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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: JANUARY 08, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE DON EDWARDS

SUBJECT: WRITES CONCERNING ADMINISTRATION ACTIONS
TOWARD LIPYA AND IN THE MIDDLE EAST

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8601289

Date February 6, 1986

For: VADM John M. Poindexter
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: The President From: Don Edwards

Date: January 6, 1986 Subject: Writes regarding U.S. troops movements near Libya, and reminds you that a military attack or a blockade of Libya is not an act of war and requires Congressional approval

Referral Dated: January 16, 1986 ID# 365419
(if any)

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Action Taken:

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- _____ A draft reply will be forwarded.
- _____ A translation is attached.
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- _____ Other.

Remarks:

John Poindexter
Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

FEB 3- 1986

Dear Mr. Edwards:

I have been asked to respond to your letter to the President regarding Congressional approval in respect to possible U.S. responses to Libya's support of terrorism.

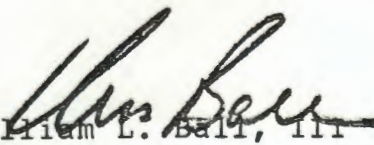
The announcements made by the President on January 7 and 8 were designed to eliminate any contribution by U.S. persons to the Libyan economy. The Administration has embarked on a policy designed to reduce Qadhafi's support for terrorism and other unacceptable policies. We are urging our allies to adopt similar peaceful measures which likewise will make clear to Qadhafi that he cannot continue his activities with impunity.

However, the President has explicitly not ruled out further actions, if these become necessary, to end Qadhafi's acts of aggression against the U.S. and the international community. The shape of the actions which may be required is not known at this time.

Our Sixth Fleet will carry out routine military deployments and exercises in international waters as has been our standard practice.

The Administration understands your point with respect to the reservation of the power to declare war to the Congress. However, it is equally clear that the conduct of foreign policy and to command U.S. armed forces is within the sphere of the President. The Administration has engaged in thorough consultation with the Congress over a long period of time concerning the Libyan terrorist threat and possible U.S. response thereto. Indeed, Congress passed last year legislation expressly authorizing sanctions against Libya. We will continue to consult with the Congress as developments warrant.

Sincerely,


William L. Ball, III
Assistant Secretary

Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable
Don Edwards,
House of Representatives.

8601289

T H E W H I T E H O U S E O F F I C E

REFERRAL

JANUARY 16, 1986

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE
ATTN: WILL BALL

ACTION REQUESTED:
DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 365419

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JANUARY 6, 1986

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: THE HONORABLE DON EDWARDS
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON DC 20515

SUBJECT: WRITES REGARDING U.S. TROOP MOVEMENTS NEAR
LIBYA, AND REMINDS YOU THAT A MILITARY
ATTACK OR A BLOCKADE OF LIBYA IS AN ACT OF
WAR AND REQUIRES CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL. A
DECISION SHOULD BE MADE ONLY AFTER INDEPTH
CONSULTATION WITH OUR ALLIES AND WITH
CONGRESS.

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

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(OR DRAFT) TO:
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

January 13, 1986

Dear Don:

Thank you for your January 6 letter to the President regarding Congressional approval in respect to possible U.S. responses to Libya's support of terrorism.

Please be assured that your letter has been brought to the attention of the President and his advisers and will receive careful consideration.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

M. B. Oglesby, Jr.
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Don Edwards
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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cc: w/copy of inc to Will Ball, Legis Affairs, Dept of
State - for appropriate action

cc: w/copy of inc to NSC - FYI ✓

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DON EDWARDS
10TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

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CHAIRMAN
SUBCOMMITTEE ON
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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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SAN JOSE, CA 95113
(408) 292-0143
38750 PASEO PADRE PARKWAY
FREMONT, CA 94536
(415) 792-5320

January 6, 1986

Dear Mr. President:

During the past few days you have apparently ordered U.S. fleet movements towards the sea off Libya. Warplanes have been dispatched to the Middle East, and Administration spokesmen have stated that military actions including a naval blockade are under active consideration.

