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ABC NEWS, QUOTING UNNAMED HIGH-LEVEL WASHINGTON SOURCES, REPORTED FRIDAY NIGHT THAT THERE WILL BE NO ATTACK ON LIBYA IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND THAT DEFENSE SECRETARY CASPAR WEINBERGER IS THE "MAJOR VOICE OF DISSENT" FROM THE UNITED STATES.

BUT WEINBERGER, SPEAKING AT A PRESS CLUB MEETING IN CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA, WOULD ONLY TELL REPORTERS, "I OBVIOUSLY CANT GO INTO ANY

DISCUSSIONS THAT WOULD INDICATE WHETHER THE ANSWER WAS YES OR NO, OR MAYBE" TO QUESTIONS ABOUT A POSSIBLE MILITARY STRIKE.

ABC SAID THE UNITED STATES WAS CONDUCTING ANOTHER ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS WITH ITS EUROPEAN ALLIES AND PROMISED TO "RETALIATE QUICKLY WITHOUT NOTICE" THE NEXT TIME A KHADAFY-ORDERED TERRORIST ATTACK OCCURS.

IN LONDON, THE DAILY MAIL REPORTED REAGAN HAS ASKED PRIME MINISTER

MARGARET THATCHER TO ALLOW HIM TO STRIKE AT LIBYA USING AMERICAN F-111 JETS BASED IN BRITAIN. SOME 150 U.S. F-111 JETS ARE BASED IN BRITAIN.

THE PRIME MINISTERS OFFICE REFUSED TO COMMENT ON WHAT IT CALLED "PURELY SPECULATIVE" REPORTS.

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