

The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

FOIA Exemptions

- (b)(1) Withholding specifically authorized under an Executive Order in the interest of national defense or foreign policy, and properly classified. E.O. 12958, as amended, includes the following classification categories:
- 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
 - 1.4(b) Foreign government information
 - 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
 - 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
 - 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
 - 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
 - 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
 - 1.4(h) Information on weapons of mass destruction
- (b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency
- (b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:
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| ARMEX | Arms Export Control Act, 22 USC 2778(e) |
| CIA | Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g) |
| EXPORT | Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 App. USC 2411(c)(1) |
| FSA | Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4003 & 4004 |
| INA | Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f) |
| IRAN | Iran Claims Settlement Act, Sec 505, 50 USC 1701, note |
- (b)(4) Privileged/confidential trade secrets, commercial or financial information from a person
- (b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product
- (b)(6) Information that would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
- (b)(7) Information compiled for law enforcement purposes that would:
- (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
 - (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
 - (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
 - (D) disclose confidential sources
 - (E) disclose investigation techniques
 - (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual
- (b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions
- (b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

Other Grounds for Withholding

- NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request, excised with the agreement of the requester

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Rules and Regulations

Subpart F – Appeal Procedures

§171.52 Appeal of denial of access to, declassification of, amendment of, accounting of disclosures of, or challenge to classification of records.

- (a) *Right of administrative appeal.* Except for records that have been reviewed and withheld within the past two years or are the subject of litigation, any requester whose request for access to records, declassification of records, amendment of records, accounting of disclosure of records, or any authorized holder of classified information whose classification challenge has been denied, has a right to appeal the denial to the Department's Appeals Review Panel. This appeal right includes the right to appeal the determination by the Department that no records responsive to an access request exist in Department files. Privacy Act appeals may be made only by the individual to whom the records pertain.
- (b) *Form of appeal.* There is no required form for an appeal. However, it is essential that the appeal contain a clear statement of the decision or determination by the Department being appealed. When possible, the appeal should include argumentation and documentation to support the appeal and to contest the bases for denial cited by the Department. The appeal should be sent to: Chairman, Appeals Review Panel, c/o Appeals Officer, A/GIS/IPS/PP/LC, U.S. Department of State, SA-2, Room 8100, Washington, DC 20522-8100.
- (c) *Time Limits.* The appeal should be received within 60 days of the date of receipt by the requester of the Department's denial. The time limit for response to an appeal begins to run on the day the appeal is received. The time limit (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal public holidays) for agency decision on an administrative appeal is 20 days under the FOIA (which may be extended for up to an additional 10 days in unusual circumstances) and 30 days under the Privacy Act (which the Panel may extend an additional 30 days for good cause shown). The Panel shall decide mandatory declassification review appeals as promptly as possible.
- (d) *Notification to appellant.* The Chairman of the Appeals Review Panel shall notify the appellant in writing of the Panel's decision on the appeal. When the decision is to uphold the denial, the Chairman shall include in his notification the reasons therefor. The appellant shall be advised that the decision of the Panel represents the final decision of the Department and of the right to seek judicial review of the Panel's decision, when applicable. In mandatory declassification review appeals, the Panel shall advise the requester of the right to appeal the decision to the Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel under §3.5(d) of E.O. 12958.

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1. ENTIRE TEXT CONFIDENTIAL.

2. SUMMARY: IRELAND'S LIBYAN COMMUNITY NUMBERS 487
IN COUNTRY AND IT, PLUS THE GOI, FACE SEVERAL PROBLEMS
IN TERMS OF SUPPORT SINCE THE CLOSE-DOWN OF THE
LONDON PEOPLE'S BUREAU. OF MORE CONCERN TO DUBLIN,
HOWEVER, IS COL. QADHAFI'S THREAT TO RESUME AID TO
THE IRA IN RETALIATION FOR HMG'S CLOSE-DOWN OF THE
LONDON BUREAU. THE IRISH HAVE WARNED TRIPOLI THAT
DUBLIN WOULD VIEW SUCH AID WITH GREAT ALARM. LIBYAN
AUTHORITIES HAVE ASSURED DUBLIN THAT THE BRITISH AND
NOT THE IRISH ARE THE INTENDED TARGET. GOI OFFICIALS
ALSO ADMIT TO CONCERN THAT LIBYANS IN IRELAND COULD BE
USED TO TARGET THE UK -- PARTICULARLY GIVEN THE LACK
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OF TRAVEL CHECKS AND CONTROLS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.
THOSE PLANNING FOR THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT AND THE
SECRETARY'S SECURITY SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE COMMUNITY'S
EXISTENCE AND THE POSSIBILITY OF NEW LINKS BETWEEN
TRIPOLI AND IRELAND'S INDIGENOUS NASTIES. END SUMMARY.
3. THE IRISH WERE NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE EVENTS
SURROUNDING THE CLOSING OF THE LIBYAN PEOPLE'S BUREAU
IN LONDON, BUT NONETHELESS HAD A GREAT DEAL AT STAKE.
THE GOI CURRENTLY LISTS 487 LIBYANS -- MOSTLY STUDENTS
BUT SOME ALSO INVOLVED IN AGRICULTURAL PURCHASES ETC --

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AS RESIDENT IN IRELAND. THE LONDON BUREAU LOOKED AFTER MOST OF THESE INDIVIDUALS WHO NOW CALL THE IRISH DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DFA) ALMOST DAILY ASKING WHERE, WHEN AND HOW THEY ARE GOING TO GET THEIR SUPPORT CHECKS, MEDICAL BENEFITS, AIRLINE TICKETS AND THE OTHER ACCOUTREMENTS OF JAMAHIRIYA SUPPORT FOR THEIR FAITHFUL REVOLUTIONARY STUDENTS ABROAD.

4. THE GOI, HOWEVER, IS NOT CERTAIN WHETHER THAT FUNCTION WILL BE PICKED UP ON BEHALF OF THE JAMHIRIYA BY THE SAUDIS (AS TRIPOLI'S PROTECTING POWER IN LONDON) OR BY SOME OTHER PEOPLE'S BUREAU IN ANOTHER EUROPEAN CAPITAL. AS TO IRISH NATIONALS CURRENTLY RESIDENT IN LIBYA -- VARIOUSLY ESTIMATED AT BETWEEN 400 AND 900 -- THE ITALIANS HAVE AGREED TO REPLACE THE BRITISH IN THE CONSULAR ROLE. FOR NOW DUBLIN PLANS TO DEAL WITH TRIPOLI ON THE POLITICAL LEVEL THROUGH THE PEOPLE'S BUREAU IN ROME.

5. OF EVEN MORE CONCERN TO THE GOI, HOWEVER, WERE THREATS MADE BY COL. QADHAFI IN A RECENT INTERVIEW WITH A FRENCH JOURNALIST THAT, IN RETALIATION FOR THE CLOSURE OF THE LONDON PEOPLE'S BUREAU, LIBYAN AID

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TO THE IRA WOULD BE RENEWED AND AN IRA OFFICE IN TRIPOLI OPENED. THE IRISH, WHO NOW ENJOY EXTENSIVE TRADE, MAINLY AGRICULTURAL, WITH LIBYA, TAKE PRIDE IN HAVING WEANED QADHAFI AWAY FROM SUPPORTING THE IRA IN THE LATE '70S AND ARE LOATH TO THINK OF THAT RELATIONSHIP BEING RESUMED. THEY ADMIT THAT SOME LINGERING TIES BETWEEN LIBYA AND THE IRA -- AT LEAST ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS AND PERHAPS THROUGH THE PLO -- MAY HAVE CONTINUED INTO THE EARLY '80S, BUT ARE PROBABLY JUSTLY CONFIDENT THAT ANY FORMAL AND EXTENSIVE LINKS WERE PROBABLY AT AN END BY 1976 OR 1977.

6. HMG HAS TOLD THE GOI THAT THE BRITISH VIEW QADHAFI'S THREAT AS "90 PERCENT RHETORIC." BASICALLY, THE IRISH SHARE THAT VIEW AND HAVE CERTAINLY SEEN NO EVIDENCE TO SUGGEST THAT SUCH A RELATIONSHIP NOW EXISTS OR IS ABOUT TO BE RESUMED. NONETHELESS, ON MAY 8 THE IRISH AMBASSADOR IN ROME MADE A FORMAL DEMARCHE TO THE LIBYAN PEOPLE'S BUREAU AND LEFT AN AIDE MEMOIRE. THE THRUST OF THE DEMARCHE WAS THAT DUBLIN WOULD VIEW LIBYAN AID TO THE IRA WITH ALARM AND CONCERN AND THAT THE GOI VIEWED THE IRA AS MUCH AN ENEMY OF IRELAND AS OF THE UK. THE GOI ON MAY 16 RECEIVED WHAT ONE DFA OFFICIAL DESCRIBED TO EMBOFF AS "AN ANSWER OF SORTS" WHICH IN NO WAY BACKED AWAY FROM THE QADHAFI STATEMENT OR TRIED TO EXPLAIN IT AWAY AS A MISQUOTE OR MISUNDERSTANDING. INSTEAD, ACCORDING TO DFA OFFICIALS, THE LIBYANS SIMPLY REITERATED THEIR

FRIENDSHIP FOR THE GOI, EXPRESSED THE VALUE WHICH TRIPOLI PLACED UPON THEIR BILATERAL TRADE, AND STATED BLUNTLY THAT AID TO THE IRA WOULD BE AIMED AT BRITAIN NOT IRELAND. THEY ENDED THE REPLY WITH A PHRASE THAT PARTICULARLY PUZZLED EAMONN KENNEDY, THE IRISH AMBASSADOR IN ROME, TO THE EFFECT THAT LIBYA WOULD "DO NOTHING TO HARM IRELAND FOR SOME

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WHILE TO COME." (KENNEDY'S REPORT ON THE REPLY ENDED WITH THE COLD-COMFORT PHRASE "IF NOT NOW THEN WHEN?")

7. DUBLIN PRESS REPORTS HAVE ALSO CONTAINED SPECULATION THAT GOI OFFICIALS FEAR THAT LIBYA MIGHT ATTEMPT TO USE THE LIBYAN COMMUNITY IN IRELAND AS A BASE GFOR OPERATIONS AGAINST THE UK AND THAT THE GOI ALSO RAISED THIS CONCERN WITH TRIPOLI. DFA OFFICIALS

DENY THAT THIS WAS ACTUALLY INCLUDED IN THEIR DEMARCHE TO THE LIBYANS, BUT DO ACCEPT THAT THIS THOUGHT HAS OCCURRED TO THEM. THUS FAR THEY NOTE THAT THE GOI HAS HAD FEW PROBLEMS WITH ITS RESIDENT LIBYAN COMMUNITY AND HAVE NO SPECIFIC REASON TO FEAR THAT MEMBERS OF THAT COMMUNITY MIGHT BE USED FOR ANTI-UK OPERATIONS. LIKEWISE, DFA OFFICIALS STATE THAT LIBYANS EXPELLED

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FROM THE UK WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED ENTRY INTO IRELAND BECAUSE OF THE COMMON TRAVEL AREA AGREEMENT WHICH EXISTS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. (THEY ACKNOWLEDGE, HOWEVER, THAT SINCE ONE ASPECT OF THAT COMMON TRAVEL AREA AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR RELATIVELY FREE TRAVEL BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WITHOUT PASSPORT, VISA, OR ANY FORM OF IMMIGRATION CHECK, SUCH AN EXCLUSION MIGHT BE HARD TO ENFORCE -- PARTICULARLY IF NAMES WERE CHANGED IN TRAVEL DOCUMENTS, ETC.) AS A RESULT OF THESE CONCERNS DFA OFFICIALS HAVE MET RECENTLY WITH DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS WAYS OF KEEPING BETTER TABS ON THE LIBYAN COMMUNITY IN IRELAND; THOUGH A DFA OFFICIAL RUEFULLY ADMITTED TO EMBOFF THAT THE BASIC CONCLUSION OF THAT MEETING WAS AN AGREEMENT THAT NOTHING MUCH MORE COULD BE DONE.

8. AS TO THE LIBYAN COMMUNITY AND PRESIDENT REAGAN'S VISIT, WE HAVE NO REASON TO SOUND ALARM BELLS OR WORRY UNDULY ABOUT THEIR PRESENCE. NONETHELESS, LIBYANS FROM THE UK -- POSSIBLY EVEN SOME WITH LONDON PEOPLE'S BUREAU LINKS -- COULD WELL HAVE TRAVELLED TO IRELAND RECENTLY UNBEKNOWNST TO IRISH AUTHORITIES (DFA OFFICIALS DON'T THINK SO BUT COULD NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY). IN ADDITION THE LIBYANS PAST ACTIVE LINKS TO THE IRA ARE A SOURCE OF CONTINUING POTENTIAL CONCERN. ON THE OTHER HAND, LIBYA HAS FEW FRIENDS LEFT IN THE WORLD AND -- WHILE THE IRISH WOULD NOT REALLY NUMBER THEMSELVES AMONG THE FRIENDS -- AT LEAST DUBLIN IS BASICALLY TAKING A BUSINESS-IS-BUSINESS ATTITUDE TOWARDS ITS DEALINGS WITH TRIPOLI -- SOMETHING WHICH THE LIBYANS MIGHT NOT WANT TO UNDO. (TO BE FAIR, THAT BUSINESS-IS-BUSINESS ATTITUDE WOULD NOT EXTEND TO LIBYAN AID TO THE IRA, SOMETHING WHICH WE SUSPECT THAT

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TRIPOLI NOW REALIZES. LIKEWISE, THE IRISH WERE QUITE EMPHATIC IN CONDEMNING THE LONDON SHOOTING AND, SIMPLY AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THEY WOULD LONG TOLERATE ANY MISCONDUCT

FROM LIBYANS IN IRELAND NO MATTER WHAT THE TRADE
RELATIONSHIP -- AND, AFTER ALL, ALMOST HALF OF IRELAND'S
TOTAL TRADE IS WITH THE UK; A FAR MORE IMPORTANT
ELEMENT IN IRELAND'S ECONOMIC HEALTH THAN THE LIBYAN
CONNECTION.)
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-- IRISH, GERMAN AND ITALIAN TERRORISTS

1. (C) SUMMARY:

ACCORDING TO ITALIAN MFA MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA
CHIEF LIOTTA, BRITISH/LIBYAN TALKS IN ROME MARCH 5 WERE
UNPRODUCTIVE. LIOTTA SAID QADHAFI'S RECENT THREATS TO
SUPPORT TERRORISTS IN ITALY, GERMANY AND IRELAND WERE
NOTHING NEW AND BEST IGNORED; BUT HE ADDED THAT ITALY
DOES POINT OUT TO QADHAFI THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF SUCH
STATEMENTS. END SUMMARY.

2. (C) BRITISH/LIBYAN TALKS:

LIOTTA SAID THAT BOTH LIBYA AND THE UK HAD WANTED BI-
LATERAL TALKS, AND HAD IDENTIFIED ROME AS THE DESIRED
LOCATION. HE ALSO SAID, HOWEVER, THAT ITALY HAD WORKED
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TO BRING THE TWO SIDES TOGETHER. THE MARCH 5 TALKS IN-
VOLVED BOTH "LIGHT AND SHADOW," SAID LIOTTA, AS WAS TO
BE EXPECTED. THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE TWO REMAINS GREAT,
HE CONCLUDED.

3. (U) QADHAFI THREATENS TO SUPPORT TERRORISM:

THE ITALIAN PRESS MARCH 4 REPORTED REMARKS BY LIBYAN LEA-
DER QADHAFI TO THE EFFECT THAT IF ITALY, GREAT BRITAIN,

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AND WEST GERMANY TREAT THE "TERRORIST MOVEMENTS" HOSTILE TO LIBYA AS DEMOCRATIC OPPOSITION, THEN LIBYA WILL CONSIDER THE IRA, THE RED BRIGADES AND THE BAADER-MEINHOF GANG AS "REVOLUTIONARY OPPOSITION."

4. (U) THE FOLLOWING DAYS' PRESS WAS RICH IN INDIGNANT STATEMENTS BY A WIDE RANGE OF ITALIAN POLITICAL FIGURES, WITH A CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC LEADER DECLARING, "ONE CANNOT CONTINUE TO PRETEND THAT NOTHING HAS HAPPENED, THE RISK IS REAL..." A SOCIALIST PARLIAMENTARIAN WONDERED WHETHER THIS WAS THE ONLY RESULT OF ITALY'S POLICY OF "EQUI-DISTANCE" IN THE MIDDLE EAST/MEDITERRANEAN, WHILE A MEMBER OF THE LIBERAL PARTY SCORED EFFORTS TOWARD BETTER TIES WITH LIBYA AS "A FAILURE." ON THE EXTREMES, THE NEO-FASCIST MSI CALLED FOR A BREAK IN RELATIONS WITH TRIPOLI, AND THE OFFICIAL COMMUNIST PAPER CALLED QADHAFI'S STATEMENT "AN INADMISSIBLE ATTACK ON OUR COUNTRY."

