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April 11, 1986

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN M. POINDEXTER

FROM: OLIVER L. NORTH
HOWARD R. TEICHER
JAMES R. STARK
ROBERT L. EARL
CRAIG P. COV

SUBJECT: Response to Netherlands' Prime Minister Lubbers

Attached at Tab I is a memo from you to the President asking for his signature on a letter to Netherlands' Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers (Tab A) regarding next week's EC counter-terrorism experts meeting at the Hague (April 14-15) and the Trevi Group meeting (April 23-25). Prime Minister Lubbers has invited us to send a delegation to the experts meeting and suggested that Attorney General Ed Meese attend the Trevi meeting. Ambassador Bob Oakley and Wayne Gilbert (FBI) will join CIA Deputy Associate Director [redacted] at the Hague on April 14. Ambassador Oakley, as head of delegation, will handcarry the letter at Tab A.

Attached at Tab II is a Privacy Channel cable to London for Ambassador Walters and [redacted]. The cable updates Walters on the most recent CABO channel exchange prior to his meeting with Thatcher on Saturday morning. The cable also contains instructions for [redacted] to detach from the Walters' mission on Monday and join Oakley for discussions in the Hague with the EC counter-terrorism experts group.

State (Oakley), Defense (Moellering), and CIA (Gates) concur in the cable and letter.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- That you initial and forward your memo at Tab I.
Approve *f* Disapprove
- That you authorize the transmission of the cable at Tab II via CIA Privacy Channel.
Approve Disapprove

Attachments

- Tab I - Poindexter Memo to the President
- Tab A - Presidential ltr to Lubbers
- Tab II - Poindexter Privacy Channel Cable to London

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

BY *[Signature]*, NARA, DATE 1/18/05

FROM: JOHN M. POINDEXTER *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: Letter to Netherlands' Prime Minister Lubbers

Issue

Expression of thanks to Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers' invitation for U.S. delegation.

Facts

Yesterday, we asked, in your name, that Prime Minister Lubbers, in his capacity as Head of the European Economic Policy Council, to convene an extraordinary session of the "Trevi Group." Trevi is the EC policy committee which deals with issues such as law enforcement and security. The Trevi group has a subcommittee of anti-terrorism experts with which we work regularly.

Discussion

In his response today, Prime Minister Lubbers invited us to send a small delegation to a special session of the anti-terrorism working group on April 14-15. He also suggested that Attorney General Ed Meese attend the Trevi group's regularly scheduled meeting on April 23-25. Your letter at Tab A thanks the Prime Minister for his support and notes that Ambassador Bob Oakley will attend the working group meeting on Monday and Tuesday and that Attorney General Meese would like to participate in the April 23-25 Trevi meetings.

Ambassador Bob Oakley will handcarry your letter when he leaves on Sunday. State, Defense, and CIA concur.

Recommendation

OK No

_____ _____ That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Attachment
Tab A - Letter to PM Lubbers

Prepared by:
Oliver L. North

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WASHINGTON

April 12, 1986

Dear Ruud:

Thank you for your invitation to have our experts meet with the EC Anti-Terrorism Working Group on April 14 and 15 in the Hague. Ambassador Oakley, who is heading my delegation, is fully informed on these matters, as are his two intelligence and law enforcement colleagues. I have authorized them to provide their counterparts with the compelling evidence we have of Libyan support and direction for the latest bombing in Berlin and discuss with them other information on Libyan-supported terrorism.

I am also very pleased that you are open to the idea of having Attorney General Ed Meese attend the Trevi Group's April 23-25 meeting. We welcome these opportunities to discuss further cooperative law enforcement steps and information exchanges which will help us to defend our peoples against state-sponsored terrorism.

In light of recent events, I am more convinced than ever that we must work together to reduce the threat of international terrorist attacks. I have instructed Ambassador Oakley to meet privately with you to apprise you of steps I feel compelled to take in response to Libya's most recent aggression against innocent citizens of the United States and nine other countries.

