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During the twelve-month period covered by this report, the United States has continued to experience dramatic success in its anti-hijacking program. Only three hijackings of U. S. scheduled air carriers were attempted, all of which were unsuccessful and resulted i the capture or death of the hijackers. During the same time period there were 17 foreign air carrier hijackings, four of which were successful.

In 1974, a total of 62 criminal acts involving civil aviation occurred worldwide resulting in 170 deaths and 59 injuries (Annex A, B, C, D). Twenty-six of these acts were hijackings, and the remainder consisted of attacks on airports and airline offices, and other incidents involving aircraft and aviation facilities including sabotage. Explosives were utilized in many of the incidents, and 27 actual bombings or explosions occurred (Annex E). These acts were directed toward aircraft and civil aviation facilities and affected 34 nations (Annex F).

The geographical distribution of the 62 criminal acts involving civil aviation is as follows:

Area		# of Acts
United States/Canada		20
Mexico, South and Cen	tral Amer:	ica 8
Europe/Middle East		23
Africa		3
Asia		8

Civil aviation is a highly dramatic target that lends itself to exploitation. Air piracy, sabotage and extortion continue to pose a great threat to the civil aviation industry, domestically and internationally. Those who utilize civil aviation have a right to safe travel, and to achieve safe air travel it is essential to assure secure air travel.

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January

Incident

1/3/74

Date

Attempt to Hijack Jamaican Aircraft

A young man, who alleged that he had a hand grenade, walked through a shop area, avoiding the terminal, and proceeded to board an Air Jamaican DC-9 at Kingston, Jamaica. When asked for his ticket, the hijacker threatened to blow up the plane and demanded to be taken to Miami. Two security guards boarded the aircraft and overpowered the hijacker.

1/21/74 Colombian Airliner Hijacked to Cuba

A young man armed with a rifle hijacked a Colombian airliner enroute between Pasto and Popayan, Colombia, and forced the pilot to fly to Cuba. The hijacker reportedly had hidden a carbine rifle in a towel when he boarded the aircraft.

February

2/1/74 Parcel Bomb Kills Student Leader in Botswana

A South African Students' Organization (SASO) leader was killed by a parcel bomb explosion. The airmail parcel was stamped by the International University Exchange Fund in Geneva, Switzerland.

2/17/74 Stolen Helicopter Lands at White House

A young Army Private stole a military helicopter and flew the aircraft to Washington, D.C., where he landed on the White House lawn after security guards fired at the aircraft. The young man was arrested.

2/20/74 Attempted Hijacking of South Vietnamese Aircraft

A South Vietnamese youth, armed with explosives, attempted to hijack an Air Vietnam DC-4, enroute between Qui Nhon and Da Nang. The hijacker seized control of the plane and demanded to go to Hanoi. While on the ground at Phu Bai, two passengers attempted to apprehend the hijacker who then detonated the explosives killing all three. Reportedly, passengers for the flight had their hand baggage searched, but there was no body search.

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February

Incident

2/22/74

Date

Attempted Hijacking of Delta Airlines Aircraft at Baltimore, MD.

Samuel Byck, armed with a pistol and an incendiary type bomb, attempted to hijack a Delta Airlines flight which was boarding passengers for Atlanta, GA. Byck forced his way aboard the DC-9 killing a policeman and the copilot and wounding the pilot. He was then shot by another policeman and subsequently shot and killed himself.

March

3/3/74

Hijacking of British Airways Aircraft

Two Arab terrorists, armed with hand grenades and pistols, hijacked a British Airways VC-10 after takeoff from Beirut and diverted the flight to Amsterdam. After allowing the passengers and crew to deplane, the terrorists set fire to the aircraft. The hijackers, who were arrested, had reportedly stated that their weapons were hidden on the plane by accomplices before they boarded in Beirut.

3/12/74 Hijacking Atcempt in Japan

A Japanese youth, claiming to have a bomb in a briefcase, attempted to hijack a Japan Air Lines B-747 on a domestic flight. After the aircraft landed at Naha, police dressed as food handlers, boarded the plane and captured the hijacker. No bomb was found. Reportedly, passengers were screened prior to boarding.

3/14/74 Six Arabs Arrested In Lebanon Attempting to Smuggle Arms Aboard Aircraft

One KLM employee and 5 accomplices were arrested after the airline employee attempted to smuggle arms and explosives in food containers aboard a KIM aircraft at Beirut. Police had earlier received intelligence information concerning a possible hijacking attempt.

