

747 Held in Cuba

MIAMI—A hijacked Boeing 747 "jumbo jet" with 221 passengers aboard, held overnight in Havana, was further delayed yesterday by the arrival at Jose Marti Airport of Soviet Premier Alexi N. Kosygin.

"They're apparently reluctant to let any planes in or out while Kosygin's in the area," a spokesman for American Airlines said.

The plane, American Airlines Flight 98, bound from New York to Puerto Rico, was hijacked Monday night by a lone gunman about an hour after the plane left Kennedy International at 6:45 p.m. (EDT).

Among the passengers were three sky marshals and an off-duty FBI agent, who were unable to prevent the hijacking.

Havana Radio reported the passengers and crew were "healthy and waiting for the renewal of their flight," but offered no explanation for the delay.

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