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THE HAGUE FOR AMBASSADOR OAKLEY

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TAGS: PTER, PREL, UK
SUBJECT: OAKLEY MEETING AT FCO, APRIL 14

1. SECRET, ENTIRE TEXT.
2. SUMMARY. FCO DEPUTY UNDERSECRETARY DAVID GOODALL TOLD AMBASSADOR OAKLEY THAT HMG IS WORKING URGENTLY TO DEVELOP A CONVINCING JUSTIFICATION FOR MILITARY ACTION AGAINST LIBYA FOR UK MINISTERS, EUROPEAN ALLIES, AND THE PUBLIC. HE SAID MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE LIBYAN OPERATIONS IN LOCATIONS CITED IN THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO THATCHER WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IN THIS EFFORT. END SUMMARY.

3. OAKLEY MET WITH GOODALL TO REVIEW THE LIBYA SITUATION PRIOR TO THE TERRORISM MEETING IN THE HAGUE. BOTH AGREED THAT AT THIS POINT IT WAS MOST IMPORTANT

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FOR OUR GOVERNMENTS TO COORDINATE CLOSELY ON HOW TO HANDLE THE AFTERMATH OF ANY US MILITARY ACTION AGAINST LIBYA. IN THIS CONTEXT, GOODALL SAID THAT HMG WAS NOW CATALOGING ALL INTELLIGENCE ON LIBYAN TERRORIST

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OPERATIONS. THIS DATA WOULD BE USED IN GREATER OR
LESSER DETAIL TO DEVELOP THE MOST CONVINCING POSSIBLE
JUSTIFICATION FOR ACTION AGAINST LIBYA ON THREE
LEVELS: UK MINISTERS (EXCEPT THATCHER, WHO IS ALREADY
CONVINCED), THE EUROPEANS, AND THE PUBLIC. OF
PARTICULAR VALUE WOULD BE MORE DETAILS OF THE CASES
CITED IN THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO THATCHER, INCLUDING
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