Aircraft Hijacked to Uganda

An East African Airways aircraft enroute between Nairobi and Malindi, Kenya, was hijacked to Uganda by an Ethiopian couple armed with a pistol. After several hours of negotiations at Entebbe, Uganda, the couple surrendered to authorities. The woman hijacker allegedly carried the weapon aboard in her Afro hairdo.

March

Incident

3/20/74 Indianapolis Extortion Attempt

A man, armed with a knife, entered a real estate office at the Indianapolis, Indiana, Airport and seized a woman, holding the knife to her throat. He demanded one million dollars and an aircraft. The man was shot by an airport policeman.

3/22/74 Explosion at Corsica Airport

A Caravelle aircraft parked at the Corsica Airport was destroyed by an explosive device which was placed in the forward landing gear compartments.

3/24/74 Offices of Cuban Airlines Bombed in Mexico

Unidentified persons threw a bomb at the offices of Cubana de Aviacion in Mexico City, causing extensive property damage.

3/30/74 Attempt to Hijack A National Airlines Aircraft at Sarasota, Florida

A young man, armed with a shotgun and holding two hostages, forced his way aboard a parked National Airlines B-727 at Sarasota, Florida. An airline maintenance man, the only person aboard the aircraft, managed to wrestle the shotgun away from the would-be hijacker. Police apprehended the young man several hours later.

April

4/9/74 Attempted Hijacking of Colombian Aircraft in Colombia

A young man armed with a knife attempted to hijack a Cessnica (General Aviation) Beechcraft C-45 prior to takeoff at Medellin, Colombia. The man reportedly demanded to be flown to Lima, Peru, but was overpowered by a cargo handler.

May

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5/1/74

4 Explosion of Bomb at JFK Airport, New York, NY

Without prior warning, a bomb exploded in a public locker in the international arrivals terminal. Three persons were injured.

5/7/74 Bomb Explosion in Pan American Warehouse in Haiti

A package exploded in the Pan American Airways warehouse at the Port-Au=Prince, Haiti, Airport. The package, along with a second package containing a bomb which did not explode, were delivered to Haiti aboard a Pan American flight originating in Miami. One individual has been apprehended.

May

Incident

5/10/74 Attempted Hijacking of Colombian Aircraft

Three men, armed with pistols and an alleged bomb, attempted to hijack an Avianca Airlines domestic flight. While the B-727 was on the ground at Bogota, Colombia, one of the hijackers was shot, and then police, disguised as mechanics, stormed the plane apprehending the other two.

Bomb Explodes at London Airport Garage 5/19/74

A bomb was detonated in a public parking garage at London's Heathrow Airport, damaging about 40 vehicles and injuring 3 persons. Authorities received a telephone warning 15 minutes before the explosion.

5/22/74 Bombing of Iberian Air Lines Office in Brussels

A stolen automobile containing jerrycans of gasoline and bottles of butane gas exploded outside of the Iberian Air Lines office in Brussels. The building was heavily damaged, and one person was injured. Similar explosives were discovered and disarmed in cars in front of other Iberian offices in Belgium.

5/23/74 Helicopter Hijacking in New York City

A young man armed with a sawed-off rifle forced his way aboard and attempted to hijack an air taxi helicopter in New York City. The aircraft landed at the Pan Am Building, and the hijacker shot the pilot as he (the pilot) ran from the aircraft. A hostage in the helicopter then wrestled with the young man as police rushed the aircraft and apprehended the hijacker.

5/29/74 Bomb Explodes at Japan Air Lines Office in West Berlin, Germany

A bomb, placed in the entrance of the Japan Air Lines (JAL) office in West Berlin, exploded causing damage to a door and some furniture. Near the homemade device were papers citing an Arab terrorist group as the perpetrator.

June

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6/1/74 Explosion in Airport Baggage Room in Haiti

A bomb in a trunk shipped on an Air France flight from Miami, Florida, exploded in a baggage room at the Port-Au-Prince, Haiti, Airport. A policeman was injured by debris. The trunk was shipped by a man who had a ticket for the flight but did not board the aircraft.

June

Incident

6/13/74 Palestinians Arrested in Germany

Several Palestinians were arrested in West Germany and charged with planning terrorist attacks on an El Al aircraft and an El Al office.

