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U.S. hostage writes an open letter to American people



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DENVER — A Marine held captive at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran has written an open letter to the American people, asking them not to forget about the Iranian hostages as the nation forgot the POWs during the Vietnam War.

Staff Sgt. Joseph Subic Jr., 22, of Redford Township, Mich., said he wrote to the Denver Post because the hostages could not answer all the individual messages of support they had received. He asked the newspaper to publish his letter.

"Please keep the cards and letters coming," Subic wrote. "Your love, support and prayers mean a great

deal to us. Please do not let us be forgotten as our POW's were during the Vietnam era."

Subic's letter was one of 150 American Indian activist John Thomas brought back from a 10-day meeting on international liberation in Iran, the Post said in a copyright story. The meeting was sponsored by militant Iranians.

The biggest problem for the captives has been boredom, the mental strain of not knowing about their families, negotiations for their release and American efforts on their behalf, Subic said in his letter. Subic said many of the hostages

have been interrogated, but he said none of the American diplomats were tortured. He also said the visit by U.S. clergymen at Christmas was a blessing.

"To have our holy men from America come to share their Christmas with us was heart-warming. Although we did not spend Christmas with our loved ones, it was truly an emotional moment," he wrote.

Subic also said the U.S. security force was able to withstand the initial attack on the embassy for only three hours, but said U.S. soldiers have maintained the high standards

of America since the takeover. "We are all proud to be Americans," he wrote, asking that people keep sending mail. "When we receive a card or a letter from our fellow Americans, it raises our morale

to the highest level." Subic's letter, dated Jan. 5, was delivered to the Post Friday by American Indian Movement leader Russell Means, who received the letter from Thomas in New York.

Airline claims FAA botched DC-10 case

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TULSA, Okla. — American Airlines officials say federal aviation investigators were wrong in their conclusion that faulty maintenance procedures were responsible for the worst air disaster in U.S. history.

The May 25, 1979 crash of an American Airlines DC-10 at Chicago's O'Hare Airport killed 273 people. The plane crashed when one of its engines tore away from the wing.

The National Transportation Safety Board concluded the disaster was caused by a cracked engine pylon brought about by faulty maintenance procedures at American Airlines maintenance and engineering center in Tulsa. The pylon attaches the engine to the wing.

But airline officials said Friday an exhaustive series of independent tests has shown a 10-inch crack in an engine pylon was caused by insufficient clearance for a ball bearing combined with engine thrust stress of 11,000 pounds.

American officials, who employed Rockwell International to make the tests, attributed the pylon crack to insufficient clearance of the pylon's rear monoball bearing, a pivoting device that allows flexibility in jet engine movements during opera-

tions and heavy thrust loads. The fatal 10-inch crack was duplicated by Rockwell in its tests. However, neither federal investigators nor American had been able to duplicate the split, an American spokesman said. Even when a bulkhead was sawed 10 inches it did not fail under certain testing.

Other DC-10s owned by American and other commercial carriers had been flown safely with pylon cracks in the same location, but each crack found was only 6 inches long. American subsequently paid a \$500,000 fine levied by the Federal Aviation Administration for the allegedly faulty maintenance.

American officials said the Rockwell tests proved the faulty ball bearing caused the 6-inch crack to grow to 10 inches during takeoffs, allowing the engine to tear away.

The spokesman said American is preparing to modify extensively its fleet of 31 DC-10 jets beginning in December. Officials said the modification will go beyond what is required by the manufacturer, McDonnell-Douglas and the FAA. Officials estimate modification

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