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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 4/16/86 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: ASAP

SUBJECT: REPORT TO CONGRESS ON U.S. MILITARY ACTIONS IN LIBYA

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REMARKS: Please provide any comments/recommendations directly to my office as soon as possible. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

David L. Chew
Staff Secretary
Ext. 2702

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April 16, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JOHN M. POINDEXTER *JAB*SUBJECT: Report to Congress on U.S. Military Actions in Libya
IssueWar Powers Resolution report to Congress on the involvement of
U.S. Armed Forces in Libya on 14 April 1986 (EST).Facts/Discussion

On 13 April you met with senior leaders of Congress to notify them of your intention to undertake a preemptive strike against selected targets in Libya. As explained to the members, you were exercising your authority as Commander in Chief to take necessary and proportionate action, in the exercise of our right of self-defense under Article 51 of the United Nations Charter, to deter future acts of terrorism. Upon completion of the strikes, it is advisable to report to Congress on the details. George Shultz and Cap Weinberger have forwarded a report for your signature at Tab A which, consistent with the War Powers Resolution, advises Congress of the circumstances necessitating the use of Armed Forces, the constitutional authority and the estimated scope of involvement.

The Attorney General, Peter Wallison and Will Ball concur.

RecommendationOK No That you sign the reports at Tab A.

Prepared by:
Paul B. Thompson

Attachment

cc Vice President
Don Regan

Tab A - Reports to Congress

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BY mjb NARA, DATE 6/14/00

April 16, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

GEORGE P. SHULTZ

CASPAR W. WEINBERGER *YPS*

SUBJECT: War Powers and Libya

Attached for your signature is a report to Congress on the recent actions taken in self-defense by U.S. Armed Forces against Libya.

This report is submitted consistent with section (4)(a)(1) of the War Powers Resolution in order to keep Congress informed on these important developments. Further consultations with and/or reporting to Congress may be appropriate in the future, depending upon how the circumstances develop.

Recommendation

That you sign the proposed report and transmit it to Congress.

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TO The Hon. Strom Thurmond 4/16/86
President pro tempore (Date)
United States Senate
Room 218 - Senate Russell Office Bldg.

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Speaker (Date)

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MESSAGE TO THE CONGRESS/SENATE

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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

DECISION MEMORANDUM

SIGNING STATEMENT

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TO DAVID L. CHEW'S OFFICE:

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Each time a report or message is transmitted to the Congress, call Jane Moody, ext. 2230.

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N.S.C., when appropriate (Brian Merchant, ext. 2585).

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Larry Garrett → 695-3341, when on the way to the Hill

OTHER INFORMATION:

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Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

April 16, 1986

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