6/15/74 Incident Aboard U.S. Aircraft

A man displayed a gun and a knife and spoke incoherently on a flight from Columbus, GA., to Fort Campbell, KY. The man, who had chartered the small aircraft, was apprehended when the plane landed.

6/26/74 Hijacking of a U.S. Aircraft

A prisoner, who was being transported aboard a chartered plane in the custody of a Deputy Sheriff enroute to a prison, produced a pistol and diverted the aircraft to Hammond, LA. The prisoner fled to a wooded area after handcuffing the deputy and the pilot to a tree: Subsequently, the prisoner was captured by police. He allegedly received his weapon from his girlfriend at his trial.

6/27/74 Hijacking of U.S. Chartered Aircraft

Three men chartered a small aircraft at Ashland, MT., and asked the pilot to fly to Yellowtail Dam, MT. During the flight, the pilot observed two of the men with weapons and was threatened by one of the men. Upon landing, the pilot was bound and blindfolded, and the three men departed. Subsequently, the three hijackers were apprehended. Reportedly, the three men had robbed a bank just prior to boarding the Aircraft.

July

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7/15/74 Attempted Hijacking of Japanese Aircraft in Japan

A young Japanese male, armed with a knife and an alleged bomb, attempted to hijack a Japan Air Lines DC-8, enroute between Osaka and Tokyo, Japan. After a stop in Tokyo the aircraft landed at Nagoya where the passengers escaped. Police then boarded the DC-8, rushed into the cockpit and apprehended the hijacker. Prior to being disarmed, the hijacker attempted suicide by cutting his throat. A female purser was slightly injured during the incident.

7/22/74 Incident at Pittsburgh, PA., Airport

A man armed with a starter pistol held a cab driver hostage in his taxi at the airport and demanded an aircraft to take him to Florida. Police surrounded the vehicle and subsequently subdued and arrested the man.

July

Incident

7/23/74 Bomb Found Aboard British Airways Jet in Britain

A telephone call was received warning that a bomb was aboard a British Airways Trident enroute between Belfast and London. The aircraft made an emergency landing at Manchester. The bomb which was discovered in the cabin had failed to detonate.

7/24/74 Attempted Hijacking of Colombian Airliner in Colombia

A man armed with a pistol attempted to hijack an Avianca Airlines B-727 enroute between Pereira and Medellin, Colombia. The aircraft landed at Cali where the passengers escaped. A policeman disguised as a mechanic boarded the aircraft and shot the hijacker who subsequently died in a hospital. The hijacker's wife allegedly brought the pistol aboard in her brassiere.

Bomb Explosion at London Airport

A bomb exploded in a multilevel parking lot at Heathrow Airport in London, damaging several cars. There were no injuries.

August

8/2/74 Attempted Bombing of Pan Am Office in Beirut

A man was observed leaving a briefcase at the Pan Am office in Beirut, Lebanon, and then departing precipitously. The briefcase contained a dynamite bomb which was defused by demolitions experts. The man was subsequently arrested.

8/5/74 Bomb Explosion in front of Iberia Air Lines Office in Brussels.

A bomb exploded in front of the downtown office of Iberia Air Lines in Brussels, Belgium. Five persons sustained injuries. A Spanish revolutionary group is believed responsible for the explosion.

8/6/74 Bomb Explosion on French Aircraft at Quimper, France

A bomb was placed in the forward landing gear compartment of an Air Inter Caravelle III on the ground at Quimper, France. The bomb subsequently exploded causing damage to the parked aircraft but no injuries.

8/6/74 Bomb Explosion in Locker at Los Angeles, CA, Airport

Without prior warning, a bomb exploded in a public locker in the International Carrier Building at Los Angeles International Airport. Three persons were killed and 35 were injured. Muharem Kurbegovic, a Yugoslavian immigrant was arrested and charged with the crime.

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7/26/74

August

Incident

8/26/74 Explosion in Men's Room At Chicago, IL., Airport

An explosion occurred in a men's room at O'Hare Airport in Chicago, IL, causing damage to a commode but no injuries. Investigation by the bomb squad revealed that one or more U.S. Army firecrackers were placed on the restroom floor under the commode.

8/26/74

Date

Explosive Device Causes Fire Aboard TWA Aircraft at Rome, Italy

After a TWA B-707 landed at Rome, Italy, from Athens, Greece, a fire was discovered in the aft baggage compartment. The fire was confined to an area near a suitcase containing an explosive device which malfunctioned causing the fire.

