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SUBJECT: LIBYA: MIRAGE TIRE PURCASES

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--WE HAVE RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM A SOURCE BELIEVED RELIABLE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBYA IS ATTEMPTING TO

SECRET

PURCHASE AND STOCKPILE A LARGE QUANTITY OF TIRES FOR ITS MIRAGE FIGHTERS. REPORTEDLY, OVER 150U TIRES ARE TO BE PURCHASED FROM DUNLOP THROUG THE LIBYAN MILITARY LIAISON OFFICE IN PARIS.

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- --THE EXPORT OF MILITARY SPECIFICATION TIRES FOR THE MIRAGE WOULD VIOLATE THE EC-WIDE AND SUMMIT COMMITMENTS

NOT TO EXPORT MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO LIEYA.

- -WE HAVE NUMEROUS INDICATIONS THAT LIBYA IS EXPANDING THE USE OF ITS MIRAGES TO INCLUDE NIGHT AS WELL AS DAYTIME INTERCEPTS AND TO INCLUDE MARITIME PATROL ACTIVITIES THUS PLACING THE MIRAGE ON THE FRONT LINE IN ANY POTENTIAL HOSTILE ACTION BY LIBYAN FORCES.
- --THE STOCKPILING OF LARGE NUMBERS OF TIRES WOULD INDICATE TO US A LIBYAN DESIRE TO MAKE A ONE-TIME PURCHASE IN PREPARATION FOR LOSS OF ACCESS TO SUPPLIES WHICH COULD BE OCCASIONED BY AGGRESSIVE LIBYAN ACTION IN CHAD FOR EXAMPLE.
- --THE ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF EARLY USE OF THE MIRAGES IS BUTTRESSED BY THE DEPLOYMENT PATTERNS OF TE MIRAGES NEAR AREAS OF POTENTIAL CONFLICT AND THE FACT THAT TE MIRAGES HAVE HIGHER PILOT/PLANE RATIOS THAN OTHER PLANES IN TE LIBYAN INVENTORY.
- --WE ASK THAT YOU TAKE ALL POSSIBLE ACTION TO FRUSTRATE THIS AND OTHER SALES SUPPORTING THE MIRAGE.
- 3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO FOLLOW-UP AS NECESSARY AND TO REPORT RESULTS. WHITEHEAD ** END OF CABLE **

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

August 15, 1986

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MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN M. POINDEXTER

FROM:

OLIVER NORTH CRAIG P. COY / ROBERT L. EARLY

SUBJECT:

Reply to Dr. Avery Post

Attached at Tab I is a letter from you to The Reverend Avery D. Post, responding to his letter to the President of April 15 (Tab II) criticizing the U.S. decision to conduct military air strikes against terrorist targets in Libya.

A draft Presidential response to Dr. Post was forwarded by Elaine Morton in June, but apparently was lost or disapproved. In light of the four-month delay in responding, David Chew prefers that you rather than the President reply to Dr. Post.

Your response is self-explanatory, reiterating U.S. policy that the U.S. has no alternative but to take swift action to save American lives when presented with clear evidence of planned terrorist actions against Americans.

HRT

ON LEAVE
Elaine Morton and Howard Teicher concur.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the letter to Reverend Post at Tab I.

APPROVE \checkmark

DISAPPROVE

Attachments

Tab I - Letter to Dr. Post

Tab II - Letter of April 15, 1986 from Dr. Post

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 21, 1986

Dear Dr. Post:

Thank you for your letter to the President of April 15 concerning the decision to launch a military strike against terrorist-related targets in Libya. I apologize for the delay in responding to your letter, but I did feel it was important to suggest to you why we see that event differently than you do.

The United States has steadfastly sought to avoid the use of force, and we regret any loss of innocent life caused by our actions. Over the years, we have sought to have good relations with the Libyan people, and to resolve our differences with their government by peaceful means including diplomatic approaches, public statements, and economic pressures — all to no avail. Despite these efforts, Libya, under the leadership of Mu'ammar Qadhafi, has become a major supporter and perpetrator of terrorism. With conclusive proof of direct Libyan involvement in terrorist acts and their plans for more attacks against Americans, the United States had no choice but to take direct military action in self-defense.

I agree that a just and lasting peace in the Middle East is desirable in its own right. Such a peace has long been a goal of the United States, and the Administration has worked hard to achieve this goal. You should note, however, that Qadhafi has been among those in the forefront in urging the use of terrorism against those who even propose peaceful solutions to the Middle East problem. We can never accept terrorism as acceptable international behavior, regardless of the cause.

