

Robert Ode's Iran Hostage Crisis Diary – Calendar of Events (Nov. 4, 1979-Jun. 12, 1980):

(The following is the calendar of events Ode included in his diary. To download full diary entries, visit http://www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov/documents/r_ode/ at the Jimmy Carter Museum and Library's website.)

- Nov. 4, 1979 –day of capture
- Nov. 5—moved from Residence living room to dining room
- Nov. 6—moved to Mushroom Inn
- Nov. 13 –moved to Ambassador's bedroom in Residence
- Nov. 25 or 26—moved to private residence in northern part of Iran (had bed with mattress)
- Dec. 6 or 7—moved back to Embassy Residence (Ambassador's study next to his bedroom)
- Dec. 11—moved to back bedroom of Embassy residence (given mattress)
- Dec. 13—first outdoor exercise, received first mail
- Dec. 16—wedding ring returned to me (43rd day)
- Dec. 26 wrote letters to Washington Post, President, Sec'y of State, Senator Warner and Congressman Fisher
- Dec. 30—moved to basement of Chancery
- Jan. 5, 1980—cameo ring given to me by parents on my 21st birthday returned to me (63rd day)
- Jan. 15—letter I wrote Rita was torn up in front of me because I referred to students as SOB's. Was told I would receive no more mail—ever! Wrote letter of apology to students so I could persuade them to give me mail. Began to have very sore back and sore tip of spine from sitting so much and lack of exercise.
- February 4—received letter from my wife dated Jan. 17 telling me how she had remained home alone all Christmas Eve awaiting an expected call from me that never came. I knew nothing about the call.
- February 5—night of "Gestapo" type raid
- February 17—was informed my wife had called on/about February 15 requesting info urgently about the house, selling our Mustang, etc.
- February 18—wrote letter to Dr Destry, Chief Medical Office in Dept. re: heart condition, letter never mailed.
- February 25—permitted to write Special Delivery letter to my wife in reply to her phone call, but not permitted to call her or make a tape
- February 28—Blucher and I moved to better room on main floor of Chancery (formerly part of DAO office).
- Mar. 20—Blucher moved to a room to himself and Bruce German moved into my room
- Mar. 21—first really hot shower—in "Mushroom Inn"
- Mar. 29—first definite knowledge that my apartment had been ransacked
- Apr. 14—visit of International Red Cross

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Apr. 18—wrote letters to Wash. Post, Chicago-Tribune, Los Angeles Times & Mike Wallace of CBS "60 Minutes", but letters apparently never mailed

Apr. 24—received taped phone message from my wife informing me that she had received two letters. I wrote first week of April, taken to US by Rev. Bremer but had re'd only 5 letters in February and none in March

Apr. 25—Bruce German moved out of our room about midnight. I was told to remain there for the night.

Apr. 26—moved to another room down the hall, sharing it with Don Hohman, US Army Nurse.

May 1 (approximate)—Hohman moved into another room.

May 9—moved to new room across hall adjoining Queen and Hohman (we each have separate rooms that connect).

June 2—Queen moved out of his adjoining room into mine so the two of us now share my room

June 12—much gunfire. Apparently a demonstration by persons who are against the students holding us.

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