September

9/2/74 Explosion at Iran Airlines Office in Beirut, Lebanon

An explosion damaged the Iran Airlines office in Beirut during the night, and also broke windows of nearby shops. Reportedly, a time bomb was planted inside the office on the previous day. No injuries were reported.

9/4/74 Attempted Hijacking of Eastern Air Lines Aircraft at Boston, MA.

As Eastern Air Lines Flight 1160 landed at Boston, MA., from New York, New York, a male passenger entered the cockpit, took hold of the pilot and threatened him with a razor blade and a nail. The pilot was subsequently hit on the shoulders and head. After several hours of negotiations, the hijacker was persuaded to surrender.

9/8/74 Explosion Aboard TWA Aircraft off Coast of Greece

A TWA B-707 enroute between Athens, Greece, and Rome, Italy, crashed into the Ionian Sea off the coast of Greece, killing all 88 persons aboard. Investigation has revealed that the crash was caused by the explosion of a bomb in the aft baggage compartment. An Arab terrorist group has claimed responsibility for the crash.

9/11/74 Explosion of Bomb at LAN-Chile Office in Spain

A bomb exploded at the LAN-Chile Airlines office in Barcelona, Spain. The blast resulted in property damage but no injuries.

September

Incident

9/13/74 Explosion of Bomb at Air Algeria Office in France

A bomb placed at the entrance of the Air Algeria office in Marseille, France, exploded and caused extensive damage to the office. Cars parked in front of the building were also damaged.

9/15/74

Date

Explosion Aboard South Vietnamese Aircraft During Hijack Attempt

A Vietnamese Army officer, armed with two hand grenades, attempted to hijack an Air Vietnam B-727 enroute between Da Nang and Saigon, South Vietnam. The hijacter forced his way into the cockpit and demanded to go to North Vietnam. As a landing was being attempted at Phan Rang to refuel, the aircraft crashed killing all 70 persons aboard. It is suspected that the hijacker exploded the hand grenades just prior to the crash. Reportedly, the hijacker was allowed to bypass security screening by an Army acquaintance.

9/16/74 Explosion in TWA Baggage Room at Boston, MA. Airport

An explosion and subsequent fire occurred in the TWA baggage security cage at the Boston, MA. Airport. The explosion was caused by an incendiary device located in a suitcase destined for a TWA flight to Israel. There were no injuries.

9/29/74 Hijacking of General Aviation Aircraft in Ireland

Two men, armed with pistols and homemade bombs, seized a pilot and ordered him into a privately owned aircraft at Dundalk, Ireland. The aircraft was then flown to Jonesborough, Northern Ireland, where a homemade bomb was dropped near a British Army post by the hijackers. The bomb failed to explode. The aircraft subsequently landed near Dundalk, and the hijackers fled.

October

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10/7/74 Attempted Hijacking of Republic of China Aircraft in Taiwan

A man, armed with a knife and gasoline bombs, attempted to hijack a Far Eastern Air Transport Corp. flight enroute to Taipei from Tainan, Republic of China. The hijacker demanded to be flown to mainland China but was overpowered by a security guard. The man was arrested when the aircraft landed at Taipei.

10/9/74 Bombing of Mexican Airline Office in Puerto Rico

A bomb exploded at the office of Mexicana de Aviacion in SanJuan, Puerto Rico.

October

Incident

Date

10/25/74

Seizure of Hostage at Nice, France, Airport

A Mexican male held a French ground hostess hostage at the Nice. France, Airport for 13 hours before surrendering. The man initially demanded his wife's release from prison and a pledge to be allowed to live in Mexico.

10/28/74 Explosion of Bomb at Iberia Air Lines Office in Puerto Rico

A bomb exploded at the Iberia Air Lines office in San Juan, PR. Moderate damage resulted but there were no injuries. A group opposed to Fidel Castro is believed responsible.

November

11/6/74 Hijacking of Jordanian Aircraft to Libya

Three off-duty security guards hijacked a Royal Jordanian Airlines Caravelle enroute between Amman and Aqaba, Jordan. Prior to initiating the hijacking, one of the hijackers borrowed the gun of one of the flights security guards. The hijackers seized the aircraft and forced the pilot to land at Benghazi, Libya, where they requested political asylum.

