

Corrections to Draft - J. Coburn

- Pg.1/Para.1 - The 352 dependants is too high. I remember the total number evacuated as being about 350. (131 employees, 220 dependants.)
- Also, the spelling on my second daughter's name is Kristi.
- Pg.3/Para.1 - Add some property damage - cars.
- " /Para.2 - And near the University.
- " /Para.3 - Gunships don't routinely land and take off in the battlefields. I piloted both troop/supply carrying ships as well as gunships.
- " /Para.3 - I don't think I ever had to sit down, just remember that queasy, weak knee feeling.
- Pg.5/Para.1&2 - Actually I believe there was more time between the first time we learned of the passport problem and the evacuation. Several key events took place in between is the reason I remember.
- Pg.6/Para.5 - Ron Davis also was sent to get food. On their return it was actually past curfew and really tense getting back to Bucharest after dark.
- Majid
- Pg.83/Para.3 - I spoke to [REDACTED] and others to get more information.
- Pg.85/Para.1 - Actually to decrease the time of exposure for entire team, the Col. was dropped off away from site and walked up. After surveillance would then give hand signal to Van to proceed or not.
- Pg.93/Para.3 - Certain key words were never used or written down and each member had to committ to memory. Only three copies of code (Merv, Sculley and Coburn.) In case the authorities found the written code, our cover story was we were using it for abbreviating teletype messages.
- Pg.95/Para.2 - Not sure there was a lack of seriousness as much as just the personality of some to inject humor and break tension. In all my experiences with these missions in the past, there was always this type of activity by myself and others. Believe it or not, it has a very constructive purpose. I don't think the Col. objected most of the time.
- Pg.111/Para.4 - Had duplicate trunk with false bottom to test whether customs would find it. Nothing under bottom but padding. If asked, would say it was designed to carry camera equipment and cushioned for protection.
- Pg.114 - On the second day, I actually did not start transferring the food to other apartments. Since the final selection of hideouts was orchestrated by the Col. After the initial recon of jail, we surveyed the apartments selected, made the selections and then over the course of the next few days we did all the logistics work.

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- Pg.116/Para.5 - His actual quote was more like, "Very few of us get to observe first hand a revolution in progress. This is history being made in front of our very eyes."
- Pg.119 Paul quoted 'Jay, this is just marvellous.' I don't think Paul would use the word marvellous - probably great or outstanding.
- Pg.120 - At the end of my visit with Paul, I told him to memorize details, measurements inside jail and to start doing daily workouts to get in shape.
- Also, when the Col. was debriefing, I really was worried about being able to recall all details. He was an expert at gleaning all information from someone. Probably the most expert at this procedure I have seen.
- Pg.124/Para.1 - 'Shah Raft!' I think this means the Shah has left as opposed to the Shah is dead.
- Pg.126/Para.3 - Distinguish the fact that it was the military airport in the north as opposed to the commercial one.
- Pg.127/Para.4 - Col. would have said 'Bastard' instead of 'Motherfucker'. He used goddamn bastard alot.
- Pg.138/Para.2 - The contact by Deep Throat to Perot was done so that he did not actually know where Perot was staying.
- Pg.139 - The entire dialogue with Deep Throat was much longer as I was to evaluate what he was really all about.
- Pg.145 - I don't think Keane Taylor went to jail on this visit. Also - some-time during the visit I got the message to Paul to memorize details of compound and routine to pass on to me later.
- Pg.153/Para.1 - It has not been mentioned earlier, but while Jim and Pat were in Tehran we had planned and rehearsed to the extent possible the snatch idea from a house arrest situation. And then Jim and Pat departed to get maps/radios and minimize number of people in Tehran while we waited.
- Pg.170/Para.5 - Merv actually purchased radios.
- Pg.175/Para.1 - The road out of Qazvin doesn't actually go up into the mountains.
- Pg.176/Para.1 - We didn't just stop one car. It would be better to say that from this point in the trip we would stop cars and confirm what was ahead.

