

Directives Guide

How to Write Secret Actions (Personal Directives)

Secret Actions are the dominant medium for taking individual action in committee by using your portfolio powers. Delegates will continually send Secret Actions to shape the crisis at hand, to both fix the issue and bring more power or prestige to themselves. Obviously, these do not need to be voted on.

Main Components of a Solid Secret Actions

Memorable Title (can be funny or serious),

Who are you writing to/who does it involve?

What do you want to accomplish?

When do you want it to happen?

Where do you want it to happen?

Why do you want to do this?

How do you intend to accomplish it?

Signature, with your title.

Sample Secret Action:

Secret Action: Operation Lockdown

To all Heads of Embassies and Consulates in North Africa,

In light of the current hostage crisis in Libya, immediately place embassy and consular security on high alert, and close all visa and consular offices until further notice. Make sure all ambassadors have assigned personal security at all times, and cease any field work in dangerous areas.

Work with the governments in your respective countries to find any information you can about the raptors of the 2 US Aid Workers captured earlier today, and make it clear that their cooperation is crucial to our bilateral relationships. Specifically, try to find the name of the organization that has captured these aid workers, their demands, and the location where our citizens are being held. Report back immediately with any information you obtain.

Secretary of State, John Kerry

(No crisis is complete without a couple of assassination attempts. Or many.)

How to Write Committee Directives (Public Directives)

Committee Directives are very similar to single operative clauses of resolutions. No preamble is necessary, and you do not need to use operative phrases or words before your clause. The whole committee votes on the sending of each directive, and it needs to be as specific as possible.

Main Components of a Solid Committee Directive

Memorable title (can be funny or serious),

Specific orders or actions that you would like to see undertaken,

What you expect/hope will be the result,

Signatures, with portfolios of all signatories.

Sample Committee Directive:

Committee Directive: Operation Tripoling Down

Signed: Secretary of Defense, Secretary of State, Secretary of Agriculture, Vice President

In reaction to the current hostage situation in Libya, the US National Security Council determines to undertake the following measures:

- 1. Direct intelligence resources to find out the exact location of these hostages and how well protected this location is,*
- 2. Prepare plans and intelligence for two blackhawk helicopters and a team of Navy SEALs to rescue the hostages from their location at the order of this committee,*
- 3. Cooperation with the Libyan Government, secure and set up a hospital outside Tripoli to provide emergency medical care for the hostages once rescued,*
- 4. Issue an order that all information about this hostage situation is to be kept Top Secret without any leaks to the media, in order to protect the security of this mission, until after the mission is complete.*

Once the location is obtained, report back to this committee before launching the rescue mission.

How to Write Communiqués

Communiqués are tools used to contact entities outside of your committee in order to involve them with the crisis in a certain way. They are written as formal correspondence to outside actors as a way of enticing them to take action, even though they aren't under your direct control. You can write communiqués as an individual or as a committee.

Main Components of a Communiqué

Header that says “Communiqué”,

Addressee, with formal title and full name if possible,

The specific action or information you want them to undertake or give you,

What you'll give in return (your offer) OR what you'll do otherwise (your threat),

Signature/Signatures.

Sample Communiqué:

Communiqué

ATTN: Nouri Abusahmain, President of Libya

Dear Mr. Abusahmain,

It has come to the attention of the United States Government that two of our nationals have been kidnapped and are being held hostage by the Al-Qaeda terrorist organization. We request that you, in all capacities as President of Libya, use this authority to have the American aid workers found and returned to either an American embassy, or a UN outpost where they can be safely repatriated. We also ask that you find those responsible for these kidnappings, and persecute them accordingly. Failure to do so will be considered a sign that Libya no longer wishes to have cordial and cooperative relations with the United States, and the US will withdraw investment and aid accordingly.

Sincerely,

US Secretary of State John Kerry

How to Write Press Releases

Press Releases are tools used by committees or individuals to inform “the public” in the crisis about certain facts, or to spread misinformation about the ongoing crisis. Often, delegates may use these to try to influence public opinion against certain plans to help their own, to encourage the public to be safe, to stop protesting, or even to get involved with the crisis somehow.

Main Components of a Press Release

Header stating that it is a Press Release,

Descriptive Headline,

Information that you want the public to have and react to,

Signatures.

Sample Press Release:

Press Release

American Aid Workers Successfully Rescued in Joint US-Libyan Effort

Washington, D.C.: In a joint statement made this morning by US President Barack Obama and Libyan ambassador to the United States, both parties announced the successful retrieval of two American aid workers who were held hostage in Libya. The workers, who have now been identified as Bridget Campbell and Sophia Swarsky, were captured by members of Al-Qaeda while serving with Doctors Without Borders three hours south from Tripoli, the nation's capital.

The two workers underwent emergency medical treatment in Libya, as well as follow up treatments and counseling in America, the statement read. Libyan troops were also able to capture the kidnappers, who are, according to the Libyan government, being put through the justice system to pay for their crimes.

“This is a great day for US-Libya relations,” said President Obama in the statement. “This is a sign that we can work together to keep our citizens safe while abroad, and do so with the help and cooperation of foreign governments. Peace is not a unilateral goal, but a global process, this is an excellent start.”

Signed: Secretary of Commerce, Secretary of State, Secretary of the Interior

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