11/12/74 Explosion of Bomb at Colombian Airlines Office in Puerto Rico

A bomb exploded at the door of the office of Avianca Airlines in San Juan, PR. Damage was estimated at \$200.00. A group opposed to the Cuban regime is believed res nsible.

11/22/74 Hijacking of British Airways Aircraft at Dubai

Four Arab terrorists, armed with automatic weapons, pistols and hand grenades, hijacked a British Airways VC-10 while the aircraft was on the ground in Dubai for a scheduled short stop. The four men reportedly climbed over an airport fence and rushed to the aircraft as they fired their weapons. A stewardess and an airport employee were wounded. The VC-10 departed and subsequently landed in Libya and then Tunisia. At Tunis, the hijackers killed a passenger and demanded and received 7 imprisoned Arab terrorists before they finally turned themselves over to the Tunisian government.

11/23/74

Attempted Hijacking of Japanese Airliner in Japan

A 16 year old Japanese youth, armed with sticks resembling dynamite and a gas lighter, attempted to hijack an All Nippon Airways B-727 enroute between Chitose and Tokyo, Japan. The hijacker, who wanted to go to North Korea, was subdued by the copilot and the flight engineer.

November

Incident

Date

11/29/74

Attempted Hijacking of Canadian Aircraft

A man armed with a knife attempted to hijack a Canadian Pacific Air Lines B-727 enroute between Winnipeg and Edmonton, Canada. The hijacker held his knife to the throat of a stewardess and demanded to go to Cyprus. After landing at Saskatoon, the pilot persuaded the hijacker to surrender. The stewardess was treated for minor facial cuts.

11/30/74 Explosion at Bole Airport in Ethiopia

It has been alleged that explosive charges were detonated in an attempt to blow up jet fuel tanks at Bole Airport in Ethiopia.

December

12/1/74

Attempted Hijacking of Swissair Aircraft

A 24 year old man armed with a gun attempted to hijack a Swissair DC-8 enroute between Bombay, India, and Karachi, Pakistan. The hijacker reportedly demanded to be flown to Libya or Lebanon. Shortly after the aircraft landed at Karachi to refuel, the hijacker was overpowered by members of the crew and taken into custody.

12/14/74 Hijacking of U.S. Charter Flight to Cuba

A man arranged to charter an aircraft from the Tampa Flying Service, Tampa, FL. After arriving at the airport and meeting the pilot, the man displayed a gun and demanded to be flown to Cuba. The pilot complied and flew a twin engine Piper Seneca to Havana, where the hijacker was taken into custody by Cuban officials.

12/15/74 Explosion of Bomb At TWA Offices in Paris

A homemade bomb exploded in front of the offices of TWA in Paris, France. Damage consisted of broken windows, and there were no injuries.

12/24/74 Fire Bombing of Pan Am Office in Australia

Two molotov cocktails were thrown into the Pan Am ticket office in Sydney, Australia. Damage was estimated at \$3,900, but there were no injuries. Two men were arrested for the act.

12/25/74 Attempted Hijacking of Air India Aircraft

A man armed with a pocketknife attempted to hijack an Air India B-747, enroute between Beirut, Lebanon, and Rome, Italy. After entering the cockpit and brandishing a knife, the hijacker held a flashlight over the pilot's head and claimed to have planted bombs aboard the aircraft. Once over Rome, the hijacker attempted to have the pilot put the plane into a sharp dive over the center of the city. At this point, the hijacker was overpowered by members of the crew. He received a minor head injury and was taken into custody after the B-747 landed at Rome.

December

Incident

<u>Date</u>

12/28/74

Incident at Grand Forks, ND., Airport

A man drove his car through an unlocked airport gate and parked it under a Northwest Airlines aircraft which was boarding passengers. He then boarded the B-727 and told a stewardess he was going to steal a ride on the plane, and that his car contained explosives. The man deplaned after being told to move his car and was subsequently apprehended.

