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E.O. 12065: GDS 9/1/87 (CHAVEAS, PETER. R.) DR-M
TAGS: OVIP, PEPR, UN, US, NG
SUBJECT: GON REQUEST FOR MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENTS
KOUNTCHE AND REAGAN

REFS: A. NIAMEY 4538
B. NIAMEY 4176
C. STATE 219972

1. (C) - ENTIRE TEXT
2. DURING CONVERSATIONS REPORTED REF. A WITH DIRECTEUR DE CABINET POISSON, IT WAS CLEAR THAT KOUNTCHE CONTINUES TO HARBOR HOPES THAT MEETING WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN WILL FALL INTO PLACE. POISSON EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF OUR INABILITY TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT, GIVEN NARROW WINDOW (ONE DAY) GON HAD OFFERED. HE SUGGESTED THAT IF KOUNTCHE WERE TO LEAVE EARLIER FOR U.S., MEETING COULD CERTAINLY BE ARRANGED. CHARGE REITERATED DIFFICULTY OF ARRANGING MEETING AT ANY TIME IN COMING MONTHS, BUT POISSON APPEARED UNCONVINCED.
3. WHILE WHITE HOUSE POSITION ON ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS WITH PRESIDENT FOR FOREIGN LEADERS (REF C) IS CLEAR AND UNDERSTANDABLE, WE ALSO NEED TO BE CLEAR ON THE IMPACT FAILURE TO ARRANGE MEETING WILL HAVE ON OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. KOUNTCHE AND OTHER GON OFFICIALS PUT GREAT STORE IN A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT AS A MEASURE OF THE USG'S TRUE COMMITMENT TO ASSIST THOSE COUNTRIES MENACED BY LIBYA. IF THE MEETING DOES NOT TAKE PLACE, OUR CONTINUING SUBSTANTIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AND MODEST MILITARY ASSISTANCE WILL BE NO LESS APPRECIATED. HOWEVER, KOUNTCHE IS LIKELY TO CONCLUDE THAT OUR RECENT STATEMENTS ON LIBYA ARE MERELY RHETORIC AS FAR AS NIGER IS CONCERNED AND THAT THE USG LOOKS TO BUSINESS AS USUAL IN NIGER, REGARDING IT AS A FRENCH "CHASSE GARDEE" IN A TIME OF MOUNTING SECURITY CONCERNS. WHILE WE HAVE NEVER TRIED TO

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SUGGEST TO THE GON THAT WE SEEK A ROLE IN NIGER COMPARABLE TO THE FRENCH (AND THEY ENTERTAIN NO ILLUSIONS IN THIS REGARD), WE HAVE COMMUNICATED IN VARIOUS WAYS OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS THE CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT THE PROMINENCE OF NIGER IN U.S. THINKING HAS RISEN, BOTH BECAUSE WE HAVE A HIGH REGARD FOR ITS LEADERSHIP AND BECAUSE WE SHARE COMMON AND HIGH PRIORITY CONCERNS ABOUT THE LIBYAN AND SOVIET MENACES IN THIS REGION. THIS IMPRESSION IS UNLIKELY TO SURVIVE THE FAILURE TO ARRANGE A PRESIDENTIAL MEETING AND OUR RELATIONS WILL BE COOLER FOR IT.

4. WHILE A PRESIDENTIAL MEETING IS STILL CLEARLY THE MOST DESIRABLE ALTERNATIVE, WE BELIEVE A MEETING WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE GON. IT MIGHT BE MADE MORE ACCEPTABLE IF WE COULD AT THE SAME TIME CAPITALIZE ON AN IDEA SUGGESTED BY RECENT STAFFORD CHRISTENSON. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, CHRISTENSON WAS EXTREMELY IMPRESSED BY KOUNTCHE AND EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT A SFRC LUNCHEON FOR HIM SHOULD BE ARRANGED IF HE IS IN WASHINGTON. THIS, COMBINED WITH A VICE PRESIDENTIAL MEETING, COULD DO MUCH TO BLUNT THE STING OF NOT SEEING THE PRESIDENT. THE EXCELLENT RECEPTION CHRISTENSON RECEIVED INDICATES THAT THE IMPORTANCE OF CONGRESS IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS IS NOT A TOTAL MYSTERY HERE. CHAVEAS

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MONROVIA FOR EDWARD PERKINS, DCM