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5. (U) SUBSEQUENTLY, LIBYA'S AMBASSADOR IN ROME ATTEMPTED TO CLARIFY WHAT QADHAFI HAD MEANT, TELLING LEFTIST "LA REPUBBLICA" THAT "IF THEY (OTHER COUNTRIES) SUPPORT THE TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS WHICH OPERATE AGAINST US, WE WILL
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DO THE SAME."

6. (C) IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF MARCH 7, LIOTTA SAID THAT WHILE IT WAS STILL NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR JUST WHAT QADHAFI HAD SAID, IT DID SEEM THAT HE HAD ONCE AGAIN NOT ONLY CALLED FOR REPARATIONS FROM ITALY FOR COLONIAL AND WAR-TIME ACTIVITIES, BUT ALSO ASSERTED THAT IF WESTERN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING ITALY, HELP ANTI-LIBYAN TERRORISTS, LIBYA WOULD, OF COURSE, "CONSIDER HELPING OTHER TERRORISTS."

7. (C) LIOTTA STATED (AS HE HAS BEFORE) THAT IT IS ALWAYS A MISTAKE TO PAY TOO MUCH ATTENTION TO WHAT QADHAFI SAYS. WHAT HE DOES IS BAD ENOUGH, SAID LIOTTA, AND CAUSES ENOUGH PROBLEMS. WE SHOULD TRY TO CONTAIN HIS BEHAVIOUR, AND NOT WORRY EXCESSIVELY ABOUT HIS "ORAL INCONTINENCE."

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8. (C) IT IS NOT THE FIRST TIME QADHAFI HAS MADE SUCH REMARKS, LIOTTA WENT ON. HE IS JUST TRYING TO PROVOKE INTERNATIONAL REACTION AS A MEANS OF MAKING HIMSELF SEEM MORE IMPORTANT. THE LESS ATTENTION WE PAY, THE LESS WE SEEM TO TAKE HIM SERIOUSLY, LIOTTA ASSERTED, THE LESS HE GAINS.

9. (C) EVEN SO, LIOTTA CONCLUDED, ITALY DOES POINT OUT AND EVEN STRESSES TO QADHAFI THAT SUCH REMARKS HARM BI-LATERAL RELATIONS, STIRRING UP PUBLIC AND PARLIAMENTARY

REACTION.

10. (C) COMMENT: ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY FOREBEARANCE IN THE FACE OF SUCH LIBYAN PROVOCATIONS IS WELL ESTABLISHED. EVEN ANDREOTTI, HOWEVER, HAS IN THE PAST PUBLICLY BLASTED QADHAFI'S MORE EXTREME STATEMENTS AS "UNJUSTIFIED AND IN-ADMISSIBLE." HOLMES

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1. THE US ACTION AGAINST LIBYA WAS RAISED IN A BRIEF
DEBATE AT THE BEGINNING OF APRIL 15 PARLIAMENTARY
SESSION. IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER BARRY MADE A
STATEMENT, SUBSTANTIVE EXCERPTS OF WHICH FOLLOW:
BEGIN QUOTE.

THE GOVERNMENT ARE GRAVELY CONCERNED AT THE
CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND LIBYA WHICH
HAS BEEN BROUGHT ABOUT BY RECENT ACTS OF TERRORISM.

THE GOVERNMENT STRONGLY SHARE THE CONCERNS OF THE
UNITED STATES ABOUT INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. FOR OUR
OWN PART, WE BELIEVE THAT TERRORISM CAN BE DEFEATED
BY POLITICAL METHODS AIMED AT THE ISOLATION OF THOSE
WHO ENGAGE IN OR SUPPORT TERRORIST ACTS. IN
COOPERATION WITH OUR PARTNERS IN THE TWELVE, WE HAVE
BEEN COORDINATING MEASURES AGAINST TERRORIST ATTACKS
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AND TO ENSURE THE ERADICATION OF THIS EVIL. IN THE
STATEMENT WHICH THEY ISSUED LAST NIGHT, THE FOREIGN
MINISTERS OF THE TWELVE EMPHASIZED THAT STATES CLEARLY
IMPLICATED IN SUPPORTING TERRORIST ACTS SHOULD RENOUNCE
SUCH SUPPORT AND RESPECT THE RULES OF INTERNATIONAL
LAW. THEY CALLED UPON LIBYA TO ACT ACCORDINGLY.

IN ORDER TO ASSIST THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A POLITICAL
SOLUTION, THE TWELVE FOREIGN MINISTERS IN THEIR
STATEMENT ALSO UNDERLINED THE NEED FOR RESTRAINT ON ALL
SIDES. THE GOVERNMENT NOW APPEALS TO ALL SIDES TO
AVOID FURTHER ACTIONS WHICH WOULD ESCALATE
INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS AND LEAD TO FURTHER TRAGIC LOSS

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THE GOVERNMENT ARE REMAINING IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH OUR PARTNERS IN THE TWELVE IN THIS MATTER. IT IS LIKELY THAT THERE WILL BE A FURTHER MEETING OF THE TWELVE FOREIGN MINISTERS IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS WHICH I WILL, OF COURSE, BE ATTENDING.

COMMUNITY FOREIGN MINISTERS HAD NO ADVANCE INDICATION OF THE AMERICAN REACTION AT THEIR MEETING YESTERDAY.

END QUOTE.

2. BARRY AVOIDED CONDEMNATION OF THE US ACTION IN RESPONSE TO SUBSEQUENT PRODDING BY LEFT-WING DEPUTIES, POINTING TO TERRORIST ATTACKS WITH LIBYAN BACKING THAT HAD GIVEN RISE TO THE US REACTION. FIANNA FAIL OPPOSITION LEADER HAUGHEY QUESTIONED THE LEGITIMACY OF LARGE-SCALE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO TERRORIST ATTACKS, AND PROPOSED A UN INITIATIVE ON THE SITUATION BECAUSE OF ITS SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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3. IN A LATER TV INTERVIEW, THE FOREIGN MINISTER REPEATED THE TWIN THEMES OF IRISH DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE ESCALATION, COUPLED WITH STRONG CONCERN ABOUT STATE-SPONSORED TERRORISM SHARED WITH THE US. BARRY ADDED THAT GOI WAS EXTREMELY CONCERNED AT QADHAFI'S REPEATED DETERMINATION TO SUPPORT THE IRA. QUESTIONED ABOUT IRISH TRADE WITH LIBYA, HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE THOSE ECONOMIC LINKS BROKEN, BUT "OVERRIDING THAT" IS IRELAND'S CONCERN OVER TERRORISM.

4. EDITORIAL REACTION WAS LARGELY NEGATIVE. LEAST CONDEMNATORY WAS THE "IRISH INDEPENDENT" (CONSERVATIVE), WHICH SAID THE CONFRONTATION HAD GONE FAR ENOUGH AND PROBABLY WOULD NOT DETER QADHAFI. "WHAT A DOWN RIGHT IRRESPONSIBLE DECISION, WHAT A TRAGIC MISTAKE TO HAVE MADE," CROWED THE (LIBERAL) "IRISH TIMES." THAT PAPER ACCUSED THE PRESIDENT OF HAVING EMBARKED ON A POLICY OF "DESPERATE SOLUTIONS AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO PATIENT NEGOTIATION," WITH ENORMOUS RISKS. THE (CONSERVATIVE, NATIONALIST) "IRISH PRESS" TERMED THE US ACTION AS "ILL-ADVISED AS IT WAS INACCURATE." ALONG WITH THE "TIMES," IT NOTED ONE PRICE WAS CALLING OFF THE SHULTZ-SHEVARDNADZE MEETING. THE "PRESS" ALSO CLAIMED HE US HAD DESCENDED TO THE SAME LEVEL OF BARBARISM AS QADHAFI.

5. LEFT-WING IRISH GROUPS SUCH AS THE WORKERS' PARTY AND THE CAMPAIGN FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT WERE PREDICTABLY NEGATIVE AND ALARMIST. THE EMBASSY WAS

FLOODED WITH CALLS YESTERDAY. OPINION WAS RUNNING ABOUT 3-2 AGAINST, WITH MORE POSITIVE CALLS THAN EXPECTED. NEGATIVE CALLERS WERE ANGRY AND VERY

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SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR ACTIONS AGAINST LIBYA: IRELAND

REF: STATE 8415

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2. SO FAR GOI REACTION, BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, HAS BEEN ESSENTIALLY LIMITED TO STATEMENTS THAT THEY SHARE OUR OUTRAGE AT RECENT INCIDENTS, ARE CAREFULLY CONSIDERING OUR REQUESTS, AND WILL BE CONSULTING WITH EC COLLEAGUES. FOREIGN MINISTRY POLITICAL DIRECTOR MURPHY THINKS IT WILL REMAIN SO UNTIL AFTER EC CONSULTATIONS NEXT WEEK AND THAT NO MORE DETAILED RESPONSE WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN THE MEANTIME.

3. THE FINAL IRISH REACTION IS LIKELY TO BE DETERMINED
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PRIMARILY BY WHATEVER CONSENSUS IS REACHED WITHIN EC. AS A SMALL, NEUTRAL COUNTRY WHICH TRIES TO BE EVEN-HANDED BETWEEN THE ARABS AND ISRAELIS, AND WITH UNEMPLOYMENT OVER 17 PERCENT, IRELAND IS MOST UNLIKELY TO GET OUT IN FRONT WITH RESPECT TO REAL TRADE CURBS. SO FAR GOI OFFICIALS ALSO SEEM PRETTY CONFIDENT, FROM WHAT THEY PERCEIVE AS THE MAJOR EC COUNTRIES' INITIAL INFORMAL REACTIONS, THAT THEY ARE UNLIKELY TO HAVE TO IMPLEMENT ANY TRADE RESTRICTIONS IN THE EC CONTEXT.

4. IRELAND'S MOST SIGNIFICANT CONNECTIONS TO LIBYA ARE ITS SALES OF CATTLE AND MEAT, EDUCATIONAL SERVICES BEING PROVIDED 500 LIBYAN STUDENTS HERE, AND AN UNKNOWN NUMBER

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OF EXPATRIATES (500-1,000) WORKING IN LIBYA, MAINLY WITH UK FIRMS. GIVEN THE LIMITED TIES, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE GOI COULD AGREE TO "NOT FILL IN BEHIND THE U.S." AND TO STOP SALES OF ITEMS ON OUR PRIORITY LIST AT LITTLE OR NO REAL COST. TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT RESTRICTIONS AND CONTROLS ON LIBYAN NATIONALS ARE ALSO NOT VERY PAINFUL, EXCEPT IF THEY AFFECT THE MEAT TRADE. THIS IS IMPORTANT POLITICALLY (THE FIRM INVOLVED IS ONE OF IRELAND'S TOP FIVE IN TERMS OF SALES) DESPITE THE FACT THAT LIBYAN PURCHASES ACCOUNT FOR LESS THAN ONE PERCENT OF TOTAL IRISH EXPORTS.

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5. IRELAND HAS A GOOD DEAL OF EXPERIENCE WITH DOMESTIC TERRORISM (IRA) AND VERY FIRM POLICIES WITH RESPECT TO IT. THESE INCLUDE PROHIBITIONS AGAINST OFFICIALS TALKING TO THE TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS IN QUESTION OR THEIR POLITICAL WINGS, AGAINST GIVING THEM TIME ON TV OR RADIO, AND AGAINST PAYING RANSOM FOR KIDNAPPINGS OR MEETING OTHER BLACKMAIL DEMANDS. (IRISH OFFICIALS OFTEN CRITICIZE THE BRITISH FOR BEING LESS STRICT THAN THEMSELVES IN THIS
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AREA.) THAT IRELAND HAS WORKED SO HARD TO CULTIVATE THE LIBYAN EXPORT MARKET (WITH VISITS BY VARIOUS GOVERNMENT MINISTERS AND THE PRESENT OPPOSITION LEADER OVER THE YEARS), DESPITE QADHAFI'S VERBAL AND POSSIBLY MATERIAL SUPPORT FOR THE IRA, CAN ONLY BE EXPLAINED BY THE DESPERATE NEED FOR EXPORTS AND JOBS.

6. IRISH IMPORTS FROM LIBYA HAVE SO FAR BEEN MINIMAL, AND GOI OFFICIALS SAY THAT THEY HAVE RESISTED LIBYAN EFFORTS TO GET IRELAND TO ACCEPT OIL AS PAYMENT FOR NEW EXPORT ORDERS, EVEN WHEN THE LATTER HAVE BEEN POLITICALLY IMPORTANT TO HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT REGIONS AND TO THE POLITICIANS REPRESENTING THEM. U.S. SANCTIONS AND OUR REQUEST FOR IRISH SUPPORT WILL CERTAINLY HELP THE GOI CONTINUE SUCH RESISTANCE, WHICH MAY BE COUNTED A PLUS.

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7. WE ARE SKEPTICAL AT THIS POINT THAT THE GOI WOULD MAKE ANY REAL ECONOMIC SACRIFICES (SUCH AS CURBS ON EXISTING TRADE OR OTHER TRANSACTIONS) IN RESPONSE TO SPECIAL PERSUASIVE EFFORTS. THE SOURCE OF SUCH EFFORTS TO WHICH THE IRISH WOULD BE MOST SENSITIVE IS PROBABLY THE "FRIENDS OF IRELAND" IN THE U.S. CONGRESS, WHOM THE GOI HAS SPENT MUCH TIME CULTIVATING.
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REFS: (A) DUBLIN 1544; (B) STATE 116575

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2. IN OUR PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH IRISH LEADERS ABOUT THE US ACTION, THEY HAVE BEEN CAREFUL TO ECHO THE CAUTIOUS, NON-CONDEMNATORY LINE TAKEN BY FOREIGN MINISTER BARRY IN PARLIAMENT TUESDAY (REF A). AS BARRY MADE CLEAR LATER, THE IRISH HAVE HAD THEIR OWN DIRECT EXPERIENCE WITH QADHAFI'S SUPPORT FOR IRA TERRORISM ON THIS ISLAND. MOREOVER, OUR EFFORTS TO DISCLOSE AS MUCH OF THE EVIDENCE AS WE COULD HAS HELPED OUR CASE A GREAT DEAL. DFA SECRETARY SEAN DONLON UNDERSCORED THAT POINT TO THE AMBASSADOR.

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3. WE ARE RELATIVELY SATISFIED WITH THE RESTRAINED OFFICIAL IRISH LINE ON THE AFFAIR. AVOIDING A
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NEGATIVE STANCE WAS A RELATIVELY COST-FREE GESTURE FOR THE IRISH, WHO ALSO MUST HAVE IN THE BACK OF THEIR MINDS THE US AID BILL FOR THE ANGLO-IRISH AGREEMENT CURRENTLY BEFORE THE CONGRESS.

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4. ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE ARE GOOD REASONS WHY THE IRISH DID NOT LEAN FURTHER IN OUR DIRECTION, AND EAGERLY SOUGHT PROTECTIVE COLORATION WITHIN THE EC:

-- FUNDAMENTAL CONCERN FOR THE UN SYSTEM AND

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-- A DESIRE NOT TO JEOPARDIZE THEIR 30-40 MILLION POUNDS
YEARLY MEAT EXPORTS TO LIBYA, AND;

-- AN EYE TO FAIRLY NEGATIVE DOMESTIC PUBLIC REACTION.

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5. THE IRISH HAVE TOLD US ONE PRINCIPAL CONSEQUENCE
OF MONDAY'S EC DECLARATION WILL BE A CAREFUL AND
THOROUGH REVIEW OF ALL LIBYAN STUDENT VISAS TO
MAKE SURE EACH INDIVIDUAL IS IN FACT A BONA FIDE
STUDENT CARRYING A NORMAL ACADEMIC LOAD. (SOME 300
LIBYANS ARE IN IRELAND.)