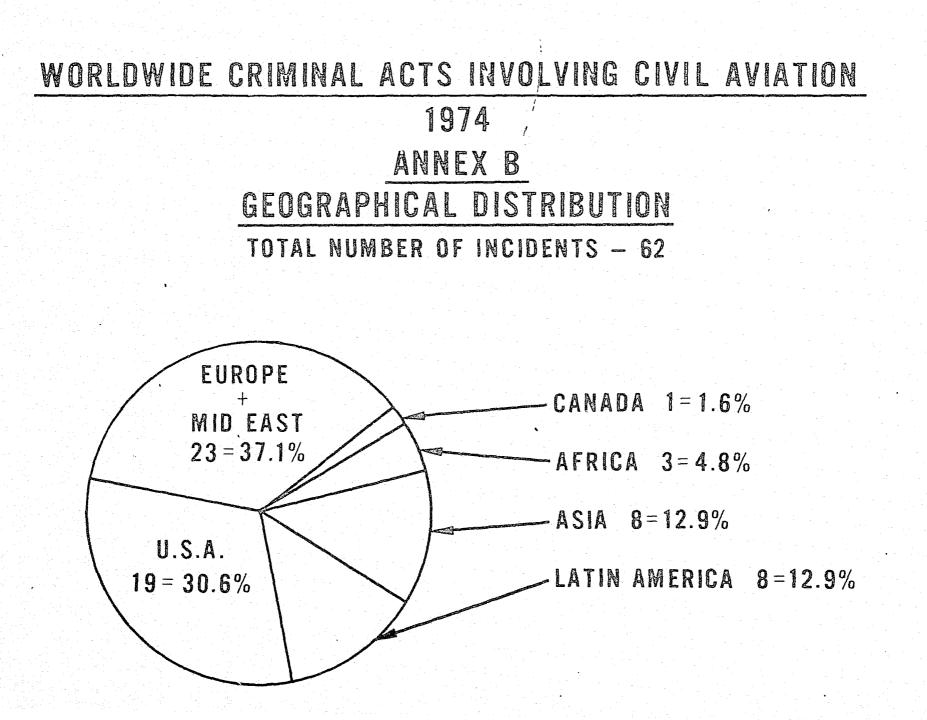
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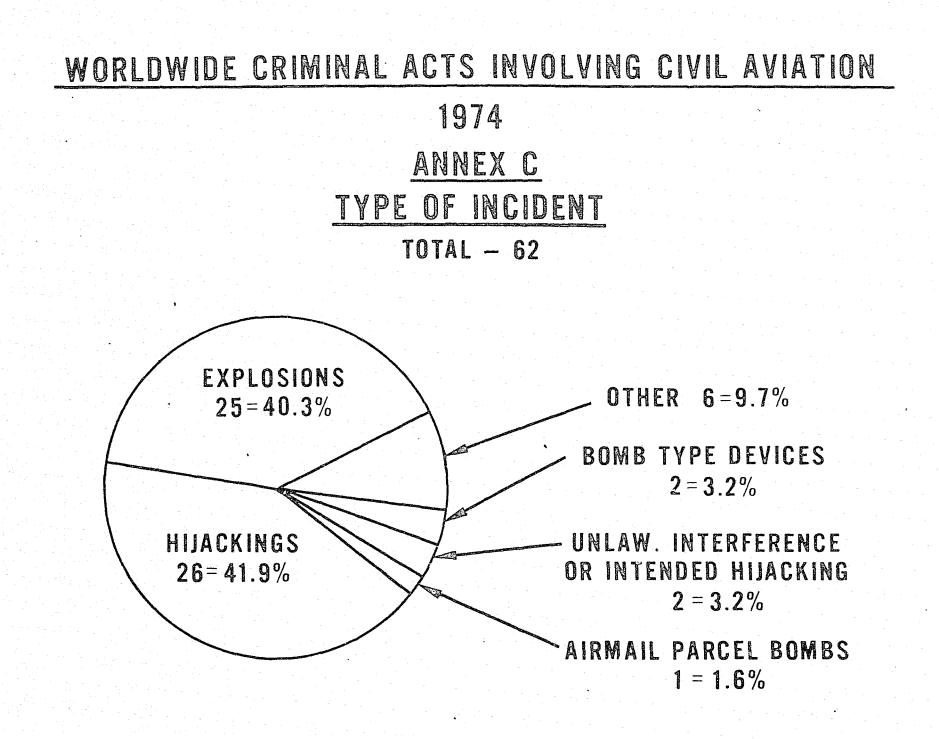
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<u>Annex A</u>	HIJACKING *	UNLAWFUL INTERFERENCE OR INTENDED HIJACKING	EXPLOSION ON AIRCRAFT,AT Airport,or at airline Office	LIVE DEVICE FOUND (NO EXPLOSION)	AIRMAIL LETTER OR PARCEL BOMBS * *	0THER ***	TOTAL
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MEXICO CENTRAL And South America	5		3				8
EUROPE AND MIDDLE East	5		13	2		3	23
AFRICA	1		1		1		3
ASIA	7		1				8
TQTAL	26	2	2	2	1	6	62