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR

TAGS: MASS, PINS, PREL, LY, UV

SUBJECT: KOUNTCHE FEARS LIBYAN ACTIVITIES IN UPPER VOLTA

REF: (A) OUAGADOUGOU 1467 (NOTAL), (B) NIAHEY 1110 (NOTAL)

1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. THIS MORNING, MARCH 15, NIGER'S PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE CALLED ME IN FOR WHAT HE CHARACTERIZED AS "AN URGENT BRIEF MEETING." HE TOLD ME THAT HE HAD JUST HEARD THAT LIBYA WAS GIVING ARMS TO UPPER VOLTA. HE THEN ASKED IF I COULD CONFIRM THIS INFORMATION. THANKS TO THE VERY TIMELY

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

RECEIPT OF REF (A), I INFORMED HIM THAT WE BELIEVE TWO LIBYAN PLANES HAD BROUGHT ARMS TO UPPER VOLTA BUT DID NOT KNOW THE NUMBERS OR TYPES. KOUNTCHE WAS VISIBLY IMPRESSED THAT I COULD ANSWER HIS REPLY IMMEDIATELY AND NOTED AGAIN THIS PART OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS, INFORMATION, WAS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED AND CONSIDERED BY HIM TO BE VITAL TO NIGER'S SECURITY.

3. I THEN ASKED HIM IF HE HAD HEARD ABOUT THE RECENT ATTEMPTED CDUP IN UPPER VOLTA. KOUNTCHE SAID HE HAD HEARD ABOUT IT FROM UPPER VOLTA PRIME MINISTER SANKARA WHEN THEY MET IN NEW DELHI FOR THE NAM SUMMIT.

4. I TOOK THIS OPENING TO ASK KOUNTCHE IF SANKARA HAD GIVEN HIM A READ OUT OF SANKARA'S VISIT TO TRIPOLI, REF (B). KOUNTCHE STATED THAT HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH

SANKARA GAVE HIM A VERY UNEASY FEELING. HE SAID SANKARA BECAME VERY COY WHEN THE DISCUSSIONS TURNED TO LIBYA. HE COMPLAINED THAT SANKARA WOULD NOT TAKE THE SUBJECT SERIOUSLY AND JOKED ABOUT QADHAFI'S INTENTIONS, SAYING HE WAS NOT AS BAD AS SOME PEOPLE BELIEVED.

5. KOUNTCHE WAS THEN INTERRUPTED BY A LONG DISTANCE PHONE CALL WHICH HE TOOK IN ANOTHER ROOM. ALTHOUGH I COULD NOT HEAR MUCH OF THE CONVERSATION, THE WORDS "UPPER VOLTA" WERE MENTIONED SEVERAL TIMES WITH GREAT FORCE. KOUNTCHE THEN RETURNED AND SAID HE WAS JUST INFORMED THAT TANKS OR TANK-LIKE MOBILE EQUIPMENT (ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS?) WERE AMONG THE ITEMS GIVEN TO UPPER VOLTA BY LIBYA. HE THEN ASKED IF I HAD ANY INFORMATION TO CONFIRM THIS. I REITERATED THAT I HAD NO INFORMATION CONCERNING TYPES OR NUMBERS OF ARMS INVOLVED. KOUNTCHE THEN REQUESTED THAT I INFORM HIM ASAP AFTER I RECEIVED ANY MORE INFORMATION.

6. KOUNTCHE ENDED THE CONVERSATION BY SAYING IT WAS NOW CLEAR THAT QADHAFI HAD "WON" IN UPPER VOLTA AND THIS PUTS NIGER IN THE POSITION OF A "NUT BETWEEN THE PINCHERS OF A NUT CRACKER." HE SAID NIGER WILL HAVE TO BE EVEN MORE ALERT VIS-A-VIS ACTIVITIES ON ITS BORDERS. HE STRESSED NIGER'S FRIENDS MUST UNDERSTAND THIS. I ASSURED HIM THE USG WAS VERY CONCERNED WITH LIBYA'S ACTIVITIES IN UPPER VOLTA AND HOW THOSE ACTIVITIES AFFECTED THE REGION. CASEY

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MONROVIA FOR DCM PERKINS, OUAGADOUGOU FOR SOUTHWICK
E.O. 12356: DECL: 3/31/03