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6. A FINAL NOTE. DONLON TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT
PRIOR US CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER EC MEMBERS WOULD
HAVE PAID CONSIDERABLE DIVIDENDS IN TERMS OF SUPPORT
FOR THE US POSITION BY OUR FRIENDS LIKE IRELAND AT
MONDAY'S EC FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING. REF B WAS
FIRST INSTRUCTION WE RECEIVED ON ISSUE, WHICH DID NOT
ARRIVE UNTIL NOON TUESDAY.
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SUBJECT: LIBYAN SUPPORT FOR PIRA

REF: BELFAST 197

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2. IN LIGHT OF PRESS ACCOUNTS REPORTED REFTTEL, WE SOUGHT AN UPDATE FROM OUR LOCAL SOURCES ON THE EVIDENCE OF A CONNECTION BETWEEN THE JANUARY 1986 SLIGO ARMS FIND AND LIBYA. A MILITARY SECURITY CONTACT HAS TOLD THE DATT HE IS NOT AWARE OF ANY NEW CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE IN THIS CASE AND IS RESERVING JUDGMENT. BUT DFA SECRETARY DONLON TOLD DCM THAT SOME RIFLES FROM THE FIND HAD BEEN CONNECTED TO LIBYA, AND THAT THE BRITISH STATEMENTS ON THE PIRA/LIBYA CONNECTION HAD BEEN APPROVED BY THE GOI, ALTHOUGH THE WORDING IN THESE MUST BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO.

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3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION WASHINGTON AGENCIES MIGHT HAVE ON EVIDENCE CONNECTING THE SLIGO ARMS FIND TO LIBYAN SUPPORT FOR THE PIRA.

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SUBJECT: MORE REPORTING ON IRA/LIBYAN CONNECTION

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1. THE FOLLOWING IS AN ARTICLE BY DAVID MCKITTRICK WHICH
APPEARED IN THE MAY 18 EDITION OF THE INDEPENDENT.

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BEGIN QUOTE: BRITISH INTELLIGENCE FOUGHT FOR MONTHS TO
PREVENT THE IRA IMPORTING A LARGE CONSIGNMENT OF EXPLOSIVES
AND ARMS FROM LIBYA, ACCORDING TO RELIABLE SECURITY SOURCES.

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THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES LEARNED THAT THE IRA HAD RENEWED ITS CONTACT WITH COL. GADDAFIS REGIME AFTER A DECADE, AND THAT A SHIPMENT WAS PLANNED.

LIBYA AT FIRST TOOK PAINS TO COVER UP THE RENEWED CONTACT, BUT DROPPED THE SECRECY TWO MONTHS AFTER LAST YEARS AMERICAN AIR RAIDS ON TRIPOLI.

FOR MONTHS, THE BRITISH AUTHORITES TRIED DESPERATELY TO LOCATE AND BLOCK THE SHIPMENT, BUT THE IRA FINALLY LANDED IT IN IRELAND BY WHAT IS NOW KNOWN TO BE A HIGHLY CIRCUITOUS ROUTE THROUGH WESTERN EUROPE.

DURING THE CHASE, TWO KEY IRA MEMBERS WERE ARRESTED IN AMSTERDAM.

THE AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THE CONSIGNMENT WAS A "ONE OFF" AND ARE UNAWARE OF ANY PLANS FOR ANOTHER SIMILAR OPERATION. SOME OF UNCLASSIFIED

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THE GUNS AND EXPLOSIVES HAVE BEEN RECOVERED IN NORTHERN IRELAND, THE REPUBLIC AND ENGLAND.

THE IRA TURNED TO LIBYA AFER A SERIES OF FBI SUCCESSES IN THE 1980S REDUCED ITS SUPPLIES FROM AMERICA TO A TRICKLE.

SEVERAL ATTEMPTS TO SMUGGLE IMPORTANT WEAPONRY FROM THE US FAILED. LAST AUGUST, 11 PISTOLS AND AN EXTREMELY POWERFUL SPECIAL APPLICATIONS RIFLE, CAPABLE OF BRINGING DOWN A HELICOPTER, WERE INTERCEPTED IN A DUBLIN POSTAL SORTING OFFICE. THEY HAD BEEN POSTED FROM CHICAGO.

A SECURITY SOURCE SAID THE IRAS LATEST ATTEMPTS TO GET GUNS FROM THE STATES HAD FAILED.

"THEY MAY GET THREE OR FOUR RIFLES THROUGH ONCE IN A WHILE, BUT THE DAYS OF THE BIG CONTAINER-LOADS ARE OVER," THE SOURCE

ADDED.

RE-ESTABLISHING THE LIBYAN LINK TOOK THE IRA SOME TIME TO ARRANGE. AFTER A NUMBER OF UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS, CONTACT WAS MADE WITH A LIBYAN DELEGATE AT AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, AND A SENIOR IRA LEADER LATER VISITED TRIPOLI.

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ALTHOUGH THE LIBYAN SHIPMENT HAS BEEN OF GREAT VALUE TO THE IRA, THE ORGANIZATION'S PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF WEAPONRY IS THE EUROPEAN ARMS BLACK MARKET.

THE IRA HAS ITS OWN CONTACTS WITH ARMS DEALERS AND SOMETIMES MAKES CONNECTIONS THROUGH TERRORIST GROUPS ON THE CONTINENT.

CONSIGNMENTS ARRANGED IN PARIS AND AMSTERDAM ARE THOUGHT TO HAVE REACHED IRELAND IN THE PAST YEAR.

THE SCALE OF THE PROBLEM FOR THE AUTHORITIES CAN BE JUDGED FROM THE AMOUNT OF WEAPONRY SEIZED IN ULSTER.

IN 18 YEARS, THE POLICE AND ARMY HAVE RECOVERED ALMOST 200,000 POUNDS OF EXPLOSIVES, CLOSE TO 10,000 GUNS AND MORE THAN 1 MILLION ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION.

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SUBJECT: LIBYAN ARMS SHIPMENT TO IRA TERRORISTS:
MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY TO FM RAIMOND

REF: (A) PARIS 48493; (B) STATE 347875

1. SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT
2. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER RAIMOND ASAP:
3. BEGIN QUOTE: CONGRATULATIONS ON THE FRENCH CAPTURE OF SECRET

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A SHIPLOAD OF ARMS FROM LIBYA INTENDED FOR TERRORISTS IN IRELAND. THIS REPRESENTS CLEAR AND UNAMBIGUOUS PROOF THAT LIBYA IS STILL ENGAGED IN STATE-SPONSORED TERRORISM AND ON A FAR GREATER SCALE THAN PREVIOUSLY REVEALED. WE HAVE ISSUED A STRONG PUBLIC STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR YOUR ACTION AND CONDEMNATION OF THIS LATEST EXAMPLE OF LIBYA'S VICIOUS HOSTILITY TOWARD THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

4. I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHAT MEASURES FRANCE INTENDS TO TAKE TO DEMONSTRATE FRENCH CONCERN. HAVE YOU

CONSIDERED BRINGING THIS INCIDENT UP IN THE U.N.?
MOREOVER, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN YOUR VIEWS ON HOW

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THIS EPISODE MAY BE MOST EFFECTIVELY USED TO UNDERCUT EFFORTS BY THE LIBYAN CHAIRMAN OF THE U.N.'S SIXTH COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A CONFERENCE TO DEFINE TERRORISM.

5. WE REMAIN CONVINCED THAT WE, ALONG WITH OTHERS, MUST WORK TOGETHER TO DENY LIBYA THE MEANS TO PURSUE THESE OBJECTIONABLE POLICIES. WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING MORE FROM YOU ABOUT THIS SEIZURE, AND WOULD WELCOME ANY THOUGHTS YOU MAY HAVE ON FURTHER FOLLOWUP STEPS. END. QUOTE.

6. IN PRESENTING THE ABOVE LETTER, YOU SHOULD DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPACT THIS SEIZURE MAY HAVE ON LIBYA'S ROLE IN THE CHAIR OF THE U.N.'S SIXTH COMMITTEE.

GIVEN THIS RECENT INCIDENT, IT IS ENTIRELY INAPPROPRIATE FOR LIBYA TO CONTINUE TO CHAIR THE U.N. SIXTH COMMITTEE WHICH HAS JURISDICTION OVER THE CURRENT
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U.N. DEBATE ON INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.

" IT IS VITAL TO THE U.N.'S CREDIBILITY AS A FORUM TO DEAL WITH INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM THAT THESE IMPORTANT DELIBERATIONS NOT BE CHAIRED BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF A STATE WHICH ACTIVELY SUPPORTS INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.

- EVEN THOUGH WE UNDERSTAND THAT LIBYA WILL RELINQUISH ITS CHAIR AUTOMATICALLY AT THE END OF THE CURRENT UNGA SESSION, WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT TO MAKE THIS GESTURE NOW TO UNDERLINE OUR CONCERN.

- THIS INCIDENT EXPOSES LIBYA'S HYPOCRITICAL ROLE: ON ONE HAND IT IS CAUGHT REDHANDED SHIPPING A LARGE CACHE OF ARMS TO TERRORISTS WHILE, ON THE OTHER HAND, IT IS LEADING AN EFFORT TO CONVENE A UN CONFERENCE TO DEFINE TERRORISM.

7. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS USED ON NOVEMBER 6 BY THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESPERSON (REF B):

BEGIN TEXT: WE CONGRATULATE THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT FOR ITS SEIZURE LAST WEEKEND OF A SIZABLE QUANTITY OF ARMS BOUND FOR THE IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY (IRA). THIS SHIPMENT, WHICH ORIGINATED IN TRIPOLI, INVOLVED MORE THAN 150 TONS OF LETHAL ARMS AND WAS THE LARGEST TERRORIST ARMS SHIPMENT EVER INTERCEPTED.

E CONDEMN IN THE STRONGEST TERMS THIS LATEST EXAMPLE OF STATE-SUPPORTED TERRORISM BY LIBYA. THIS SHIPMENT WAS DESTINED TO SUPPORT FURTHER TERRORIST VIOLENCE BY THE IRA. WE CAN ONLY DEPLORE AGAIN THIS LATEST IN A LONG

LINE OF EXAMPLES OF LIBYA'S DISREGARD FOR ACCEPTED
INTERNATIONAL VALUES AND NORMS. LIBYA'S BEHAVIOR SHOULD
BE CONDEMNED BY ALL CIVILIZED NATIONS. WE NOTE THAT AT
THE SAME TIME LIBYA IS ENGAGING IN SUCH BLATANT TERRORIST
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ACTIVITIES, THE QADHAFI REGIME SEEKS TO PROMOTE A
RESOLUTION AT THE U.N. CALLING FOR AN INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE TO DEFINE TERRORISM. WE CALL ON ALL FOES OF
TERRORISM TO MAKE CLEAR THEIR OUTRAGE FOR THIS LATEST
EXAMPLE OF STATE-SUPPORTED TERRORISM AND WORK TO DENY
LIBYA THE MEANS TO PURSUE ITS POLICIES. END TEXT.
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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON RELATIONS WITH LIBYA

REF: A) STATE 184821, B) 87 DUBLIN 5403

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2. SUMMARY. BECAUSE OF EKSUND AFFAIR, IRISH ARE
DISINCLINED TO ANY LOOSENING OF EC SANCTIONS AGAINST
LIBYA. POSTPONED IRISH TRADE MISSION TO LIBYA (REF B)
IS UNLIKELY TO BE RESCHEDULED SOON. END SUMMARY.

3. WE MADE POINTS REFTTEL TO IRISH POLDIR MURPHY WHO
SAID HE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY FORMAL PROPOSAL IN EPC FOR A
RACHETING DOWN OF THE APRIL 86 EC SANCTIONS. HE WAS
AWARE, HOWEVER, OF A GERMAN DESIRE TO ENHANCE DIALOGUE
WITH TRIPOLI BUT DID NOT BELIEVE THERE WOULD BE ANY
CHANGES IN THE FORMAL EC SANCTIONS. THAT WOULD REQUIRE
A DECISION OF THE EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

4. ON THE BILATERAL FRONT, MURPHY UNDERLINED THE
IMPORTANCE OF THE EKSUND AFFAIR ON IRISH THINKING. FOR
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IRELAND, ANY RELAXATION OF CURRENT RESTRICTIONS WOULD BE
UNTHINKABLE, HE SAID, UNTIL THE RESULTS OF THE FRENCH
JUDICIAL INQUIRY ARE KNOWN. NOT ONLY IS RELAXATION OUT
OF THE QUESTION ON THE MERITS, MURPHY SAID, BUT ALSO
BECAUSE IT WOULD BE AN IRRITANT IN THE ALREADY CHAFED
ANGLO-IRISH RELATIONSHIP.

5. MURPHY CONFIRMED THAT MORE STRICT VISA PROCEDURES
REMAIN IN EFFECT AND THAT RECENTLY, THE DEPARTMENT OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAD RECOMMENDED AGAINST GRANTING 10

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VISAS TO A GROUP OF ALLEGED LIBYAN "STUDENTS" ON THE GROUNDS THEY WERE MEMBERS OF THE LIBYAN MILITARY. WHILE NO DECISION ON THE CASE HAS BEEN MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, MURPHY EXPECTS THE VISAS WILL BE DENIED.

6. MURPHY ALSO CONFIRMED THAT THERE IS NO THOUGHT BEING GIVEN TO RESCHEDULING THE TRADE MISSION POSTPONED AT THE TIME OF THE EKSUND SEIZURE.

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SUBJECT: LIBYAN ARMS FOR IRA TERRORISTS

REF: A. PARIS 51191, B. PARIS 48493

1. SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. POLOFF MET ON JANUARY 14 WITH JEAN-LOUIS BRUGUIERE,
THE PARIS INVESTIGATING MAGISTRATE HANDLING THE CASE OF
THE LIBYAN ARMS SHIPMENT FOR THE IRA INTERCEPTED BY THE
FRENCH LAST NOVEMBER. PER REF A, POLOFF AGAIN ASKED
BRUGUIERE IF AN INFORMAL INSPECTION OF THE SEIZED
WEAPONS WOULD BE POSSIBLE. THE MAGISTRATE RESPONDED
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THAT HE HAD TRIED TO ARRANGE A VISIT, BUT A NEW
COMPLICATION HAS MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE PRESENT.
THE FRENCH MILITARY, ARGUING THAT THE SHIPMENT INCLUDES
VOLATILE EXPLOSIVES AND SENSITIVE WEAPONS SUCH AS SA-7
MISSILES, HAS OBTAINED AUTHORIZATION TO STORE AND
OVERSEE THE WEAPONS. THE ENTIRE SHIPMENT IS NOW LOCATED
IN A RESTRICTED AREA OF A FRENCH NAVAL ARSENAL WAREHOUSE
IN BREST.

3. ACCORDING TO BRUGUIERE, THIS RESTRICTED AREA

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CONTAINS SENSITIVE FRENCH MILITARY SUPPLIES SUCH AS EXOCET MISSILES AND EVEN, HE BELIEVED, EQUIPMENT RELATED TO THE FRENCH NUCLEAR ARSENAL. THE RESTRICTED AREA IS THEREFORE OFF-LIMITS TO FOREIGNERS. BRUGUIERE LAMENTED THAT EVEN HE IS HAVING TROUBLE GETTING ACCESS TO THE SHIPMENT, DESPITE THE FACT THAT HE IS THE MAGISTRATE IN CHARGE OF THE INVESTIGATION. HE COMPLAINED THAT THIS MILITARY "INTERFERENCE" HAS HAMPERED AND DELAYED HIS INVESTIGATION TO THE POINT WHERE THE FINAL INVENTORY OF THE LIBYAN-SUPPLIED ARMS, MUNITIONS, AND EXPLOSIVES HAS NOT YET BEEN COMPLETED (REF B CONTAINS A PARTIAL INVENTORY). BRUGUIERE HAS ORDERED A SERIES OF DETAILED ANALYSES--INCLUDING MICROPHOTOGRAPHY AIMED AT DETECTING FACTORY MARKINGS--THAT SHOULD ENABLE THE WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES TO BE TRACED TO THEIR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN EVEN THOUGH MOST OF THE SERIAL NUMBERS HAVE BEEN FILED OFF. HE DOES NOT EXPECT THESE ANALYSES TO BE COMPLETED FOR MANY MONTHS.

