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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PARALLEL DEMARCHES ON ABU NIDAL:
- BRITISH CONCERN OVER THE COLLETT CASE

REF: (A) STATE 266 (NOTAL); (B) STATE 265 (NOTAL); (B)
85 STATE 394785 (NOTAL)

1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. WE MET WITH FCO SECURITY COORDINATION DEPARTMENT HEAD GRAHAM BURTON JANUARY 2 TO BRIEF HIM ON THE SECRETARY'S LETTER TO SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SHARA' AND TO URGE A PARALLEL BRITISH DEMARCHE TO THE SYRIANS (REFS A AND B).

3. BURTON ASSURED US HMG WOULD CONSIDER OUR REQUEST SERIOUSLY, AND HE PROMISED TO GET BACK TO US QUICKLY. BUT THERE WAS A COMPLICATING FACTOR: HMG'S EFFORT TO SECURE SYRIAN ASSISTANCE IN THE COLLETT KIDNAPPING, WHICH WAS THE FOCUS OF FCO MINISTER OF STATE TIM RENTON'S DECEMBER 10-12 TALKS IN DAMASCUS.

4. BURTON NOTED THAT THE BRITISH HAVE RAISED ABU NIDAL WITH THE SYRIANS AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY, BUT MORE POINTEDLY SINCE THE COLLETT KIDNAPPING LAST MARCH. DESPITE A STRING OF STONEWALLING RESPONSES, RENTON RAISED THE KIDNAPPING TWICE DURING HIS VISIT: WITH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER KHADDAM AND WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY MINISTER OF STATE ISSAM NAIB. KHADDAM TOLD RENTON THAT SYRIA WOULD DO WHAT IT COULD TO HELP (HE CITED UNSUCCESSFUL SYRIAN MILITARY EFFORTS TO FLUSH OUT THE KIDNAPPERS IN THE BEKAA VALLEY). NAIB, HOWEVER, WHEN PRESSED DIRECTLY ON THE ABU NIDAL CONNECTION, REPLIED WITH A CATEGORIC DENIAL THAT ABU NIDAL WAS IN SYRIA OR THAT SYRIA GAVE HIM ANY FACILITIES, COUPLED WITH ASSURANCES OF SYRIAN OPPOSITION TO TERRORISM AND A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF SYRIAN ACTIONS ON THE ACHILLE LAURO HIJACKING.

5. BURTON EMPHASIZED THAT THE BRITISH ARE NOT SURE WHETHER THE COLLETT VIDEOTAPE RESULTED FROM THE RENTON

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VISIT AND SUBSEQUENT SYRIAN PRESSURE ON ABU NIDAL OR THE CAPTORS. BUT HMG SEES SYRIA AS THE BEST POSSIBLE AVENUE FOR PRESSURE ON ABU NIDAL AND SEES THE VIDEOTAPE AS A POSSIBLE MANIFESTATION OF THAT PRESSURE. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES -- AND IN LIGHT OF NAIB'S CATEGORIC ASSERTIONS -- HMG MIGHT CONSIDER IT A LITTLE TOO SOON TO GO IN QUESTIONING THE SYRIANS ON THEIR WORD. THE BRITISH WERE IN A DELICATE BALANCE, SAID BURTON, BETWEEN "PUTTING THE BOOT IN" AND LOSING SYRIAN HELP ON THE COLLETT CASE.

6. BEIRUT MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. SEITZ
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- KILLINGS

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2. THE FIUMICINO AIRPORT TRAGEDY HAS TOUCHED OFF QUESTIONING FROM MANY DIRECTIONS ABOUT THE CRAXI GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES AND ACTIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND PARTICULARLY THE ITALIAN RELATIONSHIP WITH LIBYA AND IRAN. FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREOTTI IN PARTICULAR HAS BEEN THE TARGET OF CRITICISM FROM WITHIN THE GOVERNING COALITION AND FROM A BROAD SEGMENT OF THE PRESS AS THE AUTHOR AND PROMOTER OF POLICIES THAT HAVE BEEN TOO ACCOMMODATING OF LIBYA AND OTHER TERRORIST STATES AND OF THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE. POST-FIUMICINO STATEMENTS FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TENDING TO REAFFIRM ITALY'S "EVEN-HANDED" POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND A DECEMBER 29 INTERVIEW WITH ANDREOTTI ALONG THE SAME LINES HAVE HEIGHTENED THE ISSUE. ITALY JUST MAY HAVE ARRIVED AT THE POINT AT WHICH IT MUST CONSIDER A SERIOUS REAPPRAISAL OF EXISTING MIDDLE EAST POLICY. IN ANY CASE, IT OCCURS TO US THAT THIS TIME OF FLUX AND SELF-QUESTIONING MIGHT BE PRECISELY THE RIGHT MOMENT TO WEIGH IN WITH OUR OWN CONCERNS IN THREE DIRECTLY CONNECTED AREAS.

