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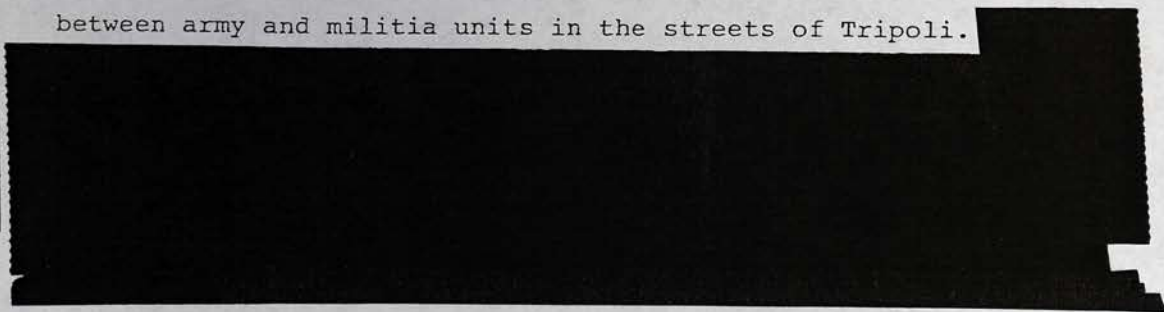
MESSAGE VIA SUNSHINE CHANNEL

Message to President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt
From the President of the United States

Dear Hosni:

When we spoke earlier today, I made reference to the evolving internal situation in Libya and the implications for a possible change of regime. As you are aware, U.S. forces struck five terrorist-related targets in Libya, including Qadhafi's headquarters in Tripoli. The Azizia Barracks were damaged, and so far, Qadhafi has not appeared in public. We do not know whether he was injured in the attack, but he surely understands my determination to take all necessary steps to bring about an end to his sponsorship of international terrorism.

Internal turbulence and dissatisfaction over Qadhafi's policies may have been exacerbated by our actions. Indeed, we have heard some preliminary reports of outbreaks of fighting between army and militia units in the streets of Tripoli.



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When I addressed the American people last night, I made clear my regret over having to take military action against Libya. At the same time I stressed that America would act again if necessary. If and when such action becomes necessary, it is my fervent hope that the United States and Egypt will find ways to work together to advance our mutual goal of peace and stability for the Middle East. Radicals such as Qadhafi are bent on undermining this objective. We must not allow them to succeed.

With warm regards,
Ron