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- Dispatch of a Presidential message to London, Rome, Paris, Bonn, and the Hague -- perhaps carried by a special emissary who would show them our sanitized intelligence, explain our military response, and call on host governments to enforce the sanctions against Libya and close People's Bureaus offices.
- Have Ed Meese call upon the European Community Security and Interior Ministers organization (the Trevi Group) to convene in emergency session to discuss the Libyan threat and measures the allies can take in concert to better protect themselves and our citizens overseas.
- Prepare plans for further actions, including additional military strikes against higher value targets.

The most important issue for this meeting is to decide on the scope and timing of immediate strikes against Libya as a response to last night's terrorist attack. It is also necessary that the DoD be tasked to accelerate planning for expanded action beyond this response. We should also be considering the use of high technology military weapons for these operations that will reduce collateral damage and risk to U.S. forces.

RECOMMENDATION

OK \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ That you approve the course of action outlined above.

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Response to Libyan Terrorist Attacks

AGENDA

April 7, 1986

9:30 a.m., Oval Office

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| I. Introduction   | Admiral Poindexter                  |
| II. Intelligence Summary                                    | Director Casey                      |
| III. Course of Action                                       | All                                 |
| ° Military  | Secretary Taft /<br>General Wickham |
| - Target Set  |                                     |
| - Timing  |                                     |
| ° Diplomatic  | Secretary Shultz                    |
| - Strategy with Allies                                      |                                     |
| - Special Emissary / Message                                |                                     |
| - Trevi Group Meeting?                                      |                                     |
| ° Congressional Consultations                               | Secretary Shultz                    |
| ° Public Posture  | Admiral Poindexter                  |
| - Presidential Speech?                                      |                                     |
| - Press Conference  |                                     |
| IV. Future Actions  | Admiral Poindexter                  |
| ° Expanded Target Set                                       |                                     |
| - Leadership and intelligence infrastructure                |                                     |
| - Additional military and economic targets                  |                                     |
| - Psychological Warfare                                     |                                     |
| - Mining  |                                     |
| ° Sustained campaign or respond only to further provocation |                                     |

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TALKING POINTS BY Boj, NARA, DATE 1/18/05

- (To Shultz) George, we may have sufficient proof to convince the President to call for an emergency meeting of the Trovi Group. The purpose of this meeting is to examine the evidence of Libyan complicity in the latest terrorist bombing in Berlin; decide on an appropriate response and discuss possible follow-on action.
- When we met on March 14 to approve the freedom of navigation operation in the Gulf of Sidra, we were aware of the possible Libyan military response and subsequent heightened risk of terrorist attacks. Both predictions have been fulfilled.
- (To Casey) Bill, could you please bring us up-to-date on the latest intelligence on the Berlin bombing as well as other Libyan terrorist operations.
- Congress will have to be consulted. I recommend calling We have already agreed that Libyan terrorist attacks would require a U.S. military response.
- (To Taft and General Wickham) Will, could you and John review our strike options against Libyan targets.
- Our response has to be perceived as having a strong immediate connection to this latest bombing. We should aim for a response by Thursday at the latest.

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-- (To Shultz) George, we may have sufficient proof to convince our Allies to take positive action. The OSG suggested a Special Emmissary who would carry a letter from the President and de-sensitized intelligence to show Heads of State. They also suggest that Ed Meese call for an emergency meeting of the Trevi Group.

-- What other military targets need to be struck. If this

-- The President has a news conference Wednesday evening? He will have to address Qadhafi's terrorism and the U.S. response head-on. If we don't strike until Thursday, how should we handle this?

-- (To East) Will, I think Defense should come up with an

-- Is this the the time for a major Presidential address to the nation? to present them by Wednesday.

-- Congress will have to be consulted. I recommend calling the leadership to the White House a few hours prior to the strikes to show them the evidence and review our response.

-- Qadhafi has additional terrorist attacks planned, and we must expect that our strikes this week will generate even more. We need to consider how we are going to respond.

-- We want to stop the flow of imports as well as exports.

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- We need to be able to strike Libya's leadership and intelligence infrastructure. Only then can we threaten those actually responsible for the terrorism. This would also seriously undermine Qadhafi's ability to govern and protect himself from an internal coup.
  
- What other military targets need to be struck. If this evolves into a series of strikes and counterstrikes, we have to knock out Libya's air and naval offensive capability and its air defenses in order to conduct the other options.
  
- (To Taft) Will, I think Defense should come up with an expanded set of military and economic targets in Libya and be ready to present them by Wednesday.
  
- How can we weaken Libyan public support for Qadhafi? We need to use psychological warfare and propaganda. Can we drop leaflets or beam radio broadcasts into Libya?
  
- As a follow-on option to isolate Libya and remove Qadhafi's resource base, we need to have a plan for overt mining of Libya's commercial harbors and oil transshipment facilities. We want to stop the flow of imports as well as exports.

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