My sincere hope is that these meetings will help to form a basis for more effective common action in the future.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

His Excellency
Ruud Lubbers
Prime Minister of the Netherlands
The Hague

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TO: [REDACTED] LONDON

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[REDACTED] FROM ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY
AFFAIRS JOHN POINDEXTER

SUBJECT: UPDATE FOR AMBASSADOR WALTERS 425T

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2. THIS AFTERNOON, IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES FROM HMG, THE
PRESIDENT CABLED PRIME MINISTER THATCHER. THE PRESIDENT'S CABLE
THANKED THE PM FOR HER UNDERSTANDING OF OUR DECISION TO ACT
AGAINST QADHAFI AND EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR HMG'S OFFER OF
COOPERATION AND SUPPORT.

3. THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ASSURED THE PM THAT WE WOULD STRIKE
ONLY:

-- TARGETS THAT ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO QADHAFI'S TERRORIST
ACTIVITIES, AND

-- THOSE RELATED TO HIS SUPPORT FOR TERRORIST ACTIVITIES
THROUGH COMMAND AND CONTROL, AND LOGISTICS SUPPORT.

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By smj, NARA, Date 1/13/05

4. WE ALSO NOTED THAT WE WOULD UTILIZE LIMITED DEFENSIVE SUPPRESSION MISSIONS IN ORDER TO PROTECT OUR OWN FORCES. THE PRESIDENT ASSURED THE PM THAT WE ARE NOT TARGETTING CIVILIANS, ECONOMIC FACILITIES, OR REGULAR, REPEAT REGULAR, LIBYAN MILITARY TROOP CONCENTRATIONS. PRINCIPAL CRITERIA FOR ALL STRIKES ARE TO MINIMIZE RISKS OF COLLATERAL DAMAGE AND TO OUR OWN PERSONNEL.

5. PRESIDENT CLOSED BY REITERATING THAT FB-111S AND SUPPORTING AIRCRAFT FROM UK BASES ARE ESSENTIAL TO CRITERIA INDICATED ABOVE. FB-111 ADVANCED AVIONICS AND PRECISION STRIKE CAPABILITIES WERE NOTED. [REDACTED]

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6. INFORMATION ABOVE TO BE DISCUSSED ONLY WITH PM THATCHER AND THOSE FROM CABINET OFFICE IN ATTENDANCE DURING PRIVATE MEETINGS. THIS INFORMATION MAY NOT, REPEAT NOT, BE USED IN ANY OTHER DISCUSSIONS.

7. NETHERLANDS' PM LUBBERS HAS INVITED U.S. DELEGATION TO EMERGENCY MEETING OF COUNTER-TERRORIST SPECIALISTS IN THE NETHERLANDS ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY, APRIL 14 AND 15. DDCI GATES HAS INSTRUCTED DEPUTY ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR [REDACTED] TO ATTEND AS CIA REP. U.S. DELEGATION TO BE HEADED BY AMBASSADOR BOB OAKLEY WITH JUSTICE/FBI REPRESENTED BY WAYNE GILBERT. OAKLEY AND

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GILBERT PLAN TO ARRIVE UK ON PAN AM FLIGHT #106 ON MONDAY MORNING AT 0645 LOCAL. THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE EMBASSY ARRANGE BRIEF MEETING WITH DAVID GOODALL AND BRITISH COUNTERPARTS MONDAY MORNING PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR MEETINGS AT THE HAGUE THAT AFTERNOON.

8. WARM REGARDS, POINDEXTER.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That you initiate and forward your report at Tab I.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____
2. That you authorize the transmission of the cable at Tab II via CIA Privacy Channel.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachments

- Tab I - Memorandum Sent to the President
- Tab II - Presidential Ltr to Gilbert
- Tab III - Memorandum Privacy Channel Cable to London

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