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SECURITY ISSUE

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(C) BEIJING 8200;

1. C - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. SUMMARY: DURING APRIL 16 CALL AT MFA, THE DCM REITERATED THE AMBASSADOR'S APRIL 15 EXPRESSION OF DISAPPOINTMENT ABOUT UNBALANCED CHINESE TREATMENT OF

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LIBYAN EVENTS (REF A). CHINESE PUBLIC SECURITY BUREAU INFORMS THAT IT IS MOVING TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SECURITY FOR U.S. MISSIONS AND PERSONNEL IN CHINA.
END SUMMARY.

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3. REF C REPORTS CHINESE MEDIA HANDLING OF THE US AIR STRIKES AGAINST LIBYA, INCLUDING SEVERAL COMPLETELY UNBALANCED COMMENTARIES CARRIED BY XINHUA AND THE PEOPLE'S DAILY.

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4. DURING APRIL 16 MEETING BETWEEN DCM AND MFA AMERICAN AND OCEANIAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR ZHANG WENPU DCM RAISED THIS UNBALANCED COVERAGE. DCM SAID HE WISHED TO ECHO THE AMBASSADOR'S APRIL 15 EXPRESSION OF DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE UNBALANCED CHINESE PUBLIC STATEMENT, WHICH CRITICIZED THE US WHILE ONLY BRIEFLY MENTIONING TERRORISM. THE US HAD PRACTICED GREAT FORBEARANCE IN THE FACE OF YEARS OF OUTRIGHT TERRORIST ACTIONS PERPETRATED BY QADHAFI AND HIS REGIME, RESULTING IN THE BRUTAL MURDER OF CITIZENS OF MANY COUNTRIES. THE US HAS CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE OF LIBYAN INVOLVEMENT IN WHAT HAPPENDED IN BERLIN. ZHANG RESPONDED THAT "YOU MUST HAVE TAKEN NOTICE THAT IN OUR STATEMENT WE EXPLAINED IN VERY CLEAR TERMS THAT WE ARE AGAINST AND OPPOSED TO ANY FORM OF TERRORISM. WE JUST DON'T THINK YOUR WAY OF RETALIATION IS THE WAY OF DOING THINGS." DCM REITERATED STRONG US DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE CHINESE POSITION.

5. DCM REFERRED TO THE AMBASSADOR'S APRIL 15 CONFIDENTIAL

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COMMENTS TO VICE FOREIGN MINISTER ZHU ON EMBASSY SECURITY, AND ASKED IF THE CHINESE HAD BEEN ABLE TO MEET EMBASSY REQUESTS, INCLUDING THE HIRING OF LOCAL GUARDS. ZHANG RESPONDED THAT ZHU HAD PHONED HIS COUNTERPART AT THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY SHORTLY AFTER HIS MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR. THE LATTER "ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE EMBASSY MESSAGE," ZHANG SAID, STATING THAT THE EMBASSY WOULD RECEIVE A RESPONSE IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. THE DCM STATED THAT TIMELY CHINESE REACTION WOULD BE WELCOME. HE REMARKED THAT THE LARGE NUMBER OF LIBYAN, PLO AND OTHER ARAB DIPLOMATS, STUDENTS AND VISITORS IN CHINA IS CAUSE FOR WORRY, EVEN THOUGH TERRORISTS WOULD FIND IT HARDER TO OPERATE IN CHINA THAN IN MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRIES OR SOME OTHER PARTS OF THE

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WORLD. WE WOULD HOPE, HE ADDED, THAT CHINESE PRECAUTIONARY STEPS WOULD EXTEND BEYOND U.S. OFFICIAL MISSIONS IN CHINA, AND INCLUDE AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN, STUDENTS AND TEACHERS, AS WELL AS PROMINENT BUILDINGS SUCH AS THE BEIJING GREAT WALL HOTEL ASSOCIATED WITH THE U.S.

6. ON APRIL 16, THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY INFORMED POLOFF THAT THEIR SENIOR VICE MINISTER, TSAO ZIJU, HAD PERSONALLY APPROVED ALL OF THE EMBASSY'S SECURITY REQUESTS, INCLUDING ASSIGNMENT OF LOCAL GUARDS, AND HAD NOTIFIED THE PUBLIC SECURITY OFFICES IN BEIJING, SHANGHAI, GUANGZHOU, SHENYANG AND CHENGDU TO HEIGHTEN THEIR PHYSICAL SECURITY PRACTICES TO THEIR U.S. INSTALLATIONS AND PERSONNEL IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS. HE STATED THAT ON 18 APRIL THE EMBASSY'S ADMIN COUNSELOR AND RSO WILL BE CALLED IN AND GIVEN FURTHER DETAILS.
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