

1985	20 Sep. Hezbollah Bombing of U.S. embassy annex in Beirut. 14 Americans killed. 14 Jun. TWA 847 hijacked by Hezbollah terrorists. 7 Oct. <i>Achille Lauro</i> hijacking. Palestinian Liberation Front took 700 hostages. 1 U.S. citizen killed. 23 Nov. Egypt Air flight from Athens to Malta carrying several U.S. citizens hijacked by Abu Nidal Group. Dec. Rome/Vienna airport bombings by Abu Nidal Organization.	Dec. Vice President's Report on Combating Terrorism. 40 recommendations. Key recommendations: Presidential [directive] regarding terrorism, National Security Decision Directive 207, establish a CTC. 20 Jan. President signs NSDD-207, which delineates broad outlines of U.S. government policy for dealing with terrorism and set in place government-wide mechanisms for responding to the emerging threat. Feb/Mar. CIA establishes CTC. 9 Apr. Operation El Dorado Canyon. U.S. bombing of Libya. Spring. Directive signed that authorizes CIA to conduct certain counterterrorism activities.
1986	30 Mar. Palestinian splinter group detonated a bomb as TWA 840 approached Athens, killing four U.S. citizens. 5 Apr. Bombing of La Belle disco in Berlin, Germany, killing two U.S. servicemen and one Turkish civilian. 200 wounded. Traced to Libyan perpetrators.	