Civil Aviation Security

Security Directive

Information of Concern to Aviation Security Personnel
Current Security Procedures Should be Reviewed in Light of This Information

Subject: Threat To U.S. Carriers in the Far East
Number: SD-95-01 Date: January 9, 1995

EXPIRATION: INDEFINITE

INFORMATION:

AS OF JANUARY 9, 1995, SUSPECTED ISLAMIC EXTREMISTS IN THE PHILIPPINES WERE PLANNING TO PLACE BOMBS ON ASIAN AREA ROUTES SERVICED BY UNITED AIRLINES, NORTHWEST AIRLINES, OR DELTA AIRLINES IN THE APPROXIMATE TIME FRAME OF 12-16 JANUARY. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THIS NEW ALLEGED THREAT TO U.S. AIR CARRIERS MAY INVOLVE THE USE OF LIQUID EXPLOSIVES WITH TIMING DEVICES CAPABLE OF 24 HOURS OR MORE TIME DELAY. THE GROUP MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DECEMBER 11, 1994, BOMBING OF A PHILIPPINE AIRLINES (PAL) FLIGHT Bound FOR TOKYO FROM MANILA VIA CEBU, REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES. THE PAL BOMBING INVOLVED AN IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE (IED) WHICH HAD APPARENTLY BEEN PLACED UNDER A SEAT IN THE ECONOMY SECTION OF THE CABIN. THE EXACT MAKEUP OF THE PAL DEVICE HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED.

ACTION REQUIRED BY U.S. AIR CARRIERS:
THE FOLLOWING MEASURES ARE REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PARAGRAPH B (4) AT NARITA, WHICH WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AFTER FAA COORDINATION WITH THE HOST GOVERNMENT.

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FOR ALL U.S. AIR CARRIERS OPERATING FROM MANILA, SINGAPORE, NARITA, BANGKOK, SEOUL, HONG KONG, OR TAIPEI AIRPORT:

A. THE AIR CARRIER SHALL CONDUCT A SEARCH OF THE ENTIRE PASSENGER CABIN AND ALL CARGO AREAS OF EACH AIRCRAFT THAT DEPARTED ANY AIRPORT LISTED ABOVE ON OR AFTER THE 10TH OF DECEMBER 1994, BEFORE THAT AIRCRAFT'S NEXT PASSENGER OPERATION. SPECIAL ATTENTION SHALL BE GIVEN TO AREAS UNDER SEAT CUSHIONS, IN THE PASSENGER CABIN. NO SUCH AIRCRAFT MAY DEPART FROM ITS PRESENT LOCATION UNTIL THE SEARCH IS PERFORMED.

B. THE AIR CARRIER SHALL APPLY THE FOLLOWING MEASURES FOR ALL FLIGHTS DEPARTING OR TRANSITING THE AIRPORTS LISTED ABOVE. NO SUCH AIRCRAFT MAY DEPART UNLESS THESE MEASURES HAVE BEEN PERFORMED:

1. CONDUCT A PAT-DOWN SEARCH OF ALL SERVICE PERSONNEL, PRIOR TO THEIR ENTERING THE PASSENGER CABIN OR CARGO AREAS OF THE AIRCRAFT. THE AIR CARRIER SHALL PHYSICALLY INSPECT ALL PROPERTY CARRIED ON BOARD BY SERVICE PERSONNEL.

2. FOR ALL TRANSITING FLIGHTS, THE AIR CARRIER SHALL DEPLACE ALL TRANSIT PASSENGERS WITH THEIR CARRY-ON ARTICLES AND CONDUCT A SEARCH OF THE ENTIRE PASSENGER CABIN OF EACH AIRCRAFT. SPECIAL ATTENTION SHALL BE GIVEN TO AREAS UNDER SEAT CUSHIONS, IN THE PASSENGER CABIN.
3. FOR ALL ORIGINATING FLIGHTS, THE AIR CARRIER SHALL CONDUCT A SEARCH -- OF THE ENTIRE PASSENGER CABIN AND ALL CARGO AREAS OF EACH AIRCRAFT. SPECIAL ATTENTION SHALL BE GIVEN TO AREAS UNDER SEAT CUSHIONS, IN THE PASSENGER CABIN.

4. CONDUCT A PAT-DOWN SEARCH OF ALL PASSENGERS AND PHYSICALLY SEARCH THEIR CARRY-ON BAGGAGE IMMEDIATELY BEFORE BOARDING THE AIRCRAFT. THOSE PASSENGERS THAT HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY SCREENED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH NEED NOT BE SCREENED AGAIN.

DISSEMINATION:

THIS SD IS RELEASABLE TO, AND SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY PROVIDED TO ALL U.S. AIR CARRIERS OPERATING FROM THE FOLLOWING AIRPORTS: MANILA, SINGAPORE, NARITA, BANGKOK, SEOUL, HONG KONG, OR TAIPEI FOR THE INFORMATION OF CORPORATE SECURITY DIRECTORS, SENIOR MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL, GROUND SECURITY COORDINATORS, AND SUPERVISORY SECURITY PERSONNEL. SUCH DISSEMINATION MUST INCLUDE THE DISSEMINATION GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN THIS SD. U.S. CARRIER LOCAL STATION SECURITY PERSONNEL OUTSIDE THE U.S. MAY COORDINATE THE INFORMATION IN THIS CIRCULAR WITH LOCAL AIRPORT MANAGEMENT AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL ON A STRICT NEED-TO-KNOW BASIS. ALL RECIPIENTS MUST LIMIT DISSEMINATION WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS TO PERSONNEL WITH AN OPERATIONAL NEED-TO-KNOW. NO OTHER DISSEMINATION MAY BE MADE WITHOUT THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY. UNAUTHORIZED DISSEMINATION OF THIS DOCUMENT OR INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS PROHIBITED BY 14 CFR 108.18.
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