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IRAQ/IRAN: LIBYAN ATTITUDE

1 AS YOU WILL ALREADY KNOW FROM AGENCY REPORTS, THERE HAVE BEEN TWO FURTHER, AND UNEXPECTEDLY RAPID, DEVELOPMENTS SINCE MY TELELETTER NO 769 OF 9 OCTOBER TO MILES, NENAD.

2 FIRST, QADHAFI SENT MESSAGES TOWARDS THE END RJ LAST WEEK TO KING KHALID AND GULF RULERS DEMANDING WITHDRAWAL OF US AWACS AIRCRAFT AND BASES FROM THE ARAB PENINSULAR AND GULF, AND CALLING FOR AN ALIGNMENT "WITH THE MUSLIMS IN IRAN".

3 SECOND, IRAQ HAS BROKEN OFF RELATIONS WITH LYBYA (AND SYRIA). THE IRAQI AMBASSADOR AND HIS STAFF WERE ALL WITHDRAWN ON 11 OCTOBER.

4 FURTHER DETAILS AND COMMENTS FOLLOW.

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