4. BRUGUIERE COMMENTED THAT BOTH HE AND THE FRENCH MILITARY SPECIALISTS AGREE THAT, CONTRARY TO THE CLAIMS OF THE CREW MEMBERS, THE SHIPMENT COULD NOT POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN UNLOADED ON TO SMALL FISHING VESSELS OFF THE
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IRISH COAST. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE HYDRAULIC CRANE ON BOARD THE EKSUND II WAS BROKEN AND THAT IT TOOK FRENCH AUTHORITIES SEVERAL DAYS TO UNLOAD THE NEARLY 200 TONS OF CRATES THAT HAD BEEN LITERALLY DUMPED INTO THE SHIP'S HOLD. SUCH AN OPERATION, IN HIS VIEW, WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE AT SEA IN DARKNESS WITHOUT HEAVY LIFTING EQUIPMENT. BRUGUIERE IS CONVINCED THAT THE LIBYAN ARMS WERE TO BE UNLOADED AT SOME PORT, PROBABLY NOT IN THE U.K. OR IRELAND. HE DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER THE CREW MEMBERS WERE LYING OR SIMPLY HAD NOT YET BEEN INFORMED BY RADIO OF THE FINAL DESTINATION WHERE THE SHIP WAS TO DISCHARGE ITS CARGO. RODGERS##

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SUBJECT: THE EKSUND AFFAIR

1. ACTION REQUEST: SEE PARAGRAPH 4.

2. (U) THE "EKSUND AFFAIR WAS RECENTLY RAISED IN THE IRISH PARLIAMENT BY THE OPPOSITION SPOKESMAN ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS WHO REFERRED TO A "REPORT STATING THAT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HAS CONCLUSIVE PROOF THAT THE SHIPMENT CAPTURED ON THE EKSUND CAME FROM LIBYA." THE IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER'S REPLY FOLLOWS:

" I ASSUME THAT THE DEPUTY IS REFERRING TO A STATE DEPARTMENT REPORT OR FACT SHEET OF 7 JANUARY 1989 WHICH STATED THAT THERE IS CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE THAT THE EKSUND SHIPMENT ORIGINATED IN LIBYA.

WE ASKED THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES THROUGH OUR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON IF THE REPORTED EVIDENCE COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE US AUTHORITIES IN REPLY POINTED TO THE CASE WHICH IS AT PRESENT BEFORE THE FRENCH COURTS. AS THE DEPUTY WILL APPRECIATE, IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES TO COMMENT FURTHER

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ON THE MATTER.

I WOULD REMIND THE DEPUTY THAT MY COLLEAGUE THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE SAID IN THE DAIL ON 14 DECEMBER 1988 THAT THE GARDAI ARE CARRYING OUT INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE SOURCE OF THE ARMS FOUND ON THE EKSUND AND THESE INVESTIGATIONS ARE STILL ONGOING."

3. (U) SUPPLEMENTARY QUISTIONING REVEALED THAT THE IRISH OFFICIAL POSITION IS THAT, AS THIS IS A MATTER CURRENTLY

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BEFORE THE FRENCH COURTS, IT IS UP TO THE FRENCH
AUTHORITIES TO COMMENT ON OR NOT. THE IRISH STATE THAT
THIS IS ALSO THE VIEW OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

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4. (LOU) WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED BY THE
DEPARTMENT AS TO WHAT THE IRISH EMBASSY ASKED FOR
AND WHAT THEY WERE TOLD.
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TAGS: PTER, EI
SUBJECT: BACKGROUND ON LIBYAN TERRORISM

REF: 87 STATE 369993

(C) WE CONTINUE TO RECEIVE REQUEST FOR BACKGROUND
ON LIBYAN TERRORIST ACTIVITIES FROM OPPOSITION
PARTIES TRYING TO MAINTAIN PRESSURE ON THE
GOVERNMENT TO BREAK RELATIONS WITH THE QADHAFI
REGIME OVER ITS SUPPORT FOR THE PIRA. IF A REVISION
(REFTEL) OF CURRENT GLOBAL TRENDS IS NOT FORTHCOMING
SOON (OR EVEN IF IT IS) IS THERE SOMETHING MORE
EXTENSIVE AVAILABLE "OFF THE SHELF" WE COULD
PASS TO SYMPATHETIC DEPUTIES?

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- CARIBBEAN SEPARATISTS

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2. SUMMARY: GOF TERRORISM JUDGE JEAN-LOUIS BRUGUIERE
IS MAKING PROGRESS INTO THE INVESTIGATION OF THE
ESKUND, THE SHIP STOCKED WITH LIBYAN-SUPPLIED ARMS
DESTINED FOR THE IRA THAT WAS SEIZED BY FRANCE LAST
YEAR. HE THINKS HE WILL SOON ISSUE AN INTERNATIONAL
ARREST WARRANT AGAINST A COLONEL IN THE LIBYAN
INTELLIGENCE SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH THE CASE. HE
IS ALSO INVESTIGATING THE ARC--THE NOW APPARENTLY
DEFUNCT GUADELOUPE-BASED CARIBBEAN TERRORIST

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GROUP--AND ITS POSSIBLE CUBAN CONNECTIONS. BRUGUIERE REQUESTED USG INFORMATION ON BOTH OF THESE CASES. END SUMMARY.

3. THIS IS AN ACTION MESSAGE - SEE PARAPGRAPH 9.

4. POLOFF RECENTLY SPOKEN WITH FRENCH JUGE D'INSTRUCTION FOR TERRORIST CASES JEAN-LOUIS BRUGUIERE (PROTECT). BRUGUIERE HAD JUST RETURNED FROM A TRIP TO ATHENS WITH GOF COUNTER-TERRORISM PROSECUTOR ALAIN MARSAUD TO INVESTIGATE THE JULY ATTACK BY THE ABU NIDAL GROUP ON THE "CITY OF POROS." HE PREFERRED TO DEFER DETAILED DISCUSSION OF THE CITY OF POROS INVESTIGATION UNTIL HE HAD ORDERED HIS NOTES, BUT WAS EAGER TO TALK ABOUT TWO OTHER ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS: THE EKSUND AFFAIR AND THE PROSECUTION OF FRENCH CARIBBEAN TERRORISTS.

PROGRESS IN THE EKSUND AFFAIR

5. BRUGUIERE SAID THAT HE WAS NEARING THE END OF HIS INVESTIGATION INTO THE EKSUND, THE SHIP--LOADED WITH SECRET

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LIBYAN-SUPPLIED ARMS, MUNITIONS, AND SUPPLIES DESTINED FOR THE IRA--THAT FRENCH AUTHORITIES SIEZED LAST NOVEMBER. BRUGUIERE EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD DEVOTED MOST OF HIS EFFORTS TO ESTABLISHING EXACTLY WHO IN THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT WAS BEHIND THE SHIPMENT. HE HAS IDENTIFIED A CERTAIN NASIR MEHDI ASHUR (ALIAS NASER) AS THE CHIEF CULPRIT. BRUGUIERE CLAIMED THAT HE HAS "INCONTROVERTIBLE" PROOF THAT ASHUR WAS "INTIMATELY INVOLVED" IN THE OPERATION, TO THE POINT OF DIRECTING THE LOADING OF THE ARMS ONTO THE EKSUND. ACCORDING TO BRUGUIERE, ASHUR WAS ONE OF THE STAFFERS OF THE LIBYAN PEOPLE'S BUREAU IN LONDON WHO WERE EXPELLED AFTER THE SHOOT-OUT IN THE EARLY 1980S. HE IS SUPPOSEDLY A MEMBER OF THE LIBYAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE WITH THE RANK OF COLONEL. BRUGUIERE BELIEVES HE IS CURRENTLY IN TRIPOLI. THE JUDGE REMARKED THAT CURRENTLY HE COULD NOT TRACE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SHIPMENT BEYOND ASHUR, BUT HE DID NOT EXCLUDE GOING EVEN HIGHER INTO THE LIBYAN HIERARCHY AT A LATER DATE.

6. BRUGUIERE SAID HE PLANS TO ISSUE AN INTERNATIONAL ARREST WARRANT FOR ASHUR BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. HE ADDED THAT IN THE PRE-TRIAL STAGE THE JUGE D'INSTRUCTION HAS BASICALLY A FREE HAND TO ISSUE SUCH WARRANTS, PROVIDED HE CAN CONVINCE THE STATE PROSECUTOR (IN THIS CASE MARSAUD'S OFFICE) THAT HE HAS SUFFICIENT LEGAL GROUNDS. BRUGUIERE ASSURED POLOFF

THAT THE WARRANT WOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO INTERPOL. HE
THOUGHT THAT THE ACTUAL TRIAL OF THE IRA PRISONERS IN
FRENCH JAILS WOULD BEGIN AT THE VERY EARLIEST IN THE
LATE SPRING OF NEXT YEAR.

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7. THE JUDGE ALSO SAID HE IS PUTTING THE FINISHING
TOUCHES ON THE ARC (CARIBBEAN REVOLUTIONARY ALLIANCE)
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DOSSIER. THE 15 OR SO ARC TERRORISTS--RESPONSIBLE FOR
A SERIES OF BOMBINGS IN GUADELOUPE IN 1986--ARE
CURRENTLY IN FRENCH JAILS; BRUGUIERE THINKS THAT THE
GROUP ITSELF IS COMPLETELY MORIBUND. BRUGUIERE IS

INTERESTED IN PURSUING THE ARC'S FOREIGN CONNECTIONS BUT SO FAR HAS ONLY TURNED UP ONE POSSIBLE FOREIGN LEAD: MEMBER GABRIEL BOURGIGNON TRAVELED SEVERAL TIMES TO CUBA IN THE EARLY 1980S. THE TRIAL IS SLATED FOR SOMETIME NEXT YEAR.

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8. BRUGUIERE'S INVESTIGATIONS TEND TO BE THOROUGH ALMOST TO A FAULT--HE HAS BEEN WORKING ON THE RUE DES ROSIERS MASSACRE SINCE 1982. WE SUSPECT THAT MOST OF THE DEADLINES HE MENTIONED WILL SLIP, AND THAT HE WILL PROBABLY NOT ISSUE THE INTERNATIONAL ARREST WARRANT FOR ASHUR THIS YEAR. NEVERTHELESS, BRUGUIERE IS A TENACIOUS INVESTIGATOR WITH NEARLY A DECADE OF EXPERIENCE ON TERRORIST CASES WHO IS DETERMINED TO TRACK DOWN EVERY LEAD AND PROSECUTE WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

9. ACTION REQUESTED: BRUGUIERE ASKED POLOFF WHETHER WE COULD PROVIDE ANY BIOGRAPHICAL BACKGROUND ON ASHUR AND ANY INSIGHTS INTO HIS ROLE WITHIN THE LIBYAN SERVICES/GOVERNMENT. HE ALSO ASKED IF WE HAD ANY INFORMATION REGARDING CUBAN SUPPORT FOR CARIBBEAN RADICAL GROUPS, ESPECIALLY THE ARC. BRUGUIERE HAS BEEN A VALUABLE CONTACT OF THE EMBASSY WHO HAS SUPPLIED US WITH IMPORTANT INFORMATION IN THE PAST. POLOFF WILL BE MEETING WITH HIM IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS TO DISCUSS THE "CITY OF POROS" INVESTIGATION AND WOULD
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LIKE, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, TO GIVE HIM (ORALLY) AT LEAST AN INITIAL RESPONSE. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.
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SUBJECT: LIBYAN CHEMICAL WEAPONS FACILITY

REF: A. STATE 264265, B. DUBLIN 5088

1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT

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2. THE IRISH FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS ADVISED US THAT THEY
HAVE NOW RECEIVED AN INVITATION TO THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION IN TRIPOLI. HOWEVER, THEY STILL DO NOT/NOT
INTEND TO ATTEND.

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3. STEPHEN MCCARTHY, AN INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS OFFICER IN
THE IRISH CONGRESS OF TRADE UNIONS (ICTU) IS THE ONLY
TRADE UNION REPRESENTATIVE FROM IRELAND PLANNING TO ATTEND
THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. WE CONTACTED MCCARTHY AND
EXPLAINED U.S. CONCERNS WITH REGARD TO THE RABTA FACILITY
AND POSSIBLE LIBYAN EFFORTS TO GAIN INTERNATIONAL
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CREDIBILITY FOR ITS CLAIMS THAT THE FACILITY IS A
PHARMACEUTICAL PLANT. MCCARTHY SAID THAT HE HAD NO/NO
INTENTION OF HAVING ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE RABTA FACILITY
AND WOULD DECLINE ANY INVITATION CONNECTED WITH IT.

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SUBJECT: IRISH EMBASSY INQUIRY ON EKSUND AFFAIR

REF: DUBLIN 1510

1. (C) ON FEBRUARY 16 AN IRISH EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER ASKED THE DEPARTMENT FOR INFORMATION TO SUPPORT THE STATEMENTS IN THE JANUARY 1989 DEPARTMENT FACT SHEET ON LIBYA THAT ARMS FROM LIBYA INTENDED FOR THE PIRA WERE SEIZED ON THE "EKSUND". THE EMBASSY ASKED FOR THE INFORMATION TO ASSIST THE GOI IN RESPONDING TO A PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION REQUESTING THE EVIDENCE.
2. (C) THE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED THAT THE MATTER IS CURRENTLY BEFORE A FRENCH COURT AND SUGGESTED THAT ALL INQUIRIES ABOUT EVIDENCE BE DIRECTED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE.

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3. (S) FYI: DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT THE GOI HAS RECEIVED THE SAME INFORMATION REGARDING THE "EKSUND" AS WE HAVE RECEIVED. BAKER

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2. WE MADE POINTS REFTEL TO DFA FIRST SECRETARY BRADY
AUGUST 22 AND FOLLOWED UP WITH ACTING POLITICAL DIRECTOR
MAC UNFRAIDH ON AUGUST 24. MAC UNFRAIDH SAID IRISH
GOVERNMENT HAD NOT BEEN INVITED TO THE SEPTEMBER 1
20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN TRIPOLI AND, IF
INVITED WOULD NOT ATTEND. LIBYANS HAD, HOWEVER, INVITED
THE IRISH SENATE AND THE IRISH TRADE UNION MOVEMENT TO
SEND DELEGATIONS. THE SENATE, ACTING ON THE ADVICE
OF THE DFA DECLINED THE INVITATION BUT A TRADE UNION
DELEGATION IS PLANNING TO ATTEND.

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3. WE WILL PRESENT POINTS IN REFTEL ON RABTA TO TRADE
UNIONISTS BEFORE THEIR DEPARTURE FOR TRIPOLI.

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SUBJECT: LIBYA AND THE IRA

1. SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND TOM KING ISSUED A STATEMENT APRIL 19 AGREEING WITH LIBYAN LEADER MOAMAR QUADDAFI'S BOAST LIBYA IS SUSTAINING THE IRA. AS EVIDENCE, KING PRESENTED THE 1973 INTERCEPTION OFF THE COAST OF IRELAND OF THE SHIP CLAUDIA CARRYING "250 RIFLES, 240 PISTOLS, ANTI-TANK MINES AND EXPLOSIVES ...ACTUALLY LOADED ON THE SHIP BY LIBYAN SOLDIERS IN TRIPOLI FOR THEIR JOURNEY TO THEIR TERRORIST PARTNERS IN THE IRA." KING WENT ON TO DESCRIBE THE SEIZURE IN JANUARY 1986 OF "THE LARGEST ARMS FIND EVER IN IRELAND INCLUDED NEARLY 100 LIBYAN TYPE KALASHNIKOV RIFLES AND TENS OF THOUSANDS OF ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN BOXES MARKED "LIBYAN ARMED FORCES".

2. THE SUNDAY TIMES ALABORATED ON THE KING STATEMENT. IN A HEADLINED ARTICLE, CORRESPONDENT CHRIS RYDER CLAIMED THE IRA HAD BEEN GIVEN "AT LEAST 2 MILLION POUNDS STERLING IN CASH AND BULLION BY LIBYAN AGENTS IN EUROPE." HE CLAIMED "SECURITY FORCES THROUGHOUT EUROPE ARE LOOKING FOR A 35 YEAR OLD BELFAST MAN WHO IS THE CENTRAL CONTACT BETWEEN THE IRA AND THE LIBYANS"

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AND ONE OF THE ORGANIZATION'S "MOST PERSISTENT AND PROFESSIONAL PROCURERS OF MONEY, ARMS AND EXPLOSIVES" WHO "LIAISES DIRECTLY WITH THE IRA'S SO-CALLED DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, AN ELDERLY BELFAST MAN NOW RESIDENT IN DUBLIN WHO IS KNOWN TO HAVE VISITED LIBYA HIMSELF."

3. RYDER STATED "SMALL NUMBERS OF IRA TERRORISTS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN TRAINED IN LIBYA" PARTICULARLY IN "HOW TO MAKE REMOTE-CONTROLLED AND RADIO CONTROLLED DEVICES USING MICRO-ELECTRONICS TO CAUSE EXPLOSIONS" AND MORTARING, ESPECIALLY

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LONG RANGE MORTARING. HE ALSO CHARGED LIBYAN MONEY HAD BEEN USED BY SINN FEIN TO FIGHT ELECTIONS IN 1982 FOR THE NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY, IN 1983 TO FINANCE THE SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN OF SINN FEIN LEADER GERRY ADAMS FOR A WESTMINSTER SEAT, AND TO OPERATE 30 SINN FEIN ADVICE CENTERS ACROSS THE PROVINCE.