- (1) ITALY'S RELATIONSHIP WITH LIBYA. FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS ITALY HAS SOUGHT TO MAINTAIN A WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH QADAFI. THIS POSSIBLY ARISES FROM A CONVICTION THAT LIBYA AND OTHERS CAN BE BETTER DEALT WITH BY AN ITALY WHICH IS BLESSED WITH AN "UNDERSTANDING" OF THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE GREATER THAN THAT OF AN OVER-REACTIVE U.S. ALSO THE ITALIANS PROBABLY FIND THIS POLICY CONVENIENT AS A FIG LEAF TO RETAIN LIBYA AS A GOOD EXPORT CUSTOMER FOR OVER ONE BILLION DOLLARS IN SALES OF GOODS AND SERVICES ANNUALLY. (SOME OF WHICH ARE ARMAMENTS, OF WHICH MORE LATER.) HOWEVER THE BLOOM IS OFF THIS ROSE AS WELL, WITH LIBYA AT LAST ACCOUNT BEHIND ABOUT 800 MILLION DOLLARS IN ITS PAYMENTS. WE ALSO CANNOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT QADAFI HAS "BOUGHT INTO" THE ITALIAN POLITICAL SYSTEM IN ORDER TO SECURE ITALY'S TOLERANCE.

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3. WE CAN SEE CONSIDERABLE VALUE IN PRESSING ANDREOTTI'S OWN PARTY, THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS, ON THIS IF DC CHIEF DE MITA VISITS WASHINGTON LATER THIS MONTH. PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY MANY DC LEADERS IN THE WAKE OF THE DECEMBER 27 ATTACK INDICATE THAT THE PARTY MIGHT BE

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RECEPTIVE TO OUR VIEWS. AT THE VERY LEAST WE SHOULD TELL DE MITA THAT OUR LONG-TIME AND HERETOFORE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DC MAKES US HOPE THAT THE PARTY WILL CHANGE ITS EQUIVOCAL TONE WITH REGARD TO THE LIBYANS. THIS MESSAGE WOULD NOT BE LOST ON DE MITA.

- (2) ARMS SALES. THE ITALIANS HAVE HAD FOR SOME YEARS AN EXTENSIVE ARMS TRADE WITH LIBYA AND, UNTIL LAST YEAR, WITH IRAN. ALTHOUGH WE MADE ONE DEMARCHE IN 1985 ON A "GREY AREA" SHIPMENT OF FIAT TRUCKS TO LIBYA, MUCH TIME HAS PASSED SINCE WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO REVIEW WITH THE ITALIANS THEIR REPORTED SALES OF WEAPONS AND STRICTLY MILITARY ITEMS. IT IS UNREALISTIC AT THIS TIME TO EXPECT THE ITALIANS TO RENOUNCE NON-MILITARY SALES TO LIBYA OR PURCHASES OF LIBYAN ENERGY. NEVERTHELESS WE SUGGEST THAT WASHINGTON AUTHORIZE A DEMARCHE ASKING THE ITALIANS TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE MILITARY SALES TO LIBYA AND SET FORTH SPECIFIC WEAPONS SALES WHICH WE CAN CITE IN OUR PRESENTATION.

- (3) AIRPORT SAFETY. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN IMPLEMENTING THE FAA X-RAY REQUIREMENT IN A WAY WHICH GREATLY REDUCED PANAM AND TWA PASSENGER THRONGING IN THE FIUMICINO TERMINAL, THE ONLY REAL DEFENSE AGAINST EPISODES SUCH AS OCCURRED LAST WEEK CAN ONLY BE FOUND IN MUCH MORE TOTAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS. NOW IS THE TIME TO PRESS FOR WHAT WE NEED TO ENSURE MAXIMUM SAFETY FOR OUR CARRIERS AND TRAVELING PUBLIC. THE EMBASSY THEREFORE PLANS TO MEET INFORMALLY WITH PANAM AND TWA REPS IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS TO SEE WHAT THEY BELIEVE IS NEEDED FOR BETTER SECURITY AT FIUMICINO. HOWEVER THE FIUMICINO AND VIENNA EVENTS COULD OCCUR ANYWHERE; A WIDER VIEW SHOULD BE TAKEN BY THE USG AND THE AMERICAN CARRIERS. IT MIGHT THEREFORE BE USEFUL TO DISCUSS WITH PANAM AND TWA MANAGEMENT IN THE U. S. AND WITH SECURITY EXPERTS FROM OUR CARRIERS AND FAA WHAT THEY CONSIDER TO BE THEIR SECURITY NEEDS AT THREATENED AIRPORTS SUCH AS FIUMICINO AND WHAT THE COMPANIES WOULD BE WILLING TO DO OR TO PAY TO GET IT. WHILE THE EMBASSY'S RELATIONSHIPS WITH LOCAL CARRIER REPRESENTATIVES ARE EXCELLENT, IT IS OUR EXPERIENCE THAT THEY ARE USUALLY HESITANT TO GO OUT ON A CORPORATE LIMB ABOUT NEEDS, EXPENSES, ETC. WITHOUT FIRST HAVING GUIDANCE OR A GREEN LIGHT FROM THE HOME OFFICE.

