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Name of Correspondent: David Chew

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Subject: Report to Congress on U.S. Military Actions in Libya

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 - D - Draft Response
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 - S - For Signature
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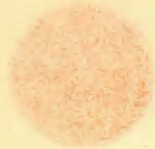
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 16, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID L. CHEW
STAFF SECRETARY AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT
TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: PETER J. WALLISON ORIGINAL SIGNED BY PJW
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Report to Congress on U.S.
Military Actions in Libya

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced report and finds no objection to it from a legal perspective.

PJW:CDM:jmk
cc: PJWallison
CDMcGrath
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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 4/16/86

ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: ASAP

SUBJECT: REPORT TO CONGRESS ON U.S. MILITARY ACTIONS IN LIBYA

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REMARKS: Please provide any comments/recommendations directly to my office as soon as possible. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

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David L. Chew
Staff Secretary
Ext. 2702

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 16, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JOHN M. POINDEXTER *JMB*

SUBJECT: Report to Congress on U.S. Military Actions in Libya

Issue

War Powers Resolution report to Congress on the involvement of U.S. Armed Forces in Libya on 14 April 1986 (EST).

Facts/Discussion

On 13 April you met with senior leaders of Congress to notify them of your intention to undertake a preemptive strike against selected targets in Libya. As explained to the members, you were exercising your authority as Commander in Chief to take necessary and proportionate action, in the exercise of our right of self-defense under Article 51 of the United Nations Charter, to deter future acts of terrorism. Upon completion of the strikes, it is advisable to report to Congress on the details. George Shultz and Cap Weinberger have forwarded a report for your signature at Tab A which, consistent with the War Powers Resolution, advises Congress of the circumstances necessitating the use of Armed Forces, the constitutional authority and the estimated scope of involvement.

The Attorney General, Peter Wallison and Will Ball concur.

Recommendation

OK No That you sign the reports at Tab A.

Prepared by:
Paul B. Thompson

Attachment

cc Vice President
Don Regan

Tab A - Reports to Congress

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April 16, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: GEORGE P. SHULTZ *GPS*
CASPAR W. WEINBERGER *CW*

SUBJECT: War Powers and Libya

Attached for your signature is a report to Congress on the recent actions taken in self-defense by U.S. Armed Forces against Libya.

This report is submitted consistent with section (4) (a) (1) of the War