- Pg.177/Para.3 - Could mention how much the Col. looked like an old Iranian native.
- " /Para.4 - We intentionally took the north route going up and planned to take the south coming back, so as to recon both routes. Also, got to see more history and same observation of Col. Simons as he surveyed some old tanks from W.W.II.
- Pg.179/Para.3 - Make contact to purchase Llama pistols as well as the shotguns.
- " /Para.4 - Needed hand held radios to facilitate the link up on Turkish side.
- Pg.180/Para.1 - Just so happened we had the worst possible weather crossing thru mountains - snow, ice and wind. We were traveling at night in order to reach Tehran at day break when the curfew in the city was lifted. The road was passable even in terrible weather, which answered a big question we had about this route.
- Pg.204 - Dialogue at bottom of page sounds to panicky. We had already made provisions to search the area by motorcycle. It was a simple matter of implementing the plan.
- Pg.216/Line 4 - Is this the first mention of Mitch? Reader would not know who this is.
Gholam
- " /Line 12 - [REDACTED] did not come to hotel during this time.
- Pg.218/Line 1 - Keep in mind that the hotel and adjacent grounds had been pre-scouted during planning stage. Joe was sent to see if any changes recently.
- " /Line 6 - Meals brought to other rooms then shuttled to Paul and Bill.
- " /Line 24 - Didn't actually bring Taylor and Gaydon to suite. For that matter, no traffic was allowed to that room.
- Pg.229/Para.5 - Actually the planning for departure started the previous evening. Getting away from that apartment during next 48 hours was his objective.
- Pg.230/Para.1&2 - Again most of this had been discussed previously. He definitely did not say "the roads aren't too good, so we'll use jeeps."
- Pg.231 - The business with the dog - at this point. Taylor was not one of our team members and the Col. would not involve him in the dog incident.
- Pg.232/Line 1 - Should be five room apartment.
- " /Line 20 - Should be EDS IRAN payroll.
- " /Line 25 - Gayden was not on original list. The reasoning for Gayden was as President of EDS World and signer of original contract with the Ministry, he makes a better hostage than either Paul or Bill.

- Pg.234 - Prior to leaving Nabi's house we loaded up the 50 gall. drum of fuel we were storing at his apartment.
- Pg.239 - Too much preparation that night. I did not sleep and I don't think many did.
- Gholam
- Pg.240/Top - Left out the rendezvous with [REDACTED] to give driver payroll, last minute business instructions so as to appear to all Iranian employees that we were still in town. Also, asked him to pay hotel and keep at his house until later.
- Pg.244 - There is no valley as you drive from Tehran. Mountains only on one side.
- Pg.245 - Actually on this trip the knife was hidden in truck. Also, the Col. decided to keep tanks as full of fuel as possible.
- Pg.246/Top - Put in just enough oil to discolor gas.
- Pg.247/Line 20 - Cognac was for celebrating at border.
- Pg.258/Para.1 - There was an effort on Merv's part to purchase light planes outside of Turkey and fly them in.
- Pg.263/Para.6 - The card was not Blue Cross, but an EDS Health I.D. card. We are self insured.
- Pg.265 - Actually, I had two helpings of Chelo Kabab prior to departure.
- Pg.267 - The Col. and I had a discussion this evening about the routine for the next day. He felt it was good to let these guys get us thru the check points to Rezaiyeh and then convince them to take us to our friends apartment.
- Pg.282/Top - Need to mention the amount of gunfire we could hear from hotel windows.
- Pg.295 - I was allowed to make a phone call from hotel lobby. The guards went with me and to my surprise, dialed Tehran and reached Tiaz, gave message for Nyfeler that we were at staging. He said they had not called from Dallas and this really puzzled me. He wanted to know where I was and I actually set up a meeting with him for the next morning so he would think we were still in Tehran.
- Pg.300/Top - This was the only road block where they made us leave our vehicles and get in theirs. This event made it seem very grave what the outcome might be.
- Pg.302 - While the Col. was giving very decisive commands, he was smiling and giving very polite gestures.

Overall Comments - J. Coburn

1. Don't use real Iranian names or facts to describe actual people. From the information given, someone could figure who these were.
2. Need more emphasis throughout on Merv's role with logistics and commo.
3. At times throughout story you indicate that I have some negative feelings about activities. Actually, I always have the opposite problem. Most of the time I'm very optimistic and sometimes this was annoying to people as they feel I should be more realistic. This is more of an attitude than anything else. I'm sure there were some who were pessimistic and if it is necessary to show this thru me for purposes of the book, I don't have a problem with it.
4. The razing of employees and property at Bucharest office is never mentioned. It would be a good example of the actual danger we were in while hiding out in Tehran. This is the Lt. Akbar incident.
5. Something is missing from the story during the waiting period in Tehran. The Col.'s team was alot more active than depicted. Since the title is "The Bull and the Peacock", you would expect the Col. to orchestrate more activities. I get the impression too many times he was just along for the ride.