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IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT SECURITY DISCUSSIONS OF A MORE
TECHNICAL NATURE MIGHT BE BEYOND THE EMBASSY'S COMPETENCE
TO EVALUATE LOCALLY. THEREFORE IN MEETING THIS THIRD
OBJECTIVE THE BACKGROUND AND POLITICAL IMPETUS THAT
COULD COME FROM A WASHINGTON MEETING PLUS THE TECHNICAL
ADVICE FROM COMPANY AND FAA SECURITY EXPERTS WOULD BE
IMPORTANT TO HAVE IN HAND BEFORE PRESSING THE ITALIANS
ON NEW SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS SUCH AS SEPARATE CHECK-IN
AREAS FOR U. S. CARRIERS.

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NOTE FROM: Tyrus Cobb

SUBJECT: Italian Demarche on Possible Military Retaliation

Minister Paolo Janni of the Italian Embassy just came by to drop off an "urgent" note. He indicated that the Council of Ministers is meeting in reaction to a spate of sensationalist news stories in the Italian press concerning possible US military responses to the Rome/Vienna airport shootings. The Deputy Foreign Minister left the session to call Janni and direct him to bring us the following message:

"The Council of Ministers is aware of news stories reporting that the Sixth Fleet was departing from Naples. It believes that it is its duty to notify the United States Government that military action against Libya--apart from considerations of the 2,000 Americans living there--worries us (GOI) enormously because of the 15,000 Italians residing in Libya. We (GOI) are also concerned regarding possible retaliation against Americans or U.S. bases in Italy. In that we note the Israeli raid against the PLO in Tunisia was justified before international public opinion as a strike against the military bases that supported PLO terrorism (meaning apparently that the Libyans might use the same justification in striking U.S. bases in Italy). The Council directed Minister of Defense Spadolini to urgently consult with GEN Rogers".

COMMENT: Janni is delivering this message to State now and I will consult with EUR shortly. Janni's note was confusing and reflected, I believe, Italian concern and lack of understanding regarding our intentions. He asked several questions regarding what options we contemplated and what consultations we proposed prior to initiating any response. I could only reiterate the standard phrase that we were in the process of considering a range of possible responses and would, of course, consult with our Allies.

This does raise the question of consultations and coordination of responses, particularly keeping in mind the difficulties we had at Sigonella. I personally don't have any idea of what we are planning beyond what I read in the Post, but if operational considerations permit I strongly recommend that we work out an Allied consultation plan. As a minimum we should devise a means of informing them prior to any retaliation--even if the notice is given shortly before the initiation of the response. In this connection you may recall that we made a commitment to the GOI in 1981 in the wake of the Gulf of Sidra incident to inform the GOI prior to undertaking a similar action.

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coming later today -
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MEMORANDUM

TO: NEA - Mr. Murphy
 EUR - Ms. Ridgway
 L - Judge Sofaer
 EB - Mr. McMinn
 INR - Mr. Abramowitz

FROM: S/CT - Robert B. Oakley *RBO*

SUBJECT: Reaction to Vienna and Rome Massacres

It is important that we convey to those governments whose support we are seeking on Libya/Abu Nidal a balanced, long-term approach to combatting terrorism generally as well as dealing with Libya and Abu Nidal in particular. The two attached draft telegrams complement those already sent on Syria and Abu Nidal, and convey officially what we have said to the media about Libya and place the effort in perspective. Neither is dependent upon specific decisions by the USG on additional sanctions, and they indicate that the demarches called for on Libya/Abu Nidal and other measures are steps in a long-term process. We shall be obliged to return to the Libyan sanctions issue repeatedly with other governments, and probably treat each government separately, if there is to be any success.

Some of the actions described in the information memo to the Secretary have already been taken (i.e. demarche to the USSR), others may be taken soon, but most of them will probably require some time for final decision by the USG. We can and should start communicating much more fully with these governments even while awaiting further specific actions by the USG. The more general telegram (Tab A) is largely independent of the Libyan sanctions issue, which it notes will be the subject of a separate telegram (Tab B).