4. RYDER DID NOT GIVE THE NAME OF THE WANTED PIRA MAN BUT DESCRIBED HIM AS HAVING JOINED PIRA IN 1970 BEEN INTERNED IN 1972, JAILED IN 1973 FOR NINE YEARS ON AN EXPLOSIVES CHARGE, ESCAPED BRIEFLY FROM THE MAZE, AND EVENTUALLY RELEASED IN 1978. SINCE THAT TIME, ACCORDING TO RYDER, HE HAS BEEN PICKED UP BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT SUSPICIOUS OF HIS ARAB CONNECTIONS AND INTERCEPTED AT THE CANADIAN BORDER IN 1982 WHILE TRYING TO ENTER THE U.S. ILLEGALLY "CARRYING 30,000 POUNDS STERLING AND DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE SUPPLY OF REMOTE CONTROLLED MODEL AIRCRAFT WHICH COULD CARRY A PAYLOAD UP TO 25 LBS."

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SUBJECT: REACTION TO U.S. ATTACK ON LIBYA

REFS: (A) 85 DUBLIN 3517; (B) 85 DUBLIN 4189

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2. ABOUT 200 PEOPLE DEMONSTRATED IN FRONT OF THE EMBASSY ON APRIL 19 FROM 1630 - 1700 HOURS. THEY WERE MOSTLY LIBYAN STUDENTS, PLUS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SINN FEIN, IRISH COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF DUBLIN STUDENT UNION. THE DEMONSTRATION WAS ORDERLY AND THERE WAS ADEQUATE POLICE PROTECTION.

3. LOCAL POLICE HAVE ADVISED THAT A MEMBER OF THE "REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE GROUP" (REFTELS) IS OCCUPYING A HOUSE DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE EMBASSY. LOCAL AUTHORITIES HAVE THE HOUSE UNDER SURVEILLANCE AND MAY
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SEARCH THE RESIDENCE.

4. ACCORDING TO APRIL 20 PRESS STORIES, THE IRISH BRANCH OF THE LIBYAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION ISSUED A STATEMENT BEFORE LAST WEEK'S AIR STRIKES PLEDGING THEIR READINESS TO RETURN TO LIBYA TO JOIN IN SUICIDE MISSIONS TO PROTECT LIBYAN SOVEREIGNTY AND FREEDOM. ONE STUDENT, SHAMSI SAGAER, IS REPORTED TO HAVE LEFT DUBLIN FOR THE FUNERAL OF HIS FATHER, KILLED NEAR THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN TRIPOLI DURING APRIL 14 BOMBING. LEADER OF LOCAL

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STUDENTS IS ONE ABDUL SHARIF, AGE 27, ALSO SAID TO SIT ON DUBLIN FRIENDS OF PALESTINE COMMITTEE.

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5. ANOTHER REPORT INDICATES THAT 100 OF 300 LIBYAN STUDENTS IN IRELAND ARE IN TRAINING AT DUBLIN AIRPORT AS AIRCRAFT TECHNICIANS. AIRPORT SECURITY OFFICIALS HAVE EXPLAINED THAT THE STUDENTS HAVE NO ACCESS TO THE AIRFIELD "EXCEPT IN SMALL GROUPS AND UNDER CLOSE SUPERVISION." WE ARE SEEKING DETAILS.

6. THE EMBASSY REMAINS IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH POLICE AND IN HIGH STATE OF ALERT.

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TAGS: PTER, PREL, EI, LY
SUBJECT: LIBYAN TRAINEES AT DUBLIN AIRPORT

REF: DUBLIN 1638

1. (U) MAY 19 "INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE" CARRIED
INSIDE-PAGE STORY BY DUBLIN STRINGER ROBERT O'CONNOR
TITLED "IRISH AIRLINE IS TRAINING 108 LIBYANS." ARTICLE
CLAIMS LIBYANS ARE BEING TRAINED AS MECHANICS AND NOTES
(BY CONTRAST) THAT UK HAS TAKEN STEPS TO HALT SUCH
TRAINING FOR 300 PILOTS AND MECHANICS.

2. (C) AS REPORTED REFTTEL, THESE TRAINEES ARE AMONG
THE 300-ODD TOTAL LIBYAN STUDENTS IN IRELAND. IRISH
AIRPORT SOURCES TELL US THE AER LINGUS LIBYAN TRAINEES
ARE STUDYING ICAO LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AND GENERAL
AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, THAT THEY ARE CLOSELY WATCHED
AT THE AIRPORT, AND AT NO TIME ARE THEY PERMITTED ACCESS
TO THE RAMP OR BAGGAGE AREA UNESCORTED.

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SUBJECT: GOI TO PROTEST REPORTS OF LIBYAN SUPPORT FOR
- IRA

1. IN A STATEMENT TO THE IRISH PARLIAMENT (DAIL) ON JUNE 18, IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER BARRY SAID THAT THE IRISH AMBASSADOR IN ROME WILL BE ASKED TO VISIT TRIPOLI AND EXPRESS THE GOI'S GRAVE CONCERN ABOUT ANY SUPPORT OR RENEWAL OF SUPPORT BY LIBYA FOR THE PROVISIONAL IRA. ACTION IS BEING TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO PRESS REPORTS THAT LIBYA DEPUTY LEADER JALLOUD TOLD VISITING FRG MEP'S LAST WEEKEND THAT LIBYA PLANNED TO RESUME AID TO THE IRA BECAUSE OF BRITISH COOPERATION IN THE U.S. RAID ON TRIPOLI. BARRY STATED THE GOI IS SATISFIED THAT THESE REPORTS ACCURATELY REFLECT WHAT JALLOUD SAID.
2. BARRY SAID FURTHER THAT THE IRISH AMBASSADOR WOULD GIVE EXAMPLES OF IRA TERRORIST ACTS AND MAKE IT CLEAR THAT SUPPORT FOR THE IRA WOULD BE CONSIDERED UNFRIENDLY, AND THAT NO COUNTRY SUPPORTING TERRORISM COULD EXPECT TO HAVE NORMAL RELATIONS WITH THE EEC.

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3. DEPUTIES FOR THREE POLITICAL PARTIES, LABOR, PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS, AND THE WORKERS PARTY WERE QUOTED AS FAVORING SANCTIONS OR OTHER ACTIONS AGAINST LIBYA IF IT SUPPORTED THE IRA. A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MAIN OPPOSITION PARTY, FIANNA FAIL, SAID HE WAS OPPOSED TO SANCTIONS, BUT CONCERNED AND DISAPPOINTED BY THE REPORTS.

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2. U.S. AGENCIES RELY ON FOREIGN SOURCES, PRIMARILY
BRITISH, FOR INFORMATION ABOUT PIRA ACTIVITIES. WE DO NOT
HAVE ANY FURTHER OFFICIAL INFORMATION ABOUT RECENT BRITISH
OR IRISH GOVERNMENT STATEMENTS ABOUT PIRA-LIBYA TIES OR,
SPECIFICALLY, ABOUT THE JANUARY 1986 SLIGO ARMS FIND.

3. ONE SOURCE HAS CONFIRMED, HOWEVER, THAT THE AMMUNITION
FOUND IN THE SLIGO ARMS CACHE HAD LIBYAN MARKINGS. THE
SOURCE COMMENTED THAT THE MARKINGS WERE NOT CONCLUSIVE
EVIDENCE OF LIBYAN INVOLVEMENT. THERE HAVE BEEN SITUATIONS
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WHEN ITEMS MARKED BY EASTERN EUROPEAN ARMS MANUFACTURERS
FOR THE ARMED FORCES OF ONE NATION HAVE NOT BEEN SOLD TO
THE DESIGNATED BUYER, BUT WERE SOLD TO OTHER PURCHASERS
WITHOUT BOTHERING TO CHANGE THE MARKINGS. SHULTZ

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EXPRESSES OUTRAGE.

1. IN A TV INTERVIEW WITH THE IRISH BROADCAST
COMPANY SHOWN HERE OCTOBER 28, COLONEL QADHAFI
STATED HIS SUPPORT FOR THE CAUSE OF "LIBERATING"
NORTHERN IRELAND FROM "COLONIAL" BRITISH
PRESENCE AND URGED THE YOUTH OF IRELAND,
NORTH AND SOUTH, TO TAKE PART IN THE STRUGGLE
FOR THIS OBJECTIVE. ASKED IF LIBYA HAD SUPPLIED
ARMS AND CASH FOR THE IRA, QADHAFI RESPONDED
"I HAVE NOT SAID THAT, BUT WE ARE OBLIGED TO
SUPPORT THE NORTHERN IRISH CAUSE."

2. QADHAFI ALSO EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR IRISH
OPPOSITION LEADER CHARLES HAUGHEY, SAYING HE
CONSIDERED HAUGHEY A FRIEND WHO WOULD BE
BENEFICIAL TO IRELAND AND STRENGTHEN RELATIONS
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WITH LIBYA AND THE ARAB WORLD.

3. IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER BARRY WAS QUICK
TO EXPRESS THE GOI'S DISPLEASURE AT QADHAFI'S
REMARKS, ISSUING THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

QUOTE

THE IRISH PEOPLE UPHOLD DEMOCRATIC VALUES
AND STAND BY OUR DEMOCRATIC WAY OF LIFE.

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THE IRISH PEOPLE HAVE REJECTED VIOLENCE AS
A MEANS OF SOLVING THE NATIONAL PROBLEM
OF NORTHERN IRELAND.

TONIGHT, COLONEL QADHAFI CALLED ON YOUNG
PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY, NORTH AND SOUTH
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THEIR DEMOCRACY. I CONSIDER COLONEL
QADHAFI'S STATEMENTS AS AN OUTRAGEOUS
INTRUSION INTO THE AFFAIRS OF THIS
COUNTRY.

WE WISH TO HAVE NORMAL RELATIONS WITH THE
LIBYAN PEOPLE BUT THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE AS LONG
AS THE LEADERSHIP OF LIBYA SEEKS TO BRING
DOWN THE DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS OF THIS
STATE.

END QUOTE.

4. SUBSEQUENTLY, INDUSTRY MINISTER NOONAN
CALLED UPON HAUGHEY TO "CLARIFY THE SITUATION"
TO ALLEVIATE CONCERNS THAT QADHAFI'S STATEMENT
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COULD RAISE IN THE MINDS OF POTENTIAL U.S.
INVESTORS IN IRELAND.

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SUBJECT: IRELAND TO PHASE OUT LIBYAN TRAINING PROGRAMS

1. (U) THE IRISH GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO BAN ANY NEW TRAINING OR EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR LIBYANS IN IRELAND. THE BAR ON NEW PROGRAMS WILL NOT AFFECT COMPLETION OF EXISTING COURSES BY THE SOME 300 LIBYAN STUDENTS HERE. (THERE IS NO "OFFICIAL" LIBYAN PRESENCE IN IRELAND IN THE FORM OF A PEOPLES' BUREAU). IN ADDITION, VISA REQUIREMENTS WILL BE TIGHTENED AND CENTRALIZED UNDER DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CONTROL FOR INDIVIDUAL ENTRANTS IN FUTURE. THE MOVE HAS BEEN EXPLAINED AS A RESPONSE TO PRO-IRA STATEMENTS BY LIBYAN OFFICIALS EARLIER THIS YEAR. IRISH MEDIA ALSO REPORT THAT QADHAFI HAS REAFFIRMED SUPPORT FOR THE IRA AT THE HARARE NAM SUMMIT.
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2. (C) DFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR P. MURPHY TOLD DCM THAT THE GOI DECIDED IN JULY TO PHASE OUT THE TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR LIBYAN STUDENTS AND IT COULD BE EXPECTED THAT THE NUMBER LIVING IN IRELAND WOULD GRADUALLY DECLINE TO ZERO AS PRESENT TRAINEES FINISHED THEIR COURSES. HE SAID THE ACTION WAS TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO THE UNWILLINGNESS OF THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT, AFTER TWO REQUESTS, TO GIVE WRITTEN ASSURANCES

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THAT IT WOULD NOT SUPPORT THE IRA. THOSE HAD BEEN SOUGHT AFTER JALLOUD'S STATEMENT TO GERMAN PARLIAMENTARIANS IN JUNE WHICH WENT IN THE CONTRARY DIRECTION (DUBLIN 2496).

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3. (C) MURPHY NOTED THAT THE GOI HAD WANTED TO EXPEL 4 OR 5 STUDENTS AS AN EXAMPLE BUT HAD BEEN UNABLE TO FIND A LEGAL GROUND FOR DOING SO. THE PHASING OUT OF TRAINING PROGRAMS WOULD BE COSTLY TO SOME FIRMS, ESPECIALLY AER LINGUS, AND MANY COMPLAINTS HAD ALREADY BEEN RECEIVED, BUT THE GOI INTENDED TO BE VERY FIRM IN VIEW OF THE ISSUE (IRA SUPPORT) INVOLVED. (THE PROGRAM AT DUBLIN AIRPORT, INVOLVING 105 STUDENTS, IS REPORTEDLY WORTH OVER DOLLARS 400,000.)

4. (C) COMMENT: IN ADDITION TO DIRECT LOSSES, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT IRISH MEAT EXPORT CONTRACTS WITH LIBYA COULD BE AFFECTED BY THE GOI'S ACTION. (LOCAL EXPORTERS RECENTLY ANNOUNCED A NEW 150 MILLION IRISH POUND DEAL WITH LIBYA.) IT SEEMS CLEAR THE GOI HAS BEEN WILLING TO DRASTICALLY REDUCE ITS ALREADY VERY LIMITED

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TIES WITH LIBYA TO MAKE CLEAR ITS DISPLEASURE AT LIBYAN BEHAVIOR.

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ARTICLE WRITTEN BY DAVID
MCKITTRICK, WHICH APPEARED IN THE MAY 14 EDITION OF THE LONDON
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BEGIN TEXT: COLONEL GADDAFI HAS SUPPLIED THE IRA WITH
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LARGE QUANTITIES OF PLASTIC EXPLOSIVES IN RETALIATION FOR
BRITAIN'S PART IN LAST YEAR'S AMERICAN AIR RAID ON LIBYA.

THE EXPLOSIVES HAVE PLAYED A CENTRAL PART IN THE CURRENT
UPSURGE OF IRA VIOLENCE. THEY WERE USED IN THE
ASSASSINATION OF A NORTHERN IRELAND JUDGE, SIR MAURICE
GIBSON, IN LAST MONTH'S LETTER BOMB OFFENSIVE IN BRITAIN AND
IN RECENT MORTAR ATTACKS.

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REPUBLICAN SOURCES IN NORTHERN IRELAND SAID THAT THE IRA HAD RECEIVED THE EXPLOSIVES, MONEY AND OTHER MATERIAL FROM COL. GADDAFI. SECURITY SOURCES SAID THAT THEY HAD BELIEVED FOR SOME TIME THAT LIBYA WAS THE SOURCE.

EARLIER THIS YEAR THE LIBYAN LEADER ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAD INCREASED SUPPLIES TO THE IRA IN RETALIATION FOR BRITISH INVOLVEMENT IN AMERICAN BOMBING RAIDS ON LIBYA LAST YEAR.

THE EXPLOSIVES ARE MADE IN EASTERN EUROPE AND REACHED THE IRA THROUGH AN INDIRECT EUROPEAN ROUTE. THE ORGANISATION NOW HAS MORE OF THE MATERIAL, CALLED "SEMTEX", THAN IT HAS HAD BEFORE. EXPLOSIVES EXPERTS ESTIMATE THAT IT IS UP TO 10 TIMES AS EFFICIENT AS THE IRA'S HOME-MADE EXPLOSIVES.

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THE SECURITY FORCES ALSO BELIEVE THAT LIBYA HAS SUPPLIED THE IRA WITH SUBSTANTIAL SUMS OF MONEY, AS WELL AS WEAPONS AND TRAINING. THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LIBYAN CONNECTION, WHICH WAS DORMANT FOR 11 YEARS, IS A MAJOR BOOST FOR THE TERRORIST ORGANISATION, AND A SOURCE OF SERIOUS CONCERN FOR THE SECURITY FORCES.

EXACTLY TWO MONTHS AFTER THE APRIL 1986 U.S. RAIDS ON TRIPOLI, COMMANDER AHMED JALLOUD, THE DEPUTY LIBYAN LEADER, ANNOUNCED THAT LIBYA PLANNED TO RESUME AID TO THE IRA. HE SAID THE DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN BECAUSE OF BRITAIN'S COOPERATION WITH THE AMERICAN ACTION.

