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NATIONAL SECURITY DECISION
DIRECTIVE NUMBER 27

ECONOMIC DECISIONS FOR LIBYA

After consultation with the National Security Council and in accordance with applicable law, I have decided on the following steps to reduce the threat posed by Libyan policies and actions.

1. To prohibit the import into the United States of crude oil from Libya.
2. To require for foreign policy reasons validated licenses for all exports of U.S. goods and technology to Libya, except for medicine, medical supplies, food and other agricultural commodities.
3. The general policy of the U.S. shall be to deny licenses for export to Libya of
 - a. Goods and technology controlled for national security purposes, and
 - b. Oil and gas technology and equipment not readily available from sources outside the United States.

For all other newly controlled exports of goods and technology, there is no presumption of denial.

4. To the extent feasible, the administrative steps taken to implement these decisions shall be designed to minimize the extraterritorial impact of new export controls, bearing in mind the basic purposes of these restrictions. In particular, the United States will follow a flexible policy where third country companies are involved. Reexports of nonstrategic goods and technical data already outside of the United States at the time the new controls are imposed, although subject to licensing, will not be precluded under these controls; strategic goods already outside the United States will be considered on a case-by-case basis; foreign products of a nonstrategic nature derived from United States technical data will not be affected by the new controls. The United States will be prepared to show some flexibility with respect to the licensing of items generally to be prohibited from export or reexport under the new controls, where the items are required to fulfill preexisting contracts or are components representing a minor percentage of products to be produced abroad. Previously existing export controls on Libya will not be weakened.

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5. These decisions shall not preclude the export or reexport of items for which validated licenses have previously been issued or where necessary to avoid breach of performance of preexisting contracts.

6. In light of these decisions, the Secretary of Defense, the Director of Central Intelligence, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, shall keep under review contingency planning regarding possible Libyan reactions and Soviet moves.

7. The Secretary of State and the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs shall continue to co-chair a Task Force on Libya to coordinate, to implement, and to recommend additional options as necessary.

Ronald Reagan