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PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG, FROM
VADM. JOHN POINDEXTER.

DEAR ROBERT,

AGAIN THE PRESIDENT SINCERELY APPRECIATES THE PRIME MINISTER'S
STAND ON THIS ISSUE. WE WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO HELP YOU.

THERE WAS HEAVY CLOUD COVER OVER PARTS OF TRIPOLI THIS MORNING SO
BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT IS NOT GOOD YET FROM SATELLITE. SR-71
RUN CONDUCTED 0155-0217 EST. WE WILL HAVE RESULTS OF THAT ABOUT
NOON WASHINGTON TIME.

QUOTED BELOW IS A FACT SHEET WHICH WE HAVE RELEASED WHICH GOES
BEYOND PRIMARY EVIDENCE GIVEN IN PRESIDENT'S SPEECH LAST NIGHT.

(TEXT OF FACT SHEET FOLLOWS)

PRE-EMPTING LIBYAN TERRORIST ATTACKS APRIL 14, 1986

WE KNOW QADHAFI DOES NOT INTEND TO STOP HIS ATTACKS AGAINST
AMERICANS. WE HAVE HIGHLY CREDIBLE INTELLIGENCE THAT QADHAFI AND
KEY LIEUTENANTS OF HIS TERRORIST APPARATUS EVEN NOW ARE PLANNING
VIOLENT ACTIONS AGAINST U.S. CITIZENS AND FACILITIES IN EUROPE,
THE MIDDLE EAST, AFRICA, AND LATIN AMERICA. OUR CITIZENS ARE
BEING FOLLOWED AND OUR EMBASSIES WATCHED BY LIBYAN INTELLIGENCE
AGENTS IN A NUMBER OF CITIES AROUND THE WORLD. WE ARE GRAVELY
WORRIED ABOUT REPORTS THAT QADHAFI INTENDS TO ATTACK AMERICAN
CITIZENS AND FACILITIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE LIVING IN GREECE AND
SURROUNDING NATO COUNTRIES. IN AFRICA, WE HAVE EVIDENCE OF
LIBYANS PLANNING ATTACKS AND CONDUCTING SURVEILLANCE OF U.S.
FACILITIES IN NO LESS THAN TEN COUNTRIES. JUST LAST WEEK, THREE
LIBYAN AGENTS ENTERED ONE OF THESE AFRICAN COUNTRIES INTENT ON
BOMBING THE U.S. CHANCELLERY AND KIDNAPPING OUR AMBASSADOR. IN
THE SUDAN, WHERE THE THREAT APPEARS PARTICULARLY HIGH, WE HAVE

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ASKED THE SUDANESE GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT ALL AMERICAN SUBJECTS LIVING THERE.

WE HAVE COMPELLING EVIDENCE OF LIBYAN INVOLVEMENT IN OTHER PLANNED ATTACKS AGAINST UNITED STATES IN RECENT WEEKS, SEVERAL OF WHICH WERE DESIGNED TO CAUSE MAXIMUM CASUALTIES SIMILAR TO THE BERLIN BOMBING.

- FRANCE EXPELLED TWO MEMBERS OF THE LIBYAN PEOPLE'S BUREAU IN PARIS FOR THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN A PLANNED OPERATION AGAINST THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. A NORTH AFRICAN AND HIS ACCOMPLICES WERE TO ATTACK VISA APPLICANTS WAITING IN LINE AT THE EMBASSY ON MARCH 28.
- SIX DAYS LATER, FRANCE EXPELLED TWO DISGRUNTLED FATAH FORCE 17 MEMBERS RECRUITED BY LIBYA TO CONDUCT ANOTHER OPERATION AGAINST THE UNITED STATES IN PARIS.
- ON APRIL 6, A LIBYAN-INSPIRED PLOT TO ATTACK THE U.S. EMBASSY IN BEIRUT RESULTED IN A NEAR MISS BY A 107 MM ROCKET WHICH EXPLODED ON LAUNCH.
- IN LATE MARCH, TURKISH POLICE ARRESTED TWO TUNISIANS IN INSTANBUL WHO CLAIMED THEY WERE TO CONDUCT TERRORIST OPERATIONS AGAINST THE U.S. IN TURKEY ON BEHALF OF THE LIBYANS. LIBYAN INTELLIGENCE IS PLANNING TO ATTACK ONE OF SEVERAL U.S. TARGETS IN TURKEY USING EXPLOSIVES. THE OPERATION WAS PLANNED TO INFLICT MAXIMUM CASUALTIES.
- THE LIBYAN PEOPLE'S BUREAU IN VIENNA IS PLANNING A TERRORIST OPERATION AGAINST AN UNKNOWN TARGET ON APRIL 17.
- LIBYAN OPERATIVES ARE SUSPECTED OF SURVEILLING U.S. PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES IN AT LEAST 35 REPORTED INSTANCES IN EUROPE, AFRICA, AND ASIA THIS YEAR.

IN THE MIDDLE EAST, WE ARE AWARE OF SERIOUS LIBYAN PLOTTING AGAINST ONE OF OUR AMBASSADORS. EVEN MORE REPREHENSIBLE, WE HAVE EVIDENCE OF QADHAFI IS TRYING TO GAIN CONTROL OVER U.S. HOSTAGES BEING HELD IN LEBANON, PRESUMABLY FOR HIS OWN BASE PURPOSES. IN BOTH SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA, WE KNOW LIBYANS ARE ACTIVELY TARGETTING U.S. CITIZENS AND CASING OFFICIAL INSTALLATIONS. LAST MONDAY, IN ONE LATIN AMERICAN CAPITAL, SO-CALLED LIBYAN DIPLOMATS -- ABUSING THEIR OFFICIALS LICENSE PLATES -- BRAZENLY FOLLOWED A SCHOOL BUS FILLED WITH CHILDREN ON THEIR WAY HOME.

WE ALSO KNOW QADHAFI HAS DIRECTED HIS OWN MINIONS TO STRIKE AT U.S. COMMERCIAL INTERESTS -- PARTICULARLY IN WESTERN EUROPE --

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AND AT U.S. INTERNATIONAL AIR CARRIERS. IN SUM, WE HAVE EVIDENCE THAT GADHAFI AND HIS KEY LIEUTENANTS PLAN TO CONDUCT WIDESPREAD ATTACKS AGAINST AMERICANS OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS AND THAT THEY ARE CONFIDENT THEY CAN CARRY OUT A SERIES OF HOSTILE ACTS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES.

(END FACT SHEET TEXT)

I'LL SEND MORE AS IT IS AVAILABLE.

WARM REGARDS,

JOHN

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