COLONEL GADDAFI HAS INDICATED THREE TIMES SINCE THEN THAT SUPPLIES TO THE IRA HAD BEEN STEPPED UP IN RETALIATION FOR THE AIR RAID. LAST MONTH TWO SENIOR SINN FEIN OFFICIALS VISITED LIBYA FOR A CEREMONY TO MARK THE RAID'S ANNIVERSARY. ON THAT OCCASION COLONEL GADDAFI'S TEENAGE SON, SAID, SAID LIBYA WOULD OPEN CENTRES FOR THE IRA AND THE PLO. IN THE EARLY 1970'S THE IRA RECEIVED SUBSTANTIAL AID OF ABOUT 2,000,000 POUNDS STERLING AND ARMS INCLUDING ROCKET-LAUNCHERS, FROM COL GADDAFI. IN 1973 A SHIP, THE

CLAUDIA, WAS INTERCEPTED ON ITS WAY TO IRELAND AND FOUND TO CONTAIN FIVE TONS OF WEAPONS.

BUT RELATIONS COOLED, PARTLY BECAUSE OF A VISIT TO TRIPOLI BY LOYALIST PARAMILITARY LEADERS WHO ARGUED AGAINST THE IRA, AND THE AID WAS BROKEN OFF IN 1975.

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THE IRA HAS NO GREAT NEED FOR TRAINING OR FOR GUNS, WHICH IT CAN GET FROM OTHER SOURCES, BUT THE SEMTEX EXPLOSIVES HAVE PROVED OF GREAT VALUE. THE CURRENT CAMPAIGN HAS LARGELY BEEN BUILT AROUND ITS AVAILABILITY.

THE ORGANIZATION INTENDED TO USE IT IN A MAJOR OFFENSIVE AGAINST UNKNOWN TARGETS IN BRITAIN, BUT WAS FOILED WHEN A 200 POUND CACHE WAS SEIZED IN CHESTER IN FEBRUARY.

SEMTEX IS USED ON ITS OWN IN SMALL QUANTITIES OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH LARGER AMOUNTS OF THE IRA'S LESS POWERFUL HOME-MADE EXPLOSIVES. IT ACTS AS A BOOSTER EXPLOSIVE IN THE MORTAR SHELLS USED IN ATTACKS ON RUC AND ARMY BASES, AND IN HOME-MADE GRENADES.

IT IS LIGHT AND PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT TO DETECT. SECURITY SYSTEMS AT MANY AIRPORTS ARE NOT GEARED TO ITS DISCOVERY. IT LASTS MUCH LONGER THAN EXPLOSIVES SUCH AS GELIGNITE, AND DOES NOT BECOME UNSTABLE. END TEXT.

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2. IN SEPARATE DISCUSSIONS WITH POLOFF ON NOVEMBER 5,
THE CHIEF FRENCH TERRORISM PROSECUTOR AND THE DEPUTY
GOF COUNTERTERRORISM COORDINATOR (PROTECT) ELABORATED
ON THE FRENCH SEIZURE LAST WEEKEND OF A LIBYAN ARMS
SHIPMENT DESTINED FOR THE IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY. THE
FRENCH OFFICIALS CONFIRMED MUCH OF WHAT HAS ALREADY
BEEN REPORTED IN THE PRESS AND SUPPLIED ADDITIONAL
DETAILS ON THE ARMS AND EXPLOSIVES SEIZED AND ON THE
FIVE IRA MEMBERS ARRESTED ON THE SHIP. BASED ON THE

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INTERROGATION OF THE TWO CREW MEMBERS WILLING TO TALK, THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT SUPPLIED THE ENTIRE ARSENAL AND THAT LIBYAN SOLDIERS LOADED THE SHIP IN A MILITARY PORT IN TRIPOLI. (END SUMMARY)

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FRENCH CUSTOMS VICTORY

3. A FRENCH CUSTOMS PLANE SPOTTED THE "EKSUND" IN FRENCH TERRITORIAL WATERS OFF THE COAST OF ROSKOFF ON OCTOBER 30 AT AROUND 2100. THE SHIP, REGISTERED TO "PANAMA CORAL SPRING NAVIGATION, S.A.", WAS FLYING A PANAMANIAN FLAG. CREW MEMBERS BECAME AWARE OF THE FRENCH SURVEILLANCE AND WERE PREPARING TO LEAVE THE SHIP WHEN THE FRENCH DECIDED TO BOARD.

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4. THE SHIP'S CARGO WAS APPROXIMATELY 150 TONS OF WEAPONS, INCLUDING SAM-7 MISSILES, MORTARS, ROCKET-PROPELLED GRENADES, AK-47 ASSAULT RIFLES, HEAVY MACHINE GUNS, AND LARGE QUANTITIES OF EXPLOSIVES AND AMMUNITION. THE INVENTORY WILL BE COMPLETED WHEN ALL 2000 CONTAINERS ABOARD THE SHIP HAVE BEEN EMPTIED. (A PARTIAL INVENTORY IS LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 15.)

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5. THE SHIP WAS TAKEN TO BREST, WHERE THE FIVE CREW MEMBERS, ALL OF IRISH NATIONALITY, WERE HANDED OVER TO THE POLICE JUDICIAIRE FOR INITIAL INTERROGATION. THEY WERE SUBSEQUENTLY TRANSPORTED TO PARIS ON NOVEMBER 4 AND PUT UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE COUNTERTERRORISM SECTION OF THE STATE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE, WHICH IS NOW PURSUING THE INTERROGATION.

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FIVE IRA MEMBERS ARRESTED

6. THE FIVE CREW MEMBERS WERE TRAVELING UNDER THE FOLLOWING IDENTITIES, AT LEAST TWO OF WHICH ARE FALSE:

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- ADRIAN HOPKINS, BORN 10/1/38 IN DUBLIN,
- RESIDENT OF WICKLOW, CAPTAIN OF THE SHIP
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- HENRY EDWARD CAIRNS, BORN 10/22/42 IN WICKLOW
-
- DENNIS BOYLE, BORN 9/22/45 IN DONEGAL
- (PROBABLY AN ALIAS)
-
- WILLIAM FINN, BORN 12/9/44 IN NAYO, MECHANIC
- (TRUE NAME: GABRIEL CLEARY, SEE BELOW)
-
- EDWARD FRIEL, BORN 9/27/53 IN DONEGAL
- (TRUE NAME: JAMES CALL, SEE BELOW)
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7. NONE OF THESE INDIVIDUALS WAS PREVIOUSLY KNOWN TO FRENCH POLICE. WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF BRITISH AUTHORITIES, THE FRENCH HAVE ESTABLISHED THAT FINN'S TRUE NAME IS GABRIEL CLEARY, A WELL-KNOWN IRA MEMBER BORN 8/15/43 IN DUBLIN. FRIEL'S TRUE NAME IS JAMES CALL, ANOTHER KNOWN IRA MEMBER BORN 12/22/51. THE FRENCH HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO DETERMINE IF DENNIS BOYLE IS AN ALIAS, BUT THEY SUSPECT SO BECAUSE HE SEEMS TO

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HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE HARDCORE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP WHO
SERVED AS THE PRIMARY LIAISON WITH THE LIBYANS.

8. BOYLE, CLEARY, AND CALL HAVE REMAINED COMPLETELY
SILENT THROUGHOUT THE INTERROGATIONS. HOPKINS AND
CAIRNS, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAVE PROVEN EAGER TO TALK.
THE FRENCH BELIEVE THAT HOPKINS IS BEING COOPERATIVE
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BECAUSE HE MAY NOT BE A HARDCORE IRA MEMBER, BUT
RATHER HAD SUPPORTED IRA OPERATIONS LOGISTICALLY.
BOTH HOPKINS AND CAIRNS WERE MORE WILLING TO CONFESS
PRIMARILY BECAUSE THE FRENCH PROSECUTOR OFFERED THEM

REDUCED SENTENCES IN RETURN FOR COOPERATION.

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THE LIBYAN "HAND" EXPOSED

9. HOPKINS AND CAIRNS SEPARATELY PROVIDED SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF EVENTS FROM WHICH THE FOLLOWING FACTS CAN BE GLEANED. (COMMENT: IN ORDER TO DEMONSTRATE THE AUTHENTICITY OF THE INFORMATION, THE PROSECUTOR ALLOWED POLOFF TO READ THE TRANSCRIPTS OF THE INTERROGATIONS.)

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10. PRIOR TO THIS INCIDENT, BOTH HOPKINS AND CAIRNS HAD PARTICIPATED IN HANDLING FOUR PREVIOUS LIBYAN ARMS SHIPMENTS TO EUROPE (PRESUMABLY TO THE IRA) SINCE SUMMER 1985, TOTALLING 100-130 TONS OF WAR MATERIEL. HOPKINS CLAIMS THAT HE WAS CONTACTED AGAIN IN FEBRUARY 1987 BY CAIRNS, WHO ASKED HIM TO PURCHASE A SMALL CARGO SHIP TO CONDUCT SOME BUSINESS WITH NIGER. (COMMENT: THE FRENCH ARE SKEPTICAL OF HOPKINS' CONTENTION THAT HE WAS DUPED INTO PARTICIPATING.) HOPKINS BOUGHT THE "EKSUND" IN SWEDEN FOR THE SUM OF 120,000 POUNDS. AFTER A SERIES OF MODIFICATIONS AND REPARATIONS IN FALMOUTH, ENGLAND, THE SHIP WAS TAKEN TO MALTA BY A MARITIME COMPANY. DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST IN MALTA, HOPKINS CONCLUDED THE FORMALITIES OF PANAMANIAN REGISTRATION.

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11. AFTER A SHORT STAY IN IRELAND, HOPKINS RETURNED TO MALTA IN EARLY OCTOBER WHERE HE JOINED UP WITH
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CAIRNS AND THE OTHER THREE CREW MEMBERS. BOTH HOPKINS AND CAIRNS STATED THAT THE THREE OTHERS WERE PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS OF THE PROVISIONAL IRA. THEY ASKED HOPKINS TO REPLACE THE CAPTAIN ORIGINALLY HIRED TO PILOT THE VESSEL AS FAR AS GIBRALTAR, AND HE AGREED TO PILOT THE SHIP HIMSELF. HOPKINS CLAIMS THAT SHORTLY AFTER THEIR DEPARTURE FROM MALTA ON OCTOBER 12, BOYLE DECLARED THAT HE AND THE OTHERS WERE PROVISIONAL IRA MEMBERS WHOSE MISSION WAS TO TAKE DELIVERY OF A STOCK OF ARMS IN TRIPOLI, LIBYA, THAT WAS DESTINED FOR IRELAND. (COMMENT: THE FRENCH FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT HOPKINS WAS NOT ALREADY AWARE OF THIS.)

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12. THE "EKSUND" ARRIVED OFF THE COAST OF TRIPOLI ON OCTOBER 13, WHERE IT WAS MET AT 1900 BY A "ZODIAC" RUBBER DINGHY IN WHICH WERE TWO LIBYAN SOLDIERS AND ONE LIBYAN CIVILIAN OFFICIAL. THESE LIBYANS CAME ABOARD THE "EKSUND", AND THEN ONE OF THEM PILOTED THE SHIP TOWARD THE MILITARY PORT OF TRIPOLI. A LIBYAN TUGBOAT GUIDED THE SHIP INTO THE MILITARY PORT. THE

"EKSUND" PASSED BY NUMEROUS MILITARY SHIPS, INCLUDING SUBMARINES AND A CRUISER, BEFORE COMING TO ANCHOR AT THE DOCK.

13. DURING TWO SUCCESSIVE NIGHTS, THE SHIPMENT OF OVER 2000 CRATES OF WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES WAS TRANSFERRED FROM THE DOCK TO THE SHIP BY SOME 40-50 LIBYAN SOLDIERS. THE TRANSFER TOOK LONGER THAN EXPECTED BECAUSE A HYDRAULIC CRANE THAT WAS TO HAVE BEEN USED TO LOAD THE SHIP QUICKLY BROKE DOWN, AND THE LIBYANS WERE FORCED TO USED WOODEN PLANKS TO SLIDE THE CRATES INTO THE SHIP'S HOLD. HOPKINS AND CAIRNS CLAIMED THAT THE LIBYANS OFFERED TO PROVIDE AIR PROTECTION FOR THE SHIP IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. THEY ALSO STATED THAT THE SENIOR LIBYAN OFFICIALS SEEMED TO

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14. THE "EKSUND" LEFT TRIPOLI ON OCTOBER 15 FOR A
DESTINATION IN THE IRISH SEA WHERE THE CARGO WAS TO BE
TRANSFERRED TO FISHING BOATS. THE RENDEZ-VOUS WAS
SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE 15 MILES EAST OF THE LIGHTSHIP
"EAST ARKOW LIGHT". CROSSING THE CAPE FINISTERE, THE
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SHIP WAS OVERFLOWN SEVERAL TIMES BY CUSTOMS PLANES. THE CREW PANICKED AND PREPARED TO SCUTTLE THE SHIP BY BLOWING IT UP. AFTER A HEATED DISCUSSION, THEY CHANGED THEIR MINDS AND RESOLVED TO SINK THE SHIP BY FILLING THE BALLASTS. BEFORE THEY HAD A CHANCE TO FINISH, HOWEVER, THEY WERE BOARDED BY FRENCH CUSTOMS OFFICIALS.

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A PARTIAL INVENTORY

15. THE FRENCH ARE STILL WORKING ON A COMPLETE INVENTORY OF THE ARMS AND EXPLOSIVES CONTAINED ON THE SHIP, BUT THE FOLLOWING LISTS REPRESENTS THE COMPILATION THUS FAR. THE PROSECUTOR POINTED OUT THAT THIS LIST REPRESENTS ONLY ABOUT HALF OF THE CARGO. IT DOES NOT INCLUDE, FOR EXAMPLE, THE SAM-7 MISSILES. IN MOST CASES, THE IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS OF THE WEAPONS HAD BEEN WIPED OUT.

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16. WEAPONRY:

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- 975 AK-47 RIFLES (PACKED IN CRATES OF FIVE)
- WITHOUT ANY MANUFACTURERS MARKINGS
- 4,274 MAGAZINES FOR THE AK-47'S (PACKED IN
- CARTONS OF 96) WITHOUT MARKINGS
- 16 MACHINEGUNS (CALIBER 12.7 MM) (PACKED
- INDIVIDUALLY) WITHOUT MARKINGS
- 864 CARRYING CASES FOR AK-47 MAGAZINES WITH
- CLEANING KIT
- 8 MACHINE-RIFLES (CALIBER 7.62 MM) APPARENTLY OF
- HERSTAL TYPE WITHOUT MARKINGS
- 7 MOUNTS CORRESPONDING TO THE MACHINE-RIFLES
- 448 DEFENSIVE GRENADES (PACKED IN BOXES OF 20)

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- WITHOUT MARKINGS
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17. MUNITIONS:

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- 36 ROCKET-PROPELLED GRENADES (RPG-7) (PACKED IN
- CASES OF SIX) WITH MARKING "26-83-RPG7"
- 82,000 CARTRIDGES (CALIBER 7.62 MM) (PACKED IN
- BOXES OF 2,000) WITH MARKING "FN 71"
- 112,000 CARTRIDGES (CALIBER 7.62 MM) (PACKED IN
- BOXES OF 1,000) WITH MARKING "FN 80"
- 38,880 CARTRIDGES (CALIBER 12.7 MM) (PACKED IN
- BOXES OF 160) WITH MARKING "T 69 83 4/7 20/82"
- 14,720 CARTRIDGES (CALIBER 12.7 MM) (PACKED IN
- BOXES OF 160) WITH MARKING "LOT E 204-1981"
- 73,080 CARTRIDGES (CALIBER 7.62 MM) (PACKED IN

- BOXES OF 1,260) WITH MARKING "1,260 - 7.62 MM
- CARTRIDGE WITH ORDINARY BULLET M. 67 AND BRASS
- CARTRIDGE CASE"
- 984 MORTAR SHELLS (PACKED IN CASES OF THREE) WITH
- MARKING "82 HE 30 81 353"
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18. EXPLOSIVES:

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- 780 BLOCKS OF PLASTIC EXPLOSIVE APPROXIMATELY
- TWO KILOGRAMS EACH (PACKED IN CASES OF 12)
- WITH MARKING "EXPLOSIVE PLASTIC SEMTEX H)
- 1,996 ELECTRIC DETONATORS (PACKED IN 25 BOXES OF
- 10 PER CASE) WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIAN MARKINGS
- (FOUR OF WHICH WERE USED BY THE CREW DURING
- THEIR ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP THE SHIP)
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19. THE PROSECUTOR POINTED OUT THAT THE SHIPMENT CONTAINED SAM-7 MISSILES IN MINT CONDITION (THE FRENCH HAVE ALREADY OPENED 20 OF THEM) AS WELL AS AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF 82-MM MORTARS. HE PROMISED A MORE COMPREHENSIVE LIST ONCE THE TOTAL INVENTORY IS

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COMMENT

20. THESE FRENCH OFFICIALS ARE EXCITED BECAUSE, IN

THEIR VIEW, THIS INCIDENT IS ONE OF THE FEW CASES
WHERE THEY LIBYANS HAVE BEEN CAUGHT RED-HANDED IN
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SUPPLYING EUROPEAN TERRORISTS. WE WILL SEEK
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM OUR FRENCH CONTACTS AS THE
INVESTIGATION CONTINUES. RODGERS##

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ARTICLE ON ALLEGED LIBYAN-IRA
TERRORIST COOPERATION WRITTEN BY CHRIS RYDER AND DAVID
CONNETT WHICH APPEARED IN THE FEBRUARY 1 EDITION OF THE
INDEPENDENT:

BEGIN TEXT:
BRITISH SECURITY FORCES HAVE FOILED A PLANNED JOINT
LIBYAN-IRA OPERATION TO FREE TOP-SECURITY TERRORIST
PRISONERS FROM JAIL.

