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SUBJ: BULGARIAN DEMARCHE TO UK ON LIBYAN SITUATION

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)
2. BRITISH AMBASSADOR SNODGRASS PHONED AFTERNOON APRIL 18 TO TELL ME THAT HE HAD BEEN CALLED IN THAT MORNING BY CHIAE OF FOURTH DEPARTMENT PCHELINTSEV FOR A DEMARCHE ON THE LIBYAN SITUATION. PCHELINTSEV EXPRESSED GOB'S "CONCERN" ABOUT USE OF BRITISH BASES BY U.S. AIRCRAFT ENGAGED IN STRIKE AGAINST LIBYA. SNODGRASS SAID HE RESPONDED IN TOUGH TERMS AND ASKED PCHELINTSEV IF GOB HAD EXPRESSED CONCERN TO LIBYANS ABOUT THEIR SPONSORSHIP OF TERRORISTS ACTIONS. PCHELINTSEV RESPONDED THAT THERE WAS NO PROOF OF SUCH SPONSORSHIP. SNODGRASS OFFERED TO SEND LIST (AND LATER DID) OF TERRORIST ACTIONS PROVING LIBYAN CONNECTION TO TERRORISM.

3. THE REASON FOR MY NOT BEING CALLED IN SIMULTANEOUSLY MAY BE THE FACT THAT U.S. NST NEGOTIATOR AMBASSADOR WOODWORTH HAS BEEN IN SOFIA TODAY BRIEFING THE MFA ON CONFIDENTIAL

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OUR POSITION IN THE GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS. AT LUNCH FOR AMBASSADOR WOODWORTH BULGARIAN MFA GUESTS WERE PROVIDED WITH FULL EXTENT OF OUR POSITION AND FEELINGS ON THE LIBYAN SITUATION SO MFA MAY DECIDED TO FOREGO A DEMARCHE

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