This letter is to remind you, respectfully, that a military attack or a blockade of Libya is an act of war and, pursuant to Article I of the U.S. Constitution, requires Congressional approval.

The Constitution is explicit and the history of the Constitutional Convention and the Federalist Papers makes it clear that Congress alone, except when we are actually attacked, is authorized to decide to go to war.

What our actions should be towards Libya will be an immensely important decision, very possibly affecting all the American people. The Western European nations, all our friends and allies, have rejected strong-arm threats and have other ideas as to how the criminal Qaddafi should be handled. A wise decision by the United States should be made only after indepth consultation with them and with the Congress, as required by the Constitution.

Sincerely,



DON EDWARDS
Member of Congress

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: JANUARY 10, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. KENNETH BIALKIN

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF ECONOMIC ISOLATION OF
LIBYA

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 PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN
 WHITE HOUSE DC 20500
 JANUARY 9, 1986

YOUR LEADERSHIP IN THE ECONOMIC ISOLATION OF LIBYA, COUPLED WITH LIBYA'S SELF-INFLICTED MORAL ISOLATION, IS SALUTARY. THE ARGUMENTS OF SOME OF OUR ALLIES THAT ECONOMIC SANCTIONS ARE NOT EFFECTIVE RINGS HOLLOW INASMUCH AS THEY OFFER NOTHING BUT THE EXISTING DEPLORABLE STATUS QUO.

CONGRATULATIONS FOR HOLDING HIGH AMERICAN PRINCIPLES AND INTERESTS.

KENNETH BIALKIN, NATIONAL CHAIRMAN
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 ANTIDEFAMATION LEAGUE OF BNAI BRITH
 823 UNITED NATIONS PLAZA
 NEW YORK NY 10017

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: JANUARY 10, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. AVO PIIRISILD

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF SANCTIONS AGAINST LIBYA

ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY	(STAFF NAME)	ACTION		DISPOSITION	
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8601302

Date January 24, 1986

For: VADM John M. Poindexter
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: President Reagan From: Mr. Avo Piirisild
Date: January 9, 1986 Subject: Writes in support of
sanctions against Libya
Referral Dated: January 16, 1986 ID# 365584
(if any)

_____ The attached item was sent directly to the
Department of State

Action Taken:

- _____ A draft reply is attached.
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XXX _____ An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
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Remarks:


for Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

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WHITE HOUSE
SITUATION ROOM



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

January 23, 1986

Mr. Avo Piirisild
President Baltic American Freedom League
6943 Goodland Ave
North Hollywood, California 91605

Dear Mr. Piirisild:

Thank you for your letter supporting President Reagan's sanctions on Libya. We all share your sense of outrage at the senseless and brutal murders at the Vienna and Rome airports. We appreciate your taking the time to let us know of your backing.

We believe that the American people will no longer tolerate the slaughter of innocent civilians at the hands of terrorist murderers. The economic sanctions are intended to make Qadhafi and others like him realize that their support for terrorism is not cost free. We are trying to convince our European and other allies that their support for our measures, as well as implementation of sanctions of their own, are absolutely vital in the fight against terrorism. Generating worldwide support for steps against Libya is a long term process, but we are beginning to see some results.

Again, thank you for your message of support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Parker W. Borg". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "P".

Parker W. Borg
Deputy

Office of the Ambassador-at-Large
for Counter-Terrorism

8601302

T H E W H I T E H O U S E O F F I C E

REFERRAL

JANUARY 16, 1986

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:
APPROPRIATE ACTION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 365584
MEDIA: TELEGRAM, DATED JANUARY 9, 1986
TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN
FROM: MR. AVO PIIRISILD
PRESIDENT
BALTIC AMERICAN FREEDOM
6943 GOODLAND AVENUE
NORTH HOLLYWOOD CA 91605

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF SANCTIONS AGAINST LIBYA

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

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SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

L. H. Cozette

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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

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WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

DEAR MR PRESIDENT,

BALTIC AMERICAN FREEDOM LEAGUE FULLY ENDORSES YOUR SANCTIONS AGAINST LIBYA. TERRORISM IN THE WORLD MUST BE STOPPED AND THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR TERRORISM AS WELL AS THE SUPPLIERS OF ARMS TO TERRORISTS MUST BE PUNISHED. TERRORISM IN THE BALTIC COUNTRIES SHOULD ALSO BE STOPPED.