TAGS: EAID, PREL, NG, US

SUBJECT: REPLY TO KOUNTCHE'S REQUEST FOR BUDGETARY AID
REF: A) NIAMEY 1552, B) STATE 83483

1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: LATE MARCH 30, 1983, I MET WITH NIGER PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE AND DELIVERED THE RESPONSE TO HIS DEMARCHE FOR INCREASED BUDGETARY ASSISTANCE (REF A). I REVIEWED OUR INTIMATE UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEM FACING NIGER, WHOM WE CONSIDERED A GOOD FRIEND, AND OUR SUBSTANTIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. I ALSO USED OUR JUST RECENTLY APPROVED CDSS TO EMPHASIZE OUR LONG TERM COMMITMENT TO NIGER'S DEVELOPMENT. THIS DOCUMENT PROVED TO BE A FACE-SAVING DEVICE, FOR KOUNTCHE CONCENTRATED ON IT AND SUGGESTED THAT THIS WAS THE TYPE OF ASSURANCE OF FRIENDSHIP HE WAS REQUESTING DURING OUR PREVIOUS MEETING. THE MEETING THEN ENDED WITH A FRIENDLY BULL SESSION ABOUT THE RECENT HAPPENINGS IN UPPER VOLTA. END SUMMARY.

3. I STARTED BY ASSURING KOUNTCHE THAT I AND THE DEPARTMENT KNEW OF AND WERE CONCERNED ABOUT NIGER'S ECONOMIC AND SECURITY PROBLEMS. I REVIEWED THE MANY CONVERSATIONS KOUNTCHE AND HIS OFFICIALS HAVE HAD WITH ME AND OTHER USG REPRESENTATIVES. I STRESSED WE KNEW, WE WERE CONCERNED, AND WE WERE PROVING IT WITH DEEDS. I NOTED THE ALREADY PRESENT, TANGIBLE DEMONSTRATIONS OF OUR CONCERN AND SUPPORT INCLUDING:

- INCREASED HIGH LEVEL CONTACT BOTH IN NIGER AND WASHINGTON
- SHARING OF HIGHLY CLASSIFIED INFORMATION NOT

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- AVAILABLE TO MANY OTHER AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE
 - -CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER FRIENDS CONCERNING
 - NIGER'S ECONOMIC AND SECURITY NEEDS
 - -OUR SUBSTANTIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, WHICH
 - HAS INCREASED DURING TIMES OF BUDGETARY CUTS
 - -OUR SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.
4. I ALSO STATED THAT WE WERE AWARE OF NIGER'S CHANGING ECONOMIC SITUATION AND, THEREFORE, WERE LOOKING FOR NEW DIRECTIONS OF ASSISTANCE. THE RESULT OF WHICH WAS AN ESF PROGRAM FOR FY 83. I ALSO MENTIONED THAT RIGHT THEN, AS WE WERE SPEAKING, NIGER'S FRIENDS, CROCKER/RUDDY, WERE TESTIFYING BEFORE CONGRESS IN AN EFFORT TO MAINTAIN AND PERHAPS EVEN INCREASE OUR ASSISTANCE TO NIGER.
5. I THEN SPOKE OF THE FUTURE AND HOW, UNLIKE THE ASSISTANCE OF SOME, OUR AID WAS LONG TERM. I EXPLAINED THAT IN OUR RECENTLY APPROVED, LONG RANGE PLANNING AND GUIDANCE DOCUMENT (CDSS), USAID WAS PROPOSING ONGOING DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FOR NIGER. I ALSO MENTIONED THAT THIS DOCUMENT SPOKE NOT ONLY TO NIGER'S LONG TERM DEVELOPMENT NEEDS BUT ALSO TO ITS SHORT TERM ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. I INFORMED HIM THAT IT WAS PREPARED BY OUR AID STAFF IN NIGER AND WAS BASED ON NIGER'S DEVELOPMENT NEEDS AS DEFINED AND PRIORITIZED BY KOUNTCHE'S OWN MINISTERS.
6. KOUNTCHE ASKED MANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CDSS AND THEN STARTED TO USE IT AS A DEVICE TO GET THE TWO OF US OUT OF THE UNCOMFORTABLE SITUATION HIS DEMARCHE HAD CREATED. HE STATED THIS WAS THE TYPE OF ASSURANCE HE NEEDED. HE HAD WANTED ASSURANCE THAT WE UNDERSTOOD HIS PROBLEMS AND WERE WILLING TO HELP THROUGH THE LONG HAUL. HE ALSO TRIED TO CHANGE THE TONE OF OUR PREVIOUS MEETING BY SAYING, "YOU KNOW WHY NIGER HAD TO TELL YOU OF OUR PROBLEM? IT IS BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT TO BE IN THE POSITION OF HAVING A FRIEND (USG) COME TO US AFTER A CRISIS AND SAY 'WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US IN ADVANCE THERE WERE PROBLEMS. YOU KNOW IT IS EASIER TO GIVE PREVENTIVE MEDICINE THAN TO CURE A SICKNESS'" AT NO TIME DID KOUNTCHE MENTION NOR DID I REPLY DIRECTLY TO HIS PREVIOUS REQUEST FOR MORE BUDGET SUPPORT. KOUNTCHE ASKED FOR AND RECEIVED A COPY OF THE CDSS.
7. KOUNTCHE THEN ABRUPTLY CHANGED THE CONVERSATION AND ASKED WHAT I THOUGHT WOULD HAPPEN NEXT IN UPPER VOLTA. AFTER SWAPPING SEVERAL RUMORS, HE STATED HE LOOKED FORWARD TO EXCHANGING INFORMATION WHEN DCM SOUTHWICK RETURNED FROM HIS TRIP TO OUAGADOUGOU.