A decision to use force is always taken reluctantly. However, whenever we are in possession of clear evidence that a government is planning to sponsor terrorist attacks against innocent U.S. citizens, the U.S. Government has no alternative but to take swift action to save American lives. Moreover, with the advantage of four months hindsight, I believe that the President made the correct decision. We are also encouraged by the support of the international community, particularly at the Tokyo Summit, in combatting terrorism.

Sincerely,

John M. Poindexter

The Reverend Avery D. Post, D.D. President United Church of Christ New York, New York 10016



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

105 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10016, Tel. (212) 683-5656

Office of the President

April 15, 1986

The President The White House Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Your decision to launch a military assault on Libya represents a response to terrorism that I find both morally questionable and fundamentally imprudent. It involves the U.S. in a cycle of violence that will undoubtedly entail the shedding of more blood. It assumes that the only effective response to terror is more terror. As a Christian, that is a proposition I cannot accept.

If you felt the U.S. had a strong case against Libya as a propagator of terrorism, that case should have been presented before the World Court, and the United Nations. By appropriating to ourselves the role of prosecutor, judge, and executioner, the U.S. has abdicated the high ground of morality and to the distress of many of our allies, added our own link to the seemingly endless chain of unrequited violence that has plagued the Middle East.

We ought to be addressing underlying regional issues that give terrorists increased visibility and, in some quarters, undeserved respectability. Regrettably the U.S. government thus far has lacked the courage to make the difficult diplomatic decisions that might lead to a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

As Christians we bear a large measure of responsibility for our government's preference for military solutions to negotiated ones, whether in the Middle East or in Central America. For that we should repent and our repentance should lead to a renewed commitment to the option for life as opposed to the politics of death.

Sincerely

Dr. Avety D. Post

President

cc: Secretary of State George Shultz Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger National Security Advisor John M. Poindexter

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Reply to Dr. Avery Post

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MEMORANDUM FOR RODNEY B. MCDANIEL

FROM:

ELAINE L. MORTON

SUBJECT:

Presidential Correspondence:

Reply to Dr. Avery Post

For reasons that are not clear, we have received a duplicate request for authorization of a reply to an incoming letter from Dr. Avery Post, President of the United Church of Christ, who wrote to protest the April 14 bombing of Libya (Tab A).

You already authorized the reply to Dr. Post on June 10, 1986 (Tab B).

David Chew's office notes the four month delay and wonders whether it is still worth sending a reply. I believe it is.

With the recirculation of the letter, Bob Earl, acting for Ollie North, requested changes in language. I believe the changes are unnecessary and will slow the process of reply even further.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum to David Chew at Tab I reauthorizing the reply and asking that it be sent in spite of the delay.

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Disapprove

Approve Disapprove

Ollie North and Howard Teicher concur.

Attachments

Memorandum to Chew Tab I

> Tab A Incoming from Chew

Previous Memorandum from McDaniel to Sally Kelley Tab B

Memorandum to Chew Tab II

Tab A Incoming from Chew

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Tab C Revised Letter

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

MEMORANDUM FOR DAV TO CHEW

FROM:

RODNEY B. MCDANIEL

SUBJECT:

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Like you, I am puzzled about the delay in processing the answer. As you will see from the material at Tab B, NSC approval was forwarded to Sally Kelley on approximately June 10, 1986.

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Tab A Incoming Staffing Memorandum from Chew

Tab B June 10, 1986 Memorandum from McDaniel to Kelley

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 8/7/86 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY:

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Dear Dr. Post:

Thank you for your letter of April 15 concerning the decision to launch a military strike against terrorist bases in Libya. You suggest that the United States had other viable alternatives. I disagree.

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I agree that a just and lasting peace in the Middle East would help to mitigate the problem of terrorism. Such a peace has long been a goal of the United States and my Administration has worked hard to achieve this goal. At the same time, you should note that Qadhafi has been among those in the forefront in urging the use of terrorism against those who even propose peaceful solutions to the Middle East problem.

A decision to use force is always taken reluctantly. However, being in possession of clear evidence that a government is planning to sponsor terrorist attacks against many innocent U.S. citizens -- and others -- I believe I made the correct decision. I am encouraged by the support of the international community, particularly the Tokyo Summit, in combatting terrorism.

Sincerely,

The Reverend Avery D. Post, D.D. President United Church of Christ New York, New York

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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

105 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10016, Tel. (212) 683-5656

Office of the President

April 15, 1986

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

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Dr. Avery D. Post

President

cc: Secretary of State George Shultz
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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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MAY 8, 1986

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED APRIL 15, 1986

TO:

PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM:

DR. AVERY D. POST

PRESIDENT

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

105 MADISON AVENUE NEW YORK NY 10016

SUBJECT: OPPOSES THE ACTION TAKEN AGAINST LIBYA

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE (OR DRAFT) TO: AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE

> SALLY KELLEY DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

MEMORANDUM FOR SALLY KELLEY

FROM:

RODNEY B. McDANIEL

SUBJECT:

Reply to Dr. Avery Pos

This memorandum forwards for appropriate signature an NSC-approved reply (Tab A) to Dr. Avery Post, who writes opposing the U.S. action taken against Libya.

