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UK: TERRORISM

- o Have enjoyed a close working relationship with the UK on counter-terrorism issues as evidenced most recently (December 4) by productive discussions Ambassador Bremer had with his UK counterparts.
- o Disturbed to hear of the apparent French-Iranian deal to secure release of French hostages. French have privately assured us that there was no deal. We are skeptical and are investigating. Must continue to speak out strongly against such deals.
- o Need to know what the UK doing with France to follow up on the recent French seizure of a Libyan ship containing 150 tons of arms destined for the IRA. What diplomatic actions are planned? What is the impact of this seizure on IRA operations?
- o The USG remains concerned about GDR, Polish, Bulgarian and Yugoslav links to or tolerance of international terrorist activities. We have made strenuous efforts to persuade these countries to sever links with or take active measures against terrorist groups.
- o Any efforts the UK could make to reinforce our approaches to these governments would be greatly appreciated. I ask that you please keep us informed on what steps you would consider taking in this regard.
- o In particular, we would ask that you consider what the UK and its European partners (e.g. in Trevi or Interpol) might do to help the Yugoslavs in their efforts to strengthen their counterterrorist capabilities, such as training and technical assistance in border controls.

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