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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR DONALD R. FORTIER

FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH
ROBERT L. EARL

SUBJECT: Target Descriptions

When DOD/JCS selected the targets for the April 15 airstrikes in Libya, unclassified target descriptions for use by Administration press spokesmen after the attack were not developed during the target analysis/selection phase of the planning. This led to last minute, after-the-fact drafting of such unclassified justifications by individuals not intimately involved in the detailed analysis/selection process. Although the press guidance developed filled the bill admirably, the completeness and accuracy of this process ought not be left to chance the next time around.

To formalize this process, it is recommended that you request DOD/JCS (Tab I) develop draft unclassified target descriptions for each of the Libyan targets currently under consideration. This will allow senior policymakers to consider the public relations impact of each target attacked during the target selection/approval process.

The suggestion of developing press guidance at this point in the planning process raises the more general issue of our public relations policy on releasing details of military operations. DOD treated the April 15 strike similarly to the Grenada operation or the capture of the ACHILLE LAURO hijackers -- a one-time event that was over and could be discussed quite openly with the press. If we are serious in our effort to sustain our campaign against Qadhafi's support of terrorism, we must develop a tighter public affairs posture that keeps operational details of military operations against an adversary classified.

If you decide to take on this controversial[#] but vital issue in this forum, an expanded memo to GEN Moellering is attached at Tab II.

Jim Stark and Howard Teicher concur.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That you forward the memo at Tab I to GEN Moellering, if you merely want to address the issue of target descriptions at this point.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

2. That you sign the expanded memo at Tab II to GEN Moellering if you want to broaden the target description issue to include an attempt to reduce the amount of operational details that are released to the press after a second strike on Libya.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Attachments

Tab I - Fortier Memo to Moellering

Tab II - Fortier Memo to Moellering (Expanded version)

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MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL JOHN H. MOELLERING
Assistant to the Chairman
Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT: Target Descriptions (U)

To ensure that our current Libyan target planning process is as complete as possible, JCS is requested to develop draft unclassified target descriptions for each of the targets currently under consideration. If there is another military strike against Libya, these draft target descriptions would be declassified immediately after the strike and used as press guidance for [the] Administration spokesmen. (TS)

The draft target description proposed for H-hour declassification should be considered at every stage in the target analysis/ approval process. One of the considerations in that process will obviously be the relationship of each target to Qadhafi's capacity to plan, direct, or support international terrorism. (S)

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It is proposed that such a succinct target description be all that is released to the press after a next strike -- not the details of weapon(s) selection, routes to targets, PO's, risk to crew(s), assessment of potential for collateral damage, crews, bases, and platforms involved, etc. The need for a second strike would certify the long-term nature of our campaign to stop Qadhafi's support of international terrorism, and such details can only serve to help Qadhafi in developing future counter-measures. We want to reinforce the fear and disruption to Qadhafi's ability to maintain control in Libya by encouraging an aura of mystery, ominousness and even omnipotence about U.S. power. Releasing details of our planning and our actions can only serve to Qadhafi's advantage. (TS)

As with intelligence "sources and methods" and with diplomatic correspondence with other nations, our public affairs posture on the details of military operations ought to be that it is "something we do not discuss." (C)

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SUBJECT: MFA COMMENTS ON ATTEMPTED BOMBING

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1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY. AN MFA OFFICIAL WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE POLOFF WITH ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE INVESTIGATION OF THE ATTEMPTED BOMBING OF THE ANKARA OFFICERS' OPEN MESS, ASSERTING THAT THE MATTER WAS IN THE HANDS OF THE "INDEPENDENT JUDICIARY." HOWEVER, THERE ARE SIGNS THAT THE GOT IS MOVING AGAINST THE LIBYAN PEOPLE'S BUREAU IN PECULIARLY TURKISH WAYS. (SEE COMMENT IN PARA 8 BELOW.) END SUMMARY.

3. ON APRIL 29, POLOFF CALLED ON ERHAN YIGITBASIOGLU, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF RESEARCH (THE OFFICE RESPONSIBLE FOR COMBATTING TERRORISM) AT THE MFA TO INQUIRE IF HE HAD ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THE INVESTIGATION OF THE ATTEMPTED BOMBING OF THE AMERICAN OFFICERS' OPEN MESS. POLOFF REMINDED YIGITBASIOGLU THAT ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER MESUT YILMAZ HAD OFFERED TO PROVIDE THE AMBASSADOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE INCIDENT, AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE. (N.B.: YIGITBASIOGLU HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE APRIL 19 MEETING BETWEEN THE AMBASSADOR AND YILMAZ.)