Attachments

Tab A Reply to Dr. Avery Post Tab B Incoming correspondence

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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August 8, 1986

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID CHEW

FROM:

RODNEY B. MCDANIEL BOL for

SUBJECT:

Reply to Dr. Avery Post

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Like you, I am puzzled about the delay in processing the answer. As you will see from the material at Tab B, NSC approval was forwarded to Sally Kelley on approximately June 10, 1986.

With the passage of time, and the clear positive effects of the April 14 action, the NSC staff recommends the attached changes at Tab C.

Attachments

Tab A Incoming Staffing Memorandum from Chew

Tab B June 10, 1986 Memorandum from McDaniel to Kelley

Tab C Revised Letter to Post

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RESPONSE:

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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MAY 8, 1986

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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COMMENT / RECOMMENDATION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID:

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED APRIL 15, 1986

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

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June 9, 1986



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RECOMMENDATION

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Office of the President

April 15, 1986

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Your decision to launch a military assault on Libya represents a response to terrorism that I find both morally questionable and fundamentally imprudent. It involves the U.S. in a cycle of violence that will undoubtedly entail the shedding of more blood. It assumes that the only effective response to terror is more terror. As a Christian, that is a proposition I cannot accept.

If you felt the U.S. had a strong case against Libya as a propagator of terrorism, that case should have been presented before the World Court, and the United Nations. By appropriating to ourselves the role of prosecutor, judge, and executioner, the U.S. has abdicated the high ground of morality and to the distress of many of our allies, added our own link to the seemingly endless chain of unrequited violence that has plagued the Middle East.

We ought to be addressing underlying regional issues that give terrorists increased visibility and, in some quarters, undeserved respectability. Regrettably the U.S. government thus far has lacked the courage to make the difficult diplomatic decisions that might lead to a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

As Christians we bear a large measure of responsibility for our government's preference for military solutions to negotiated ones, whether in the Middle East or in Central America. For that we should repent and our repentance should lead to a renewed commitment to the option for life as opposed to the politics of death.

Sincerely

Dr. Avety D. Post

President

cc: Secretary of State George Shultz
Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

November 3, 1978

Mr. Robert McBrien
Office of the Secretary
Room 1130
Department of Treasury
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Mr. McBrien:

Your office has requested the Department of State's advice on the desirability of adding Libya to the list of those countries whose vessels need not pay special tonnage tax and light money in U.S. ports.

On October 6, 1977, Mr. Richard Bank, Director of the Department of State's Office of Maritime Affairs, wrote to Mr. John Tebeau of the U.S. Customs Service informing him that no discriminating duties of tonnage or impost are levied in Libyan ports on U.S. flag vessels or on the merchandise transported in such vessels. Mr. Bank recommended that Libya therefore be added to the list of countries whose vessels need not pay special tonnage tax and light money in the U.S.

You have asked that the Department of State review its recommendation, taking into consideration Libya's support for groups which engage in terrorism. This review has been completed, and it is the Department's conclusion that no linkage should be established between the tax in question and Libya's involvement with terrorism. It is the Department of State's understanding that this tax heretofore has been applied only in instances where a foreign government levies a discriminatory tax on American vessels or the merchandise they transport. We see no reason to alter this policy.

Sincerely,

James K. Bishop

Director

Office of North African Affairs

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THE TERRORISTS BELIEVED THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF QADHAFI'S DAUGHTER IN TRIPOLI ON APRIL 15.

- 3. THE INFORMANT STATED THAT THE TERRORISTS IN QUESTION WERE SUDANESE MATIONALS WHO HAD BEEN TRAINED IN OR NEAR TRIPOLI AND THAT THEY HAD DEPARTED FROM TRIPOLI ON JULY 25 WITH THE UNITED STATES AS THEIR ULTIMATE DESTINATION.
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5. WALK-IN PROVIDED A GREAT DEAL OF BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON HIS STAY IN LIBYA THAT CERTAINLY HAD A RING OF AUTHORITY. WE CANNOT OTHERWISE YOUCH FOR THE INFORMATION HE PROVIDED BUT BELIEVE THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS SUFFICIENTLY TIME SENSITIVE TO REQUIRE IMMEDIATE REPORTING. A MORE DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE MEETING WILL FOLLOW.

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