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REF: 85 STATE 392907

1. (S - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. ON DECEMBER 30 EMBOFF INFORMED THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR IN ITS CAPACITY AS ITALIAN COORDINATOR FOR THE U. S. /ITALIAN WORKING GROUP OF THE TRIP BY USG TERRORISM ANALYSTS PROPOSED IN REFTEL. NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS HAVE DELAYED DEFINITIVE ITALIAN RESPONSE WHICH WILL COME FROM MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR SCALFARO. WE HAVE ALREADY BEEN ASSURED, HOWEVER, THAT ITALY WILL WELCOME THE VISIT.

3. TIMING OF THE VISIT WILL HAVE TO BE DURING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 13. JANUARY 6 IS A LEGAL ITALIAN HOLIDAY AND THE ITALIANS WILL NEED THE REMAINING DAYS OF THAT WEEK TO PREPARE FOR THE ARRIVAL OF THE U. S. TEAM. WE WILL ADVISE PRECISE DATES PROPOSED FOR THE VISIT BY MINISTER SCALFARO AS SOON AS WE ARE INFORMED.

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- (B) 85 ROME 32002 (NOTAL)
- (C) 85 ROME 31957 (NOTAL)

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2. DIGOS (ITALIAN COUNTER-TERRORISM POLICE) ADVISED THAT THE SURVIVING TERRORIST BOU HMIDA YASER, WHO WAS INTERROGATED THE EVENING OF JANUARY 2, STATED THAT HIS GROUP TRAVELED FROM BEIRUT TO BELGRADE ON JAT AIRLINES AND THEN TOOK TRAIN NO. 220 FROM ZAGABRIA TO ITALY. THEY CROSSED THE BORDER AT VILLA OOICINA (TRIESTE) AT 1810 ON NOVEMBER 30, 1985. RECORDS AT THE BORDER INDICATE THAT YASER AND BAU DARWISH MOHAMED (SEE REF C) WERE ACCOMPANIED BY JAMEL BEN RABAH GARRAUI, BORN MARCH 10, 1963, AND ABDELJELIL BEN ALI HMAIDI, BORN JULY 16, 1964. THE FACT THAT THERE WAS NO INFORMATION AT THE BORDER REGARDING TYPE OR PASSPORT NUMBER LEADS POLICE TO BELIEVE THAT GARRAUI AND HMAIDI WERE NOT CARRYING-MOROCCAN PASSPORTS.

3. YASER ALSO PROVIDED INTERROGATORS WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS IN BEIRUT HE CALLED. HE ADVISED THAT 870054 BELONGS TO BASSAM MOHAMMED RAAD WHO LIVES IN AYN, A SUBURB OF BAALBAK IN THE BIQ' A VALLEY AND THAT 870045 BELONGS TO ANI TUFIH ISMAIL, ALSO LIVING IN BAAL BAALBAK.

4. IN FURTHER INTERROGATION YASER ADVISED POLICE THAT THERE WAS ANOTHER GRENADE IN ONE OF THE SUITCASES AT FIUMICINO. WHEN POLICE RETURNED TO FIUMICINO TO CHECK THE LUGGAGE, THEY DID, IN FACT, FIND ANOTHER GRENADE. THIS BRINGS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF GRENADES TO 15 -- 12 UNEXPLODED AND THREE EXPLODED. YASER TOLD POLICE THAT HIS GROUP ARRIVED AT FIUMICINO AIRPORT CARRYING EIGHT PIECES OF LUGGAGE -- BOTH SUITCASES AND CARRY-ONS.

5. YASER FURTHER STATED THAT HE WENT TO THE SAN

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GALICANI HOSPITAL IN ROME A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE ATTACK TO BE TREATED FOR A SKIN AILMENT WHERE HE WAS GIVEN PILLS AND OINTMENT.

6. ITALIAN POLICE HAVE VERIFIED ALL THE ABOVE INFORMATION EXCEPT FOR THE PHONE NUMBERS IN BEIRUT.

7. FOR GENEVA: PLEASE DISREGARD REQUEST OUTLINED IN REF A, PARA 6.

8. FOR BEIRUT: PLEASE CHECK WITH JAT AIRLINES TO DETERMINE THE ITINERARY OF THESE FOUR TERRORISTS. DISREGARD REQUEST CONTAINED IN REF A, PARA 7.

9. FOR BELGRADE: PLEASE CHECK WITH JAT AIRLINES AND LOCAL TRAIN STATION TO DETERMINE ITINERARY.

10. BEIRUT MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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