Hi Henk,

It doesn't jump out as nuclear-related to me. While there are sensitive spheres in the nuclear world, they would have been packaged in a way that would not have ever let you see them (the packaging for such things would be designed to survive a crash and not let the spheres out).

I read some of the coverage about the crash, which suggested a possible relation to chemical weapons research.

But I don't really know . Sorry I cannot be of more help.

best,

Alex

On Sun, Feb 5, 2023 at 4:02 PM Henk Pruis <henk.pruis@xxxxx.com> wrote:

Dear mr Wellerstein, just by coincidence I found your email address.

I was an accident air crash investigator in 1992 of the B747 crash in Amsterdam on the 4th of October 1992.

I was responsible for a large part of the reconstruction of the aircraft.

As part of the cargo we found some metal balls: they needed to be collected and given back. There is no proof who asked for the parts, but it looks natural to assume that it was the State of the accident aircraft (Israel).

The flight was from New York to Tel Aviv via Amsterdam.

Since there was no relationship between the crash and the cargo.....it was a mechanical failure of the engine suspension.....the cargo was not interesting.

However, it is quite strange that metal balls with diameter of 12-15 cm were requested back with high priority.

Somehow after 30 years I can still remember, and will send you a sketch.

Could it be that those metal balls were parts for the nuclear industry?

Kind regards, Henk Pruis, The Netherlands. Retired European Union Aviation Expert