrs. Haddad.

31 Oct. 91—A letter was sent to the United Nations Secretary-General's Assistant for Special Assignments, Mr. Giandomenico Picco, from Canada's Ambassador to the UN, Mr. Yves Fortier, soliciting assistance in locating Mrs. Haddad.

11 Nov. 91—A letter was received by Ambassador Fortier from Mr. Picco assuring that the Secretary-General attaches great importance to the safe release of all hostages and abducted persons, and will continue to pursue his efforts until the problem is resolved.

26 Nov. 91—A meeting was held by the Minister's Chief of Staff, Ruth Archibald, with Constantin Haddad accompanied by two members of the committee formed to free Mrs. Haddad, Mrs. Angéline Fournier-Tombs and Mr. John Humphrey. Assurances of the Department's determination to pursue all leads towards a final solution were given to the committee.

06 Dec. 91—Cdn Ambassador to U.N. met with Iranian chargé d'affaires to U.N. Follow-up letters were sent to Iranian, Syrian and Lebanese Heads of Missions the same day.

09 Dec. 91—A diplomatic note was sent by Canadian Embassy in Washington to the U.S. State Department asking them to ask the returning U.S. hostages if they have any knowledge of Mrs. Haddad's situation. The matter was raised informally this week during a meeting on another issue.

10 Dec. 91—Canadian Ambassador to Lebanon and Syria, Martin Collacott, met with Lebanese officials in Beirut. The Minister of the Interior gave assurances that he was taking this matter very seriously and expressed his commitment to gather information for a final report.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs promised the full cooperation of his ministry in transmitting any useful information.

Sheikh Fadlallah, the spiritual head of Hizbollah, denied any knowledge of Mrs. Haddad, reiterated that Hizbollah is not involved in the taking of hostages, Lebanese or foreign; however, he promised to communicate to the Canadian government any information which his organization might be able to obtain.

**Question No. 182—Mr. McGuire:**

With respect to the recent crash of the CC130 Hercules near Alert, N.W.T., were CH113/113A Labrador helicopters sent from Gander, N.S., Greenwood, N.S., and Trenton, Ont. to the crash site, and, if so (a) where were these helicopters at the time of the rescue of the survivors (b) what type of helicopter was used to transport the survivors (c) does the government intend to replace the CH113/113A in the next few years?

**Hon. Marcel Masse (Minister of National Defence):** As part of the response to the crash of a CC-130 Hercules aircraft near Alert, N.W.T., CH-113/113A Labrador helicopters were sent from Gander Nfld, Greenwood, NS, and Trenton, Ont.

a) At the time that the CH-135 Twin Huey rescue helicopter arrived at the crash site (see b below), the disposition of the three Labrador helicopters was as follows:

(1) The Labrador from Gander was unserviceable in Iqaluit (Frosbisher Bay) NWT as a result of mechanical problems encountered while en route to the crash site;

(2) The Labrador from Greenwood was back in Greenwood as it was forced to return due to weather; and