4. THE MFA OFFICIAL SAID HE HAD NO INFORMATION OTHER THAN WHAT HAD APPEARED IN THE PRESS OVER THE LAST SEVERAL DAYS. HE SAID THE INVESTIGATION WAS BEING CONDUCTED AT THE "HIGHEST LEVELS" AND THE INFORMATION HAD NOT YET BEEN PROVIDED TO HIS OFFICE. IN ANTICIPATION OF OUR REQUEST, YIGITBASIOGLU HAD CALLED THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SECURITY, SAFFET ARIKAN BEDUK, ONLY TO LEARN THAT HE WAS OUT OF THE COUNTRY. WHILE HE ASSURED POLOFF THAT HE WOULD PROVIDE US WITH WHATEVER INFORMATION HE RECEIVED, HE COULD NOT MAKE A COMMITMENT AS TO WHEN THAT MIGHT BE FORTHCOMING SINCE "THE CASE HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE INDEPENDENT JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES, WHO WOULD PROCEED AS THEY SEE FIT". HE PROVIDED POLOFF WITH A COPY OF THE FONMIN'S APRIL 26

STATEMENT IN WHICH THE LATTER HAD DENIED THAT THERE WAS ANY EVIDENCE "LINKING LIBYAN AMBASSADOR ABDULMALIK" TO THE BOMBING ATTEMPT (SEE SEPTEL). WHEN POLOFF ASKED IF THIS DENIAL EXTENDED TO THE LIBYAN PEOPLES BUREAU ITSELF, YIGITBASIOGLU REPLIED THAT "THE STATEMENT HAD BEEN WORDED VERY CAREFULLY," BUT WOULD NOT ELABORATE.

5. POLOFF OBSERVED THAT THE LIBYANS HAD, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, BEGUN PLANNING THEIR OPERATION IN TURKEY LAST JANUARY, AND NOTED THE CONTRADICTION BETWEEN LIBYA'S LAVISH EXPRESSIONS OF FRIENDSHIP FOR TURKEY AND THE ATTEMPT TO CARRY OUT TERRORIST ACTS ON TURKISH SOIL. YIGITBASIOGLU MERELY REPLIED, "WE ALWAYS KEEP OUR EYES ON THE LIBYANS."

6. THE MFA OFFICIAL SAID POINTEDLY THAT THE GOT APPRECIATED THE AMERICAN EMBASSY'S PUBLIC STANCE DISCLAIMING ANY USG INVOLVEMENT IN EITHER THE CAPTURE OF THE SUSPECTS OR THE SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION, AND GIVING FULL CREDIT TO THE TURKISH SECURITY FORCES. HE NOTED THAT THE IMPRESSION THAT THE U.S. WAS INVOLVED OR WAS "PRESSURING TURKEY" ON THE ISSUE COULD BE "COUNTERPRODUCTIVE," SINCE IT COULD GIVE THOSE HOSTILE TO THE U.S. AN EXCUSE FOR MAKING DIVERSIONARY ATTACKS ON THE U.S.

7. POLOFF ASSURED HIS MFA INTERLOCUTOR THAT THE U.S. HAD NO INTENTION OF INTERJECTING ITSELF INTO THE JUDICIAL PROCESS, BUT THAT THERE WAS INTENSE U.S. INTEREST REGARDING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CASE AND THE GOT'S POSITION ON THOSE DEVELOPMENTS. YIGITBASIOGLU REPEATED HIS PREVIOUS REMARK ABOUT THE MATTER BEING BEFORE THE "INDEPENDENT JUDICIARY." HE NOTED THAT THE U.S. SYSTEM WORKED THE SAME WAY AND HAD, ON OCCASION, IMPEDED THE GOT'S EFFORTS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON ARMENIAN TERRORISTS IN THE U.S.

8. COMMENT. IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT THE GOT IS TRYING TO AVOID TAKING AN OFFICIAL PUBLIC POSITION ON THE LIBYAN ROLE IN THE ATTACK ON THE AMERICAN OFFICERS' CLUB IN ORDER TO AVOID A DIRECT
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CONFRONTATION WITH LIBYA WHICH COULD DAMAGE TURKEY'S IMPORTANT ECONOMIC INTERESTS IN THAT COUNTRY. AT THE SAME TIME, THE GOT IS ALLOWING (OR ENCOURAGING) THE "INDEPENDENT JUDICIARY" TO PROVIDE DETAILED INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC, DIRECTLY LINKING THE LIBYAN PEOPLES BUREAUS IN ANKARA AND ISTANBUL TO THE ATTEMPTED BOMBING IN THE HOPE THAT ENOUGH HEAT WILL BE GENERATED TO FORCE LIBYA TO RECALL ITS AMBASSADOR. THE SUDDEN, INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT OF THE PLANNED APRIL 30 VISIT BY A MINISTERIAL LEVEL LIBYAN TRADE DELEGATION ANNOUNCED ONLY LAST WEEK, THE PROSECUTOR'S STATEMENT IMPLICATING THE LIBYAN CONSUL GENERAL IN ISTANBUL AND THE ARREST WARRANTS ISSUED FOR TWO MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLE'S BUREAU WHO HAD LEFT TURKEY, ALL TEND TO CONFIRM OUR CONCLUSION. WE INTERPRET THE MFA OFFICIAL'S REMARKS CITED ABOVE AS SUGGESTING TO THE U. S. THAT BOTH US AND TURKISH INTERESTS WILL BE BETTER SERVED BY ALLOWING THE TURKS TO HANDLE THIS DIFFICULT SITUATION IN THEIR OWN WAY.
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