* INCLUDES 2 HIJACKINGS ACCOMPANIED BY EXPLOSION

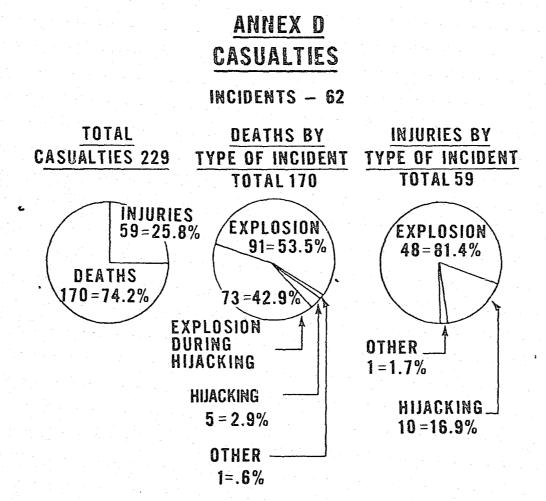
** BOMBS WHICH EXPLODED AT DESTINATION, NOT ON AIRCRAFT OR AT AIRPORT ** INCLUDES EXTORTIONS, ARMS SMUGGLING, TAKING OF HOSTAGES, ETC.

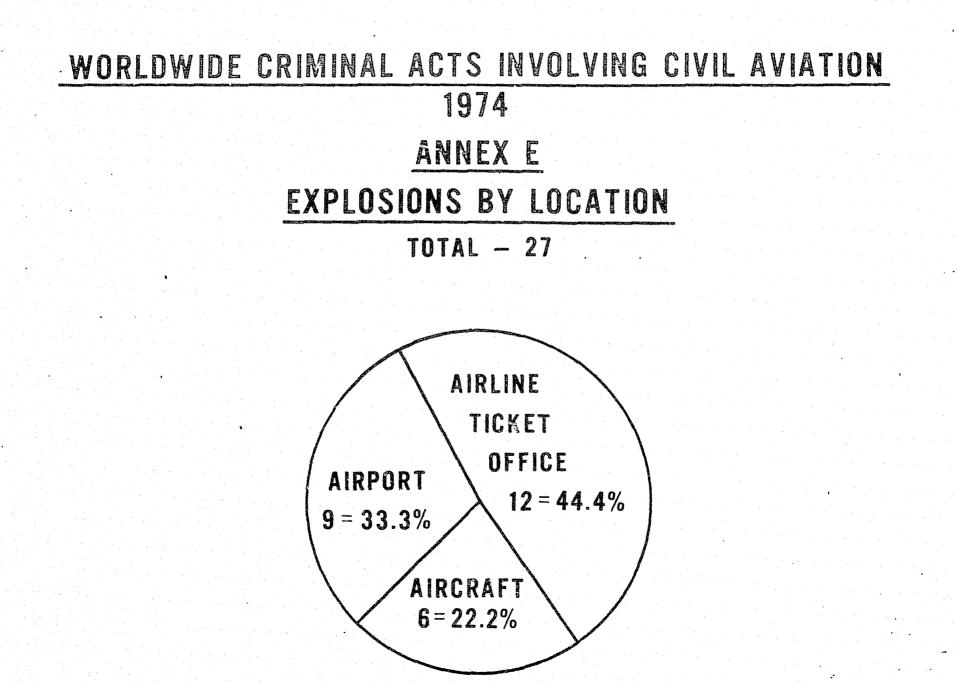




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<u>Country</u> <u>* No. Incidents</u>	Country	No. Incidents
Algeria · 1	Italy	2
Australia 1	Jamaica	1
Belgium 2	Japan	4
Botswana 1	Jordan	1
Canada	Lebanon	4
Chile 1	Libya	1 1
China, Republic of 1	Mexico	2
Colombia 5	Netherlands	1
Cuba 3	Pakistan	1
Dubai (UAE) 1	South Vietnam	2
Ethiopia 1	Spain	4
France 6	Switzerland	1
Greece 2	Tunisia	1
Haiti 2	Uganda	-1
India 1	United Kingdom	5
Iran 1	United States	25
Ireland 1	West Germany	2

* Reflecting the international nature of the problem, several incidents affected two or more nations.

