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MINISTER-PRESIDENT

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The Hague, 29th April 1986

Dear Ronald,

Thank you for your letter of 11 April 1986 in which you expressed your concern about Libya's role in terrorist activities.

I fully share your concern over the growing scourge of terrorism and as you are aware the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Twelve have to date held two special meetings on this subject as well as one regular one. At the last meeting in Luxemburg on 21 April 1986 they decided to give concrete form to the decisions of 14 April to give a clear-cut substantial signal to Libya and other states clearly implicated in supporting terrorism. The Twelve decided:

- to reduce to a minimum the number of Libyan diplomatic and consular representatives in the twelve countries. This minimum should be seen in the light of the number of diplomatic and consular representatives of the Twelve in Libya;
- to restrict the freedom of movement of Libyan diplomatic and consular representatives to their place of residence and make their movements elsewhere subject to prior authorization by the relevant country of accreditation;
- to implement strictly the visa procedure applicable to Libyan nationals.

Furthermore they decided to complement the measures taken on 14 April 1986 with the following:

- to examine whether the diplomatic representation in Libya of each of the Twelve can be reduced;
- to examine at the national level whether other Libyan representations in Europe can be reduced;

The Honorable
Ronald R. Reagan
President of the
United States of America
The White House
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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- not to allow Libyan nationals expelled by one of the partners for implication in international terrorism to enter their respective countries;
- to examine whether it is possible to prevent abuse of diplomatic privileges and immunities and to ensure stricter controls on their exercise in conformity with international rules.

The visit of attorney general Ed Meese was most useful for the work in the Trevi-group and is a good example of how the Twelve and the Netherlands authorities in particular can cooperate with the US administration in preventing terrorism.

Sincerely yours

Ruud Lubbers

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

4/30

Bob —

What do you think?

~~Bob~~

North —

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File: Press Guidance,
Libya

QUESTION: Two weeks have passed since the United States bombing raid against terrorist-associated targets in Libya. How do you assess the success of the attack on Libya? Do you expect it to stop Libyan-backed terrorism?

ANSWER: I don't think I should attempt to answer that from a technical military standpoint. However, I know that Defense Secretary Weinberger is very pleased with the military success of a complex operation that demanded precision performance. The intended targets were attacked and were destroyed or substantially damaged. In addition, the long and selective reach of U.S. military power was ably demonstrated.

From the standpoint of U.S. antiterrorism policy the raid was clearly successful. Our objectives were accomplished:

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- destroyed or damaged significant parts of the terrorism support apparatus of Libya.
 - delivered an unequivocal message to Qadhafi that his attacks on U.S. citizens and facilities will not be tolerated; a price will be paid for continuation of Libyan-backed terrorism; and he will not find the consequences acceptable.
 - sent a clear signal to other state sponsors and would-be sponsors of terrorism, that the United States will use military force to defend itself against attack, both by deterring future attacks and by destroying the capability for future attacks.
 - demonstrated U.S. resolve and leadership in actively confronting terrorism -- a message that other victim-states needed to see.

The United States is very pleased with the responsiveness being shown by our allies in the aftermath of the attack on Qadhafi's terrorist structure, and we hope that it will continue and that it will flourish. In particular, the actions by the European Communities' Ministers (e.g., to expel or severely restrict the movement of so-called "diplomats" from Libya, to institute tighter border and travel controls, and to increasingly cooperate in combatting terrorism) are helping to draw tighter the noose of isolation against Qadhafi. I know that President Reagan and the American delegation at the Tokyo Summit will continue to work on intensifying that cooperation and providing leadership in confronting terrorism.

We do not know the long term effect on terrorism, particularly on Qadhafi's support of terrorism; but we believe that he has gotten the message as have other sponsors of terrorism. However, if Qadhafi chooses not to be dissuaded from continuing to back terrorist operations, the U.S. is fully prepared to take even stronger action.

In the short term, there is likely to be an increase in terrorism. Qadhafi's terrorists were plotting many actions well before our raid occurred; and Qadhafi or his adherents, or even other sympathetic or competitive terrorists, may strike out at the United States. But that will not be easily sustained, and we will act against it.

There is no "magic bullet" for combatting terrorism; and international terrorism will not be eliminated by U.S. actions against Libya; but over the long run it can be suppressed, its state sponsors deterred, and we can prevail.

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