ACCORDING TO SECURITY SOURCES, REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE
LIBYAN PEOPLE'S BUREAU IN ROME MET IRA MEN IN AMSTERDAM AND
PARIS LAST SUMMER AND AUTUMN TO DISCUSS FREEING A NUMBER OF
IRA AND LIBYAN PRISONERS SERVING LONG SENTENCES FOR SERIOUS
OFFENCES COMMITTED IN BRITAIN.
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THE LIBYANS OFFERED TO FINANCE THE PLANNED ESCAPES IF THE
IRA ORGANISED THEM. THE IRA WOULD BE ALLOWED TO INCLUDE A
NUMBER OF THEIR OWN CONVICTED MEMBERS IN THE BREAK-OUTS.

ONE BRIGHTON BOMBER, PATRICK MCGEE, AND ANOTHER
TERRORIST, DICKIE GLENHOLMES, ARE THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN AMONG
THOSE WHO WERE TO BE SPRUNG.

THE LIBYANS' ABILITY TO OPERATE INDEPENDENTLY IN BRITAIN

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HAS BEEN SEVERELY CURTAILED SINCE WPC YVONNE FLETCHER WAS SHOT DURING THE SEIGE AT THE LIBYAN PEOPLE'S BUREAU IN LONDON IN 1984. IT WAS FOLLOWED BY THE EXPULSION OF THE LIBYAN DIPLOMATS AND THE INTRODUCTION OF STRICT VISA REQUIREMENTS AND SECURITY CHECKS FOR LIBYANS.

THE MEETINGS BETWEEN THE IRA AND THE LIBYANS WERE DETECTED AND MONITORED BY THE SECURITY AUTHORITIES IN FRANCE AND THE NETHERLANDS. THEY HACE STEPPED UP THEIR SURVEILLANCE OF LIBYAN AND IRISH NATIONALS AS PART OF THE DRIVE AGAINST INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.

THE CONTACTS WERE REPORTED UNDER ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTELLIGENCE SWAPPING AND INVESTIGATED FORTHER BY SECURITY FORCES IN BRITAIN AND IRELAND. THE JOINT INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE AT THE CABINET OFFICE REPORTED THE INFORMATION TO SCOTLAND YARD, THE PRISON AUTHORITIES AND THE HOME OFFICE, WHERE PRECAUTIONS WERE TAKEN AT EACH OF THE SECURITY PRISONS.

IN IRELAND, POLICE ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER REPORTED THE IRA HAD STUDIED ESCAPE PLANS AT THE LIBYAN'S REQUEST. THE IRA ARMY COUNCIL IS BELIEVED TO HAVE NOMINATED THREE PROMINENT PRISONERS FOR ESCAPE ATTEMPTS. THESE WERE BRIAN
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KEENAN AND DICKIE GLENHOLMES, BOTH FORMER OPERATIONS OFFICER , A PATRIC B MCGEE, THE BRIGHTON GRAND HOTEL BOMBER, WHO WAS A CRUCIAL FIGURE IN IRA OPERATIONS IN BRITAIN FOR MORE THAN 10 YEARS. THE OTHER TWO, BOTH HARD-LINERS FROM BELFAST, WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE IRA'S TERRORIST ONSLAUGHT THROUGHOUT MOST OF THE 1970'S.

CLOSE ATTENTION WAS PAID TO THE PRISONERS THE LIBYANS WANTED TO FREE. NONE HAS BEEN NAMED, BUT AMONG THOSE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN ON THE LIST IS TASIM AWAD, JAILED FOR 25 YEARS AT THE OLD BAILEY LAST YEAR AFTER A JURY HEARD HOW HE PLANNED GRENADE ATTACKS ON BRITISH TARGETS.

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THERE ARE AT LEAST EIGHT OTHER LIBYANS SERVING LONG TERM SENTENCES ON BRITISH TOP-SECURITY PRISONS AFTER BEING CONVICTED ON A VARIETY OF OFFENCES, INCLUDING MURDER AND CONSPIRACY TO CAUSE EXPLOSIONS. SOME WERE MEMBERS OF COL GADAFI'S HIT SQUADS SENT TO KILL THE LIBYAN LEADER'S CRITICS WHO WERE LIVING IN BRITAIN.

AS CATEGORY A PRISONERS, THEY ARE SURROUNDED BY TIGHT SECURITY. THE MAIN TOP-SECURITY PRISONS IN BRITAIN ARE AT HULL, GARTREE IN LEICESTERSHIRE, ALBANY AND PARKHURST ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT, DURHAM, WAKEFIELD AND LONG LARTON IN WORCESTERSHIRE.

A MONTH AGO THE SECURITY FORCES DECIDED THAT THE IRA HAD ABANDONED THE PLANS. THEY ARE CONFIDENT THAT PRESENT SECURITY PRECAUTIONS DETERRED PLANNERS OF THE WOULD-BE ESCAPES.

THE LIBYAN'S, WHO REPEATEDLY GIVE THE IRA PUBLIC SUPPORT,
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PARTLY BASED ON THEIR HOSTILITY TO BRITAIN, HAVE FINANCED THE IRA IN THE PAST, BUT CASH SUPPORT HAS THOUGHT TO HAVE DRIED UP.

THE MOST PUBLICISED CASE OF THE LIBYAN SUPPORT FOR THE IRA OCCURED IN MARCH 1973 WHEN AN IRISH NAVAL VESSEL INTERCEPTED A GUN-RUNNING SHIP CARRYING FIVE TONS OF WEAPONS SUPPLIED BY LIBYA, INCLUDING A LARGE NUMBER OF ANTI-TANK WEAPONS. JOE CAHILL, A LEADING FIGURE IN THE IRA RULING COUNCIL, WAS ARRESTED ON BOARD.

LINKS BETWEEN THE TWO HAVE BEEN STRAINED SONCE MAY 1975 AFTER THE ARREST AND DEPORTATION OF AN IRA LIAISON OFFICER IN LIBYA.

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LIBYA OVER EKSUND AFFAIR

REF: DUBLIN 5238 (NOTAL)

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. IN RESPONSE TO THE EKSUND AFFAIR AND UNDER
CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE FROM THE OPPOSITION TO REACT,
THE GOI HAS DECIDED TO CANCEL THE UPCOMING VISIT
OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE MINISTER ALBERT REYNOLDS
TO TRIPOLI. REYNOLDS, AT THE HEAD OF A SIZEABLE
DELEGATION OF IRISH BUSINESSMEN, WAS TO HAVE VISITED
TRIPOLI LATER THIS WEEK FOR THE SECOND MEETING OF
THE TWO COUNTRIES' JOINT COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC
COOPERATION SET UP PURSUANT TO A 1980 TRADE AGREEMENT.
THE GOVERNMENT ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WITHOUT
ELABORATION:

IN VIEW OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS, THE
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GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED THAT THE TRADE
VISIT TO LIBYA SHOULD NOT PROCEED AT
PRESENT.

REYNOLDS' TRIP TO OTHER MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRIES
INCLUDING ALGERIA, JORDAN AND POSSIBLY KUWAIT HAS
ALSO BEEN POSTPONED.

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3. ACCORDING TO DFA SOURCES, THIS IS MINIMUM REQUIRED REACTION IN VIEW OF LIBYAN ROLE IN EKSUND AFFAIR. HOWEVER, MORE DRASTIC STEP OF BREAKING RELATIONS (AS CALLED FOR BY OPPOSITION) HAS NOT BEEN CONSIDERED. SOURCES ALSO INFORMED US THAT IRISH AMBASSADOR TO LIBYA, RESIDENT IN ROME, HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO GO TO TRIPOLI TO PROTEST LIBYAN INVOLVEMENT AND EXPRESS GOI'S "SERIOUS CONCERN."

4. INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE MINISTER REYNOLDS TOLD US TODAY THAT HIS TRIP AND THE MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE WERE "CANCELLED" AND THAT IN HIS VIEW THEY WOULD NOT BE RESCHEDULED FOR A LONG TIME TO COME. HE SAID THAT THE LIBYANS HAVE BEEN CAUGHT RED-HANDED IN THE EKSUND AFFAIR, AND THAT CANCELLATION OF HIS TRIP WAS THE LEAST THE GOI COULD DO. HE DID NOT, HOWEVER, ANTICIPATE THAT THE IRISH GOVERNMENT WOULD TAKE ANY FURTHER STEPS, BUT HE RECOGNIZED THAT ALL THE FACTS HAVE NOT YET COME OUT, AND THE GOVERNMENT MIGHT YET COME UNDER EVEN MORE PRESSURE TO TAKE FURTHER ACTION VIS-A-VIS LIBYA.
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- NOTICES ON LIBYAN OFFICIALS AND IRA MEMBERS
- FOR TERRORIST ACTIVITIES

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT

2. SUMMARY: FRENCH INVESTIGATING MAGISTRATE
JEAN-LOUIS BRUGUIERE IS ON THE VERGE OF ISSUING
INTERPOL BLUE (SEARCH) NOTICES FOR LIBYAN INTELLIGENCE
OFFICIALS AND IRA TERRORISTS INVOLVED IN TRIPOLI'S
ARMS SHIPMENTS TO THE IRA DURING 1985-1987. THE
BIGGEST FISH CAUGHT IN BRUGUIERE'S NET IS NASER ASHUR,
A HIGH-RANKING LIBYAN INTELLIGENCE OPERATIVE WHO
BRUGUIERE CLAIMS "MASTERMINDED AND PERSONALLY
SUPERVISED" FIVE ARMS SHIPMENTS, ENDING IN OCTOBER
1987 WHEN THE FRENCH CAPTURED THE "EKSUND." BRUGUIERE
CLAIMED THAT NO ONE IN THE GOF KNOWS HOW EXTENSIVE AND
THOROUGH HIS INVESTIGATION IS AND THAT HE IS ABOUT TO
ISSUE THE WARRANTS. HE SAID THAT HE KNEW THAT HIS
ACTIONS WERE "POLITICAL DYNAMITE," BUT THAT HE WAS
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DETERMINED TO PRESS AHEAD AT ANY COST. HE ASKED THAT
THE U.S. GOVERNMENT NOT COMMENT ON THE RESULTS OF HIS
INVESTIGATION UNTIL INTERPOL ACTUALLY ISSUES THE BLUE
NOTICES. END SUMMARY.

3. WE SPOKE ON OCTOBER 27 WITH JEAN-LOUIS BRUGUIERE
(STRICTLY PROTECT), A FRENCH MAGISTRATE,
REGARDING HIS INVESTIGATION INTO THE "EKSUND" CASE,
NAMED AFTER THE SHIP FRENCH AUTHORITIES SEIZED IN
OCTOBER 1987 CARRYING LIBYAN-SUPPLIED ARMS FOR THE

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Frank

IRA. BRUGUIERE SAID THAT HE HAD ESSENTIALLY FINISHED HIS INVESTIGATION AND WAS ON THE VERGE OF ISSUING INTERPOL SEARCH WARRANTS (BLUE NOTICES) FOR SIX LIBYANS AND SIX IRA MILITANTS.

A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION

4 BRUGUIERE EXPLAINED THAT HE HAS WORKED ON THE CASE FOR NEARLY TWO YEARS AND IS CONVINCED THAT HE HAS A "JUDICIAL INDICTMENT" OF THE QADHAFI REGIME'S SPONSORSHIP OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. HE FELT THAT HIS DOSSIER IS "EXTREMELY SOLID" SINCE IT IS BASED ON "HARD EVIDENCE -- NOT VAGUE INTELLIGENCE REPORTS." HE SHOWED US SOME OF THE VOLUMINOUS MATERIAL HE HAS ACCUMULATED, INCLUDING SHIP MANIFESTS LISTING KNOWN LIBYAN INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS, AN AFFIDAVIT FROM THE CAPTAIN OF THE "EKSUND" IDENTIFYING NASER ASHUR (SEE PARA. 7) AS THE LIBYAN WHO SUPERVISED THE ARMS SHIPMENTS, AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS.

5. BRUGUIERE BRIEFLY GAVE US HIS CONCLUSIONS REGARDING THE LIBYAN-IRA CONNECTION. HE STRESSED THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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TRIPOLI'S MOTIVES BEHIND THE SHIPMENTS AND ANY DEALS THAT LIBYA MAY HAVE STRUCK WITH THE IRA ARE BEYOND THE SCOPE OF HIS INVESTIGATION. NEVERTHELESS, HE SPECULATED THAT WHILE QADAHFI BEGAN THE ARMS SHIPMENTS TO THE IRA IN 1985, HE SPEEDED THEM UP AND INCREASED THE AMOUNTS DURING 1986 PRIMARILY TO STRIKE BACK AT THE U.K. FOR ITS ROLE IN THE U.S. RAID ON TRIPOLI. BRUGUIERE THOUGHT THAT QADAHFI HAD EXTRACTED A PROMISE FROM THE IRA TO ATTACK BRITISH TARGETS OUTSIDE THE U.K. SECONDARILY, HE ADDED, LIBYA MAY HAVE HAD AN UNDERSTANDING WITH THE IRA THAT SOME OF THE ARMAMENTS WOULD BE GIVEN TO OTHER TERRORIST GROUPS WILLING TO DO TRIPOLI'S BIDDING.

6. BRUGUIERE'S INVESTIGATION DETAILS THE CHRONOLOGY AND MODALITIES OF THE LIBYAN SHIPMENTS. LIBYA SENT FOUR SHIPMENTS OF ARMS TO THE IRA OVER A TWO YEAR PERIOD BEFORE THE FRENCH CAPTURED THE EKSUND. THE FIRST, -- ABOUT 10 TONS OF ARMAMENTS -- TOOK PLACE IN THE SUMMER OF 1985 AND INVOLVED THE TRANSFER OFF THE MALTESE COAST OF ARMS FROM THE LIBYAN SHIP "SAMRA AFRICA" TO THE U.K. FLAGGED "CASA MORA." THE SECOND (OCTOBER 1985 - 12 TONS) AND THIRD (JULY 1986 - 14 TONS) DELIVERIES FOLLOWED A SIMILAR PROCEDURE, EXCEPT THAT THE "CASA MORA" WAS RECHRISTENED THE "KULA." THE

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FOURTH TRANSFER (SEPTEMBER 1986 - 80-100 TONS) WAS
MADE IN LIBYAN RATHER THAN MALTESE WATERS FROM AN
UNIDENTIFIED LIBYAN SHIP TO THE NORWEGIAN-FLAGGED
"SJAMOER." FINALLY, THE "EKSUND" (OCTOBER 1987 - 150
TONS) WAS DIRECTLY LOADED IN TRIPOLI'S MILITARY HARBOR
PRIOR TO ITS ILL-FATED VOYAGE.

LIBYAN INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS IMPLICATED

7. BRUGUIERE SAID HE WILL SHORTLY ISSUE BLUE NOTICES FOR THE FOLLOWING LIBYAN CITIZENS:

---NASER ASHUR (AKA NASER ALI ASHOUD). BORN 1944, LIBYAN PASSPORT NO. G 618452 ISSUED 28 MAY 1981. BRUGUIERE CLAIMED THAT ASHUR "MASTERMINDED" THE LIBYAN CONFIDENTIAL

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ARMS SHIPMENTS TO THE IRA AND THAT HE HAS "PROVEN BEYOND A SHADOW OF A DOUBT" THAT ASHUR "PERSONALLY SUPERVISED" THE FIVE DELIVERIES. ASHUR, ACCORDING TO BRUGUIERE, IS A COLONEL IN THE LIBYAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE WHO NOW RESIDES IN TRIPOLI. BRUGUIERE THOUGHT THAT ASHUR MIGHT BE THE NUMBER THREE OR FOUR RANKING LIBYAN INTELLIGENCE OPERATIVE. HE CITED ASHUR'S ROLE AS THE CHIEF OF THE LIBYAN MISSION SENT TO THE U.K. IN 1984 TO NEGOTIATE THE END OF THE SIEGE OF THE LIBYAN PEOPLE'S BUREAU IN LONDON AS EVIDENCE OF HIS IMPORTANCE WITHIN TRIPOLI'S INTELLIGENCE APPARATUS.

