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TAGS: PREL, UK, UR
SUBJECT: SOVIETS LOW KEY IN PROTEST TO BRITAIN OVER
- SUPPORT FOR U.S. STRIKES IN LIBYA

REF: LONDON 8026

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. ON APRIL 16, BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW SIR BRYAN CARTLEDGE WAS SUMMONED TO THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY
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TO RECEIVE A SOVIET PROTEST OVER BRITISH BACKING OF
U.S. AIR STRIKES AGAINST LIBYA. OUR FCO COLLEAGUES
TELL US THAT IT WAS A "ROUTINE, LOW KEY" PROTEST. THE
SOVIETS DID NOT IMPLY THAT ANGLO-SOVIET RELATIONS WOULD

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: ROBERT O HOMME
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KARPOV'S TALKS HERE ARE GOING AHEAD ON FRIDAY, APRIL 18
AS SCHEDULED.

3. THE MEDIA HERE HAS SPECULATED THAT SHEVARDNADZE'S
VISIT TO LONDON MAY BE AT RISK AFTER BITTER ATTACKS
YESTERDAY ON BRITAIN'S ROLE BY TASS AND PRAVDA. IN
LIGHT OF THE OFFICIAL SOVIET RESPONSE SO FAR, HOWEVER,
OUR FCO COLLEAGUES REMAIN CONFIDENT THAT ANGLO-SOVIET
RELATIONS ARE UNLIKELY TO SUFFER.
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