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SUBJECT: SINN FEIN PROTESTS LIBYAN BOMBING

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS GIVEN TO C.G. RECEPTIONIST APRIL 15 BY
SINN FEIN BELFAST CITY COUNCILLOR, ALEX MASKEY. MASKEY HAD
ASKED TO DELIVER THE MESSAGE TO AN OFFICER. HOWEVER, AS HE HAD
ADVISED THE TV CHANNELS OF THE EVENT AND THEY FILMED IT, THE
RECEPTIONIST TOOK THE MESSAGE.

2. BEGIN QUOTE

SINN FEIN, WITHOUT RESERVATION, CONDEMNS AMERICAN AGRESSION
AGAINST LIBYA, AND THIS MORNINGS ATTACKS ON LIBYAN CIVILIANS AND
LIBYAN SOVEREIGN TERRITORY.

WE CALL ON THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION TO CEASE ALL SUCH ACTS OF
AGRESSION.

SIGNED BY SINN FEIN BELFAST COUNCILLORS:

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THERESA HOLLAND LILY FITZSIMONS
SEAN KEENAN DAMIEN GIBNEY
PAT RICE ALEX MASKEY
SEAN MCKNIGHT GERARD MCGUIGAN

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END QUOTE

3. HANDED IN AT THE SAME TIME WAS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM
GERRY ADAMS, SINN FEIN PRESIDENT.

BEGIN QUOTE

SINN FEIN PRESIDENT AND WEST BELFAST M.P., GERRY ADAMS, HAS
CONDEMNED THIS MORNING'S U.S. BOMBING RAIDS ON TRIPOLI AND
BENGAZI AS AN ACT OF 'INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM' AGAINST LIBYA'S
SOVEREIGNTY AND IN CLEAR BREACH OF THE UN CHARTER.

MR. ADAMS SAID: "MR. REAGAN HAS CLEARLY EXPOSED HIMSELF AS A
MANIACAL WAR-MONGERER AND AS AN INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST, IN
CARRYING OUT AERIAL BOMBING OPERATIONS AGAINST ARAB CIVILIANS. IN
HIS ACTIONS, HE HAS OUTDONE IN BLOODY TALLY, ANY OF THE ACTIONS
FOR WHICH HE IS ALLEGEDLY ACTING IN REPRISAL. IN TRUTH, REAGAN
IS DRIVEN ON BY THE NEEDS OF HIS OWN EGO.

"MRS. THATCHER STANDS ACCUSED OF AIDING AND ABETTING IN THESE
KILLINGS.

"FOR YEARS REPUBLICANS HAVE HAD TO ENDURE THE HYPOCRITICAL
SPECTACLE OF GARRETT FITZGERALD AND OTHER PUBLIC FIGURES SUCH AS
SDLP MAN JOHN HUME HOB-NOBBING IN THE COMPANY OF REAGAN, WHILST
LECTURING REPUBLICANS ABOUT THE IMMORALITY OF ARMED STRUGGLE. WILL
THEY NOW CUT THEIR LINDS (SIC) WITH THIS MAD BOMBER OR WILL THEY
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BURY THEIR CRITICISM IN A BED OF QUALIFICATIONS?

END QUOTE

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