

*Washington, DC* - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) tonight issued the following statement regarding the arrest of four suspected terrorists from Newburgh in a plot to blowup military aircraft at Stewart Air National Guard Base with Stinger surface-to-air guided missiles and to detonate bombs at two synagogues in the Riverdale section of the Bronx.

"I am very grateful for the outstanding work done by federal, state, and local law enforcement officials that culminated in these four arrests. I congratulate and applaud them on a job well done. Their efforts helped to save innocent lives, prevent injuries, and protect against major damage to two synagogues in the Bronx and military aircraft located at Stewart Air National Guard Base. What could have been a significant terrorist strike in New York was thwarted by the outstanding work of law enforcement officials. These arrests demonstrate why we must constantly remain vigilant in our efforts to protect the public from any future terrorist attacks."