MOST RESPECTFULLY,

AVO PIIRISILD

PRESIDENT BALTIC AMERICAN FREEDOM
6943 GOODLAND AVE
NORTH HOLLYWOOD CA 91605

1554 EST

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1554 EST

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: JANUARY 13, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. DALE L. RENAUD

8602360

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF ACTION TO ISOLATE LIBYA

ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY	(STAFF NAME)	ACTION		DISPOSITION	
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FROM: Ms. Sally Kelley The White House

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

FOR: VADM John M. Poindexter
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

TO: President Reagan FROM: Dale L. Renaud

DATE: January 8, 1986 SUBJECT: Libya

WHITE HOUSE REFERRAL DATED: January 27, 1986 NSC# 365636

THE ATTACHED ITEM WAS SENT DIRECTLY
TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION TAKEN:

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REMARKS:

Nicholas Platt
Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
SUGGESTED REPLY

Dear Mr. Renaud:

I am replying to your telegram to President Reagan concerning Libya. The President deeply appreciates your support on this issue.

Clearly, Libyan Leader Mu'ammr al-Qadhafi has supported terrorism at home and abroad, and attempted to destabilize Libya's neighbors. Relations between the United States and Libya have been severely strained since the early 1970s due to Libyan support for terrorism and subversion against moderate Arab and African nations. In recent years, Libya has been increasingly active in its support for terrorist organizations and their attacks worldwide.

Because foreign governments have not responded effectively to deter terrorism, Qadhafi has felt free to increase his support for terrorist organizations. Incidents in Rome and Vienna killed many innocent persons. These atrocities were committed by the Abu Nidal terrorist group, which has used Libyan bases and receives financial and other support,

Mr. Dale L. Renaud,
National Commander,
The American Legion,
1608 K Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

including weapons and training, from Libya. These terrorists used Tunisian passports which had been confiscated in Libya.

The United States opposes terrorism. There is no moral ground, no political or religious grievance, that can justify terrorism. Those who support it are as responsible as those who commit it. Our first priority in Libya's case has been to expose Qadhafi's support for terrorism and to try to change his policies. Obviously, American efforts alone will not accomplish this. Thus, the Administration has sought agreement with other countries in our response to Libya's support for terrorism. We have urged action by allied and friendly governments, recognizing that special circumstances may cause them to take different kinds of action in each case. Beyond that, our larger goal is to strengthen international cooperation in combatting terrorism.

President Reagan's decision to impose further U.S. sanctions against Libya is not a confrontational action. While President Reagan carefully kept open the option of further steps if necessary, he deliberately has not discussed what these might be. The Administration appreciates the support Americans have already given in complying with earlier restrictions. We are confident they will understand, support, and comply with the new sanctions.

We appreciate the Legion's interest in this issue. I am taking the liberty of enclosing some material which I believe will interest your members.

Sincerely yours,

8602360

T H E W H I T E H O U S E O F F I C E

REFERRAL

JANUARY 27, 1986

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DRAFT REPLY FOR SIGNATURE OF:
WHITE HOUSE STAFF MEMBER

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 365636

MEDIA: TELEGRAM, DATED JANUARY 8, 1986

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. DALE L. RENAUD
NATIONAL COMMANDER
THE AMERICAN LEGION
1608 K STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON DC 20006

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF ACTION TO ISOLATE LIBYA

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The President
The White House

FROM: Marvin L. Stone *MLS*
Acting Director

SUBJECT: Senior Media Consultant's Advice
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BY: *dh* DATE: 10/18/2022

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