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MONROVIA FOR DCM PEKINS, OUAGADOUGOU FOR SOUTHWICK
8. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH KOUNTCHE PROBABLY
REALIZES THAT HIS LAST REQUEST AND ITS
DELIVERY WERE UNREALISTIC AND IN POOR FORM, HIS PROBLEMS
ARE REAL AND HIS ALTERNATIVES ARE FEW. THEREFORE, I
WOULD GUESS THAT THIS WILL NOT BE THE LAST REQUEST.
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MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROBERT C. MCFARLANE *RCM*
SUBJECT: Niger: NPT Adherence (C)

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Issue

To encourage President Kountche of Niger to adhere to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. (C)

Background

Niger is the world's fifth largest uranium producer and exporter, and is not a signatory to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. In recent discussions with our Ambassador, President Kountche has indicated he is willing to discuss NPT adherence with us. Our relations with the Government of Niger are excellent and we have a useful working dialogue on a number of subjects. (C)

Discussion

Ken Adelman proposes the attached letter from you to President Kountche encouraging adherence to the NPT by the Government of Niger. Ken states that Niger adherence would add momentum to the NPT and would give us and the IAEA greater oversight of uranium shipments. State and the NSC Staff concur. The speechwriters have cleared the text. (C)

Recommendation

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____ Sign your letter to President Kountche at Tab A

Prepared by Fred Wettering

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: FRED WETTERING

SUBJECT: Niger: NPT Adherence (C)

Our Ambassador to Niger has advised that Niger President Kountche has indicated he is prepared to discuss the adherence of Niger to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). (C)

ACDA proposes and State concurs in a Presidential letter to President Kountche encouraging NPT adherence. ACDA believes that since Niger is a large uranium producer, its adherence would add useful momentum to the treaty at an important time. (C)

Don Fortier and I concur. The speechwriters have cleared the text. (U)

RECOMMENDATION: Sign your memo to the President at Tab I.

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Tab I

Memo to the President

A Presidential letter to President Kountche

B Incoming memo from ACDA

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OFFICE OF
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: Encouraging Niger to Adhere to the NPT

In a recent meeting with ACDA officials, our Ambassador to Niger, William R. Casey Jr., emphasized his personal objective of convincing Niger that it would be in its interest to adhere to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT). President Kountche of Niger has told Ambassador Casey that he is willing to discuss NPT adherence and is very interested in strengthening Niger's ties with the United States. In this context, it would be particularly valuable for President Reagan to send a personal letter to President Kountche urging Niger to adhere to the Treaty. Ambassador Casey would use this letter as part of his efforts to convince Niger's President to adhere to the NPT.

Bringing Niger into the NPT regime would be a significant achievement. Because Niger is the fifth largest exporter of natural uranium, its adherence would add momentum to the Treaty at a time when we are preparing for the 1985 NPT Review Conference. Moreover, as an NPT party, Niger would assume a legal obligation to report the quantities and destination of uranium shipments to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), aiding US efforts to prevent misuse of such exports.

I strongly recommend that the President send a letter to President Kountche encouraging NPT adherence. The Department of State and Ambassador Kennedy fully concur in the proposed letter. A draft is attached.

Ken

Kenneth L. Adelman

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As stated.

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