---MUSTAFA OMAR HASUNI. BORN 24 NOVEMBER 1948, LIBYAN PASSPORT NO. G 643424 ISSUED 27 OCTOBER 1981. BRUGUIERE CLAIMS THAT HE WAS THE DIRECTOR OF "ROTOS ZIRAYIA PUMPS COMPANY LT.," A LIBYAN-MALTESE JOINT VENTURE BASED IN VALETTA, UNTIL JULY 1988. HASUNI -- ALSO A LIBYAN INTELLIGENCE OFFICER -- USED HIS DIRECTORSHIP OF THE COMPANY AS A COMMERCIAL COVER AND PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN THE ARMS DELIVERIES. BRUGUIERE EXPLAINED THAT HE TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO INTERVIEW HASUNI WHEN HE TRAVELLED TO MALTA LAST JUNE. HIS ATTEMPT APPARENTLY GAVE THE LIBYAN COLD FEET, SINCE WHEN BRUGUIERE MADE FURTHER INQUIRIES IN JULY MALTESE AUTHORITIES TOLD HIM THAT HASUNI AND HIS FAMILY HAD DISAPPEARED. BRUGUIERE SAID THAT "INTELLIGENCE REPORTS" INDICATE THAT HE WAS CALLED BACK TO TRIPOLI BY LIBYAN INTELLIGENCE.

---AHMED ALI SALEH. BORN IN 1946, LIBYAN PASSPORT NO. G 402161. BRUGUIERE CLAIMS THAT SALEH WAS ALSO A LIBYAN INTELLIGENCE OFFICER INVOLVED IN THE "EKSUND" OPERATION. HIS COVER IS CHIEF OF THE LIBYAN ARAB CONFIDENTIAL

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AIRLINES OFFICE IN MALTA.

---HUSSEIN ABUZEED. BORN 1946, LIBYAN PASSPORT NO. G 911319 ISSUED 9 OCTOBER 1984. THE CAPTAIN OF THE

"SAMRA AFRICA" FOR THE FIRST ARMS DELIVERY.

---MOHAMMED ZELTINA. BORN 1946, LIBYAN PASSPORT NO. Z 066918 ISSUED 22 SEPTEMBER 1985. CAPTAIN OF THE "SAMRA AFRICA" DURING THE SECOND DELIVERY.

---MOHAMMED EL-AMAR RAMADAN. BORN 1959, LIBYAN PASSPORT NO. 85/1194 ISSUED 18 JULY 1986. CAPTAIN OF THE "SAMRA AFRICA" DURING THE THIRD SHIPMENT.

IRA TERRORISTS INVOLVED

8. BRUGUIERE ALSO PLANS TO DIFFUSE BLUE NOTICES FOR SIX IRA TERRORISTS WHOM HE CLAIMS WERE INVOLVED ON THE RECEIVING END OF THE OPERATION:

---JOHN BONNER, BORN 5 AUGUST 1957 (DECEASED).

---PATRICK CASSIDY, BORN 7 JULY 1959.

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- NOTICES ON LIBYAN OFFICIALS AND IRA MEMBERS
- FOR TERRORIST ACTIVITIES

---ALAN DOWNES, BORN 6 NOVEMBER 1948.

---JOHN WALSH, BORN 26 APRIL 1944.

---DENIS COYLE, BORN 27 JULY 1950.

---ARTHUR LOFFEY, BORN 6 JUNE 1956.

BLUE VERSUS RED INTERPOL NOTICES

9. BRUGUIERE SAID THAT, FOR THE TIME BEING AT LEAST, HE CAN ONLY DIFFUSE BLUE NOTICES ON THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS RATHER THAN INTERNATIONAL ARREST WARRANTS (RED NOTICES). THIS IS BECAUSE THE CRIMES COMMITTED (ILLEGAL POSSESSION AND SHIPMENT OF ARMS, CRIMINAL
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CONSPIRACY) TOOK PLACE OUTSIDE OF FRANCE, INVOLVED NO FRENCH CITIZENS, AND WERE NOT DIRECTED AT FRENCH TARGETS. THE GOF CAN PROSECUTE THE CREW OF THE "EKSUND" ITSELF BECAUSE THE SHIP BLUNDERED INTO FRENCH WATERS, BUT THIS INFRACTION OF FRENCH LAW MAY BE TOO TENUOUS TO ENABLE BRUGUIERE ALSO TO SEEK THE ARREST OF THOSE WHO FACILITATED THE SHIPMENTS FROM OUTSIDE FRANCE. BRUGUIERE SAID HE WOULD EVENTUALLY BROACH THIS MATTER WITH HIS SUPERIORS IN THE JUSTICE MINISTRY TO SEE WHETHER THE EVENTUAL ISSUANCE OF RED NOTICES IS FEASIBLE. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT MALTA OR THE U.K. WOULD FACE NO SUCH LEGAL IMPEDIMENT SINCE SOME OF THE CRIMES TOOK PLACE IN MALTESE WATERS AND ALL WERE DIRECTED AT THE U.K.

10. BRUGUIERE ADDED THAT THE FULL RESULTS OF HIS INVESTIGATIONS WOULD NOT BECOME PUBLIC UNTIL THE TRIAL OF THE "EKSUND" CREW SOMETIME NEXT YEAR. HE TOLD POLOFF THAT NO ONE -- NOT THE QUAI D'ORSAY, THE D.S.T. (FRENCH INTERANL SECURTIY AND COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE) OR

EVEN THE GOF TERRORISM PROSECUTORS' OFFICE -- KNEW THAT HE WAS ABOUT TO ISSUE THE BLUE NOTICES. BRUGUIERE ASKED THAT THE INFORMATION HE PROVIDED POLOFF BE HELD "IN THE MOST ABSOLUTE SECRECY" UNTIL THE GOF ACTUALLY ISSUES THE NOTICES, AND THAT EVEN THEN ANY PUBLIC U.S. GOVERNMENT COMMENTS OR REACTIONS TO THE CASE DRAW ONLY FROM THE INFORMATION THAT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE VIA INTERPOL CHANNELS.

COMMENT

11. ALTHOUGH BRUGUIERE HAS TOLD THE EMBASSY SEVERAL CONFIDENTIAL

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TIMES OVER THE PAST YEAR THAT HE WAS "NEARING THE END" OF THE EKSUND INVESTIGATION, HE DOES SEEM TO HAVE FINALLY PUT TOGETHER AN IMPRESSIVE DOSSIER. ALTHOUGH HAGGLING WITH SUPERIORS AT THE JUSTICE MINISTRY AND THE PRESS OF OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES (HE IS IN CHARGE OF THE INVESTIGATION OF THE UTA 772 CRASH) MAY DELAY THE ISSUANCE OF THE NOTICES, BRUGUIERE IS CLEARLY DETERMINED TO PRESS AHEAD. GIVEN THE CURRENT THAW IN FRANCO/EC-LIBYAN RELATIONS, SOME IN THE GOF WILL NOT BE PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS OF BRUGUIERE'S EFFORTS. NEVERTHELESS, THE GOF CANNOT LEGALLY PREVENT HIM FROM ISSUING SEARCH OR ARREST WARRANTS AS LONG AS THEY CONFORM TO CERTAIN NORMS, AND BRUGUIERE'S RESEARCH IS OF SUCH HIGH QUALITY THAT THERE IS LITTLE CHANCE THAT TECHNICAL FLAWS CAN BE USED TO DEEP-SIX IT. CURLEY##

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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON LIBYAN MODERATION

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2. SUMMARY: IRISH AGREE PRESSURE ON QADHAFI SHOULD NOT NOW BE RELAXED AND SUPPORT THE IDEA OF ESTABLISHING SPECIFIC CRITERIA FOR JUDGING LIBYAN ACTIONS. THEY WELCOME MENTION OF THE PIRA IN THE CRITERIA LIST BUT ALSO WANT A REFERENCE TO QADHAFI'S SUPPORT FOR LOYALIST TERRORISTS IN NORTHERN IRELAND. END SUMMARY

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3. AMBASSADOR, ACCOMPANIED BY DCM, CALLED ON IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER GERRY COLLINS NOVEMBER 3 (HIS EARLIEST AVAILABLE DATE) TO MAKE THE DEMARCHE ON LIBYA REQUESTED
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REFTELS- DFA SECRETARY DORR ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETING. AMBASSADOR UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO THIS ISSUE BY THE SENIOR-MOST LEVELS OF THE ADMINISTRATION, AS WELL AS ITS TIMELINESS IN VIEW OF UPCOMING MEETINGS WHICH WILL CONSIDER EC SANCTIONS AGAINST LIBYA. HE PRESENTED THE MINISTER WITH NON-PAPERS BASED ON TALKING POINTS IN REFTELS AND EMPHASIZED THAT WHILE WE DID DETECT SIGNS OF SOME MODERATION IN QADHAFI'S BEHAVIOR, IT WAS PROBABLY MORE RHETORIC AND TACTICAL THAN REAL.

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4. AFTER READING THE NON-PAPERS, COLLINS SAID HE AGREED WITH THE THRUST OF OUR ARGUMENTS AND SHARED OUR CONCERNS. PRESSURE SHOULD NOT NOW BE RELAXED, HE SAID, AND EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO PERSUADE QADHAFI TO SEVER LINKS OF ANY KIND -- MENTIONING MONETARY SUPPORT, ARMS, LOGISTIC SUPPORT -- WITH TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS. COLLINS SPECIFICALLY WELCOMED THE INCLUSION OF THE PROVISIONAL IRA AMONG TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS REFERRED TO IN OUR CRITERIA BUT HE SAID IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO MAKE SURE QADHAFI'S SUPPORT FOR LOYALIST TERRORISTS IN NORTHERN IRELAND ALSO BE STOPPED. THE IRISH WOULD WANT THAT POINT INCLUDED IN ANY SET OF AGREED CRITERIA. COLLINS REFUSED TO BE DRAWN ON OUR OTHER CRITERIA BUT HE SAID HE AGREED QADHAFI HAS GOT TO DO A LOT MORE BEFORE WE CAN RELAX PRESSURE AND THAT HE WOULD GET BACK TO US WITH A FURTHER, MORE SPECIFIC REACTION.

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5. COLLINS SAID HE HAD BEEN IN ITALY LAST WEEK DURING THE VISIT OF IRISH PRESIDENT HILLERY AND HAD COME AWAY WITH THE IMPRESSION THE ITALIANS ACCEPT THAT QADHAFI IS "READY TO DO THE RIGHT THING" BUT REMAINS UNDER SECRET

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CONSTANT PRESSURE FROM HARDLINERS. COLLINS SAID THE ITALIANS SEEMED PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED WITH THE RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND LIBYA AND WITH MUBAREK'S EFFORTS TO BRING QADHAFI AROUND. COLLINS ADDED THAT MALTESE PM FENECH ADAMI HAD EXPRESSED SIMILAR SENTIMENTS DURING THEIR RECENT UNGA MEETINGS. DESPITE ITALIAN AND MALTESE VIEWS, HOWEVER, COLLINS REITERATED HIS OPPOSITION TO A RELAXATION OF SANCTIONS.

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6. DORR ADDED THAT LIBYAN-IRISH BILATERAL RELATIONS HAVE REMAINED IN COLD STORAGE SINCE THE EKSUND AFFAIR AND THAT THERE WERE NO PLANS TO REJUVENATE THE LONG-DELAYED TRADE MISSION.

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- NOTICES FOR SIX LIBYANS ACCUSED OF SHIPPING
- ARMS TO THE IRA

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1. PARIS PRESS REPORTS ON 27 NOVEMBER THAT FRENCH
COUNTER-TERRORISM MAGISTRATE JEAN-LOUIS BRUGUIERE HAS
ISSUED INTERPOL BLUE (SEARCH) WARRANTS FOR SIX LIBYAN
CITIZENS INVOLVED IN ARMS DELIVERIES TO THE IRISH
REPUBLICAN ARMY DURING 1985-1987 (COMPLETE DETAILS
PROVIDED IN REFTEL). BRUGUIERE'S INVESTIGATION
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STEMMED FROM THE OCTOBER 1987 CAPTURE BY FRENCH
AUTHORITIES OF THE "EKSUND," A PANAMANIAN-REGISTERED
SHIP THAT WAS CARRYING 200 TONS OF ARMS -- INCLUDING
SAM MISSILES AND SEMTEX PLASTIC EXPLOSIVE -- DESTINED
FOR THE IRA. BRUGUIERE HAS IMPLICATED THE FOLLOWING
LIBYANS IN THE ARMS SMUGGLING NETWORK:

---NASER ASHUR, A SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LIBYAN
INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, CONSIDERED TO BE THE PRIME
ORGANIZER OF THE LIBYA-IRA ARMS LINK.

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---MUSTAFA OMAR HASUNI, DIRECTOR OF A LIBYAN-MALTESE JOINT VENTURE IN VALETTA.

---AHMED ALI SALEH, DIRECTOR OF THE LIBYAN AIRLINES OFFICE IN MALTA.

---HUSSEIN ABUZEED, MOHAMMED ZELTINA, AND MOHAMMED EL-AMAR RAMADAN, CAPTAINS OF THE VARIOUS BOATS THAT SHIPPED THE ARMS TO THE IRA.

2. FRENCH JUDICIAL SOURCES HAVE TOLD THE PRESS THAT BRUGUIERE DID NOT ISSUE INTERPOL RED (ARREST) NOTICES FOR THE SIX BECAUSE THE CRIMES WERE COMMITTED BY FOREIGNERS (NOT FRENCH CITIZENS), OUTSIDE FRANCE, AND WERE NOT DIRECTED AT FRANCE. LIBYAN, MALTESE, OR IRISH AUTHORITIES COULD, HOWEVER, ISSUE RED WARRANTS IF THEY SO WISHED. CURLEY

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SUBJECT: LIBYAN PRESENCE

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2. [REDACTED] ACCURATE
FIGURES ARE NOT AVAILABLE FROM THE GOI,
ALTHOUGH VISAS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL. THE
BULK OF THE LIBYANS -- ABOUT 350 -- ARE
STUDENTS IN DUBLIN. THE LARGEST CONTINGENT
IS COMPOSED OF TRAINEES AT AER LINGUS, THE
IRISH NATIONAL AIRLINE. THIS GROUP TRAINING
PROJECT WAS QUIETLY REINSTATED BY THE CURRENT
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GOVERNMENT LAST YEAR (REFTEL), AFTER ITS
PREDECESSOR HAD CANCELLED THE PROGRAM DUE
TO QADHAFI'S EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT FOR THE
PIRA.

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3. OTHER LIBYANS IN DUBLIN STUDY ENGLISH,
TAKE OTHER TRAINING COURSES, OR ARE UNIVERSITY
STUDENTS (SOME IN MEDICINE). UNDER TWO DOZEN
ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THE MEAT TRADE, HEADQUARTERED
IN DUBLIN. THE STUDENTS HAVE AN ACTIVE LIBYAN

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STUDENT UNION, COMPLETE WITH A REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE. THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A PEOPLES BUREAU HERE.

4. OUTSIDE THE CAPITAL, A COUPLE OF ADDITIONAL LIBYANS ARE BASED IN WATERFORD, AGAIN DEALING WITH LIVESTOCK/MEAT EXPORTS, AND ONE LIBYAN REP FOR ARAB AIRLINES IS STATIONED AT SHANNON.

5. SOME OF THE AER LINGUS TRAINEES -- OSTENSIBLY FROM LIBYAN ARAB AIRLINES -- MAY BE LIBYAN MILITARY, OR MAY BECOME MILITARY PERSONNEL IN LIBYA AFTER THEIR 3-4 YEAR COURSE HERE.



6. COMMENT: WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THE LIBYANS IN IRELAND WOULD BE VERY CAUTIOUS ABOUT ENGAGING IN ANY TERRORIST ACTIVITY HERE WHICH WOULD JEOPARDIZE THEIR PRESENCE AND TRADE LINKS. THEIR TIES TO THE PIRA ARE WELL-DOCUMENTED, MAKING IT DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO USE PIRA AS A SURROGATE. MOREOVER, THE IRA SCRUPULOUSLY
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AVOIDS PARAMILITARY OPERATIONS IN THE REPUBLIC (EXCEPT FOR "FUND-RAISING" VIA ROBBERIES).

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