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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR DONALD R. FORTIER

FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH

SUBJECT: Next Steps re Libya

For this afternoon's meeting, we should look to take decisions on the following:

-- Whether or not a high-level emissary goes to London, Rome, Paris, Bonn, and the Hague. If so, it should be at the Whitehead level and include Gates. CIA needs to be tasked to prepare desensitized intelligence and State needs to finalize the President's message. We should also prepare a CABO cable to Thatcher prior to the trip, noting that we intend to use the FB-111s out of the UK and [REDACTED]

E. O. 12958
As Amended
Sec. 1.4(a)(1)

-- Whether or not Meese should call for an urgent meeting of the Trevi group. Such a meeting would allow us the protection of seeming to do something, while other options are being planned. In a larger sense, the Trevi group could be very useful in getting the Europeans to start moving against the Peoples' Bureaus in their respective capitals. It will also help us in enforcing the sanctions which are being widely disregarded.

-- We should press the DOD to move on Bill Casey's recommendations that these strikes are undertaken against targets which would really hurt Qadhafi, while doing as little damage as possible to non-combatants and potentially supportive elements in Libya.

-- We should also look at targets which would limit Libya's ability to transmit instructions to its agents:

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-- Advise participants that Congressional notification plans and press guidance will be developed in a small White House-led cell, as we did with Grenada. This same method will be used for preparing a Presidential address to the nation (for which we already have a draft).

Finally, we should be sensitive to strikes that would occur before sunset on Friday, April 11, since this is when the Moslem Sabbath ends. If the strike is undertaken on Saturday, April 12, cables to Arab posts should be prepared on Thursday for transmission early Saturday morning EST.

Howard Teicher and Jim Stark concur.

NRT
RECOMMENDATION

That you use the points above during your meeting.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

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