

Routine Proceedings

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Question No. 51—Mr. Skelly (North Island—Powell River):

With respect to mail delivery (a) does Canada Post intend to discontinue the use of relief letter carriers who act when regular letter carriers are absent, and, if so, will mail be delivered on that route when the regular letter carrier is absent (b) does Canada Post intend to establish the principle that they do not have an obligation to deliver the mail every day from Monday to Friday and, if so, does it not accept the principle that Parliament has imposed an obligation on Canada Post to have such delivery?

Hon. Andre Harvie (Minister of State and Leader of the government in the House of Commons): Insofar as Canada Post Corporation is concerned:

(a) It is Canada Post's intention of reducing, where possible, all hours paid but not used in productive work. Where an employee is absent, that route will be delivered by the order of priority contained in the collective agreement.

(b) Canada Post has every intention to deliver all committed mail, Monday to Friday.

Question No. 147—Ms. Copps:

Since September 26, 1985, with respect to Henriette Haddad's kidnapping, was action taken by the Department of External Affairs and, if so, (a) by whom (b) who was approached (c) what is the nature of this action?

Hon. Barbara McDougall (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Please see attached a list entitled "Chronology of Events" describing actions undertaken by External Affairs and International Trade Canada and indicating:

- (a) who initiated the action,
- (b) who was approached, and
- (c) the nature of the action.

RE: HENRIETTE HADDAD—MISSING**CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS**

30 Sept. 85—Consular Operations telexed Canadian Embassy Damascus to report the disappearance and to request the embassy to seek assistance in locating Mrs. Haddad from its contacts.

04 Oct. 85—Locally engaged staff in Beirut were advised of the disappearance and requested to make enquiries.

08 Oct. 85—Beirut locally engaged staff confirmed that they had advised officials of AMAL (the Shiite pro-Syrian militia) and PSP (Druze military faction) of the disappearance and that these officials had quote promised to look for her unquote.

14 Oct. 85—Canadian embassy in Damascus reported that there was a strong suspicion that the kidnapping was directed not to Haddad but to her passenger on some private matter.

25 Oct. 85—Telexes were sent from Ambassador Jacques Noiseux in Damascus to Nabih Berri and Marwan Hamade, senior representatives of AMAL the Shiite pro-Syrian militia, and the PSP Druze faction respectively, enlisting their assistance in locating and releasing Mrs. Haddad.

30 Oct 85—Canadian Embassy Damascus was advised by Beirut contact that extraordinary efforts were being made in West Beirut by AMAL (as well as the Syrians) to discover the whereabouts of Mrs. Haddad and her companion. It was learned that the latter had been forced to sign and endorse several personal cheques and recipients of those cheques, allegedly eight persons suspected of being members of Hizbollah.

01 Nov. 85—Canadian Ambassador Noiseux in Damascus met Druze PSP Leader Walid Jumblatt and Marwan Hamade. PSP leaders committed themselves to do everything possible to assist in locating Mrs. Haddad. The Ambassador thanked them and emphasized the importance which the Canadian Government attaches to this matter.

19 Nov. 85—Telegrams were sent from Ambassador Noiseux to religious leaders of Hizbollah, Sheikh Mohammed Mahdi Chamseddine and Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah expressing the Canadian govt's deep concern for Mrs. Haddad and seeking assistance in determining her whereabouts and well-being, and in expediting her release.

02 Dec. 85—A letter was received by Ambassador Noiseux from the office of Sheikh Fadlallah indicating that Mrs. Haddad was not of their concern, that they were opposed to all acts of kidnapping, and that they would make enquiries from friendly sources and others.

14 Feb 86—A diplomatic note was sent to Syrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs conveying Canada's deep concern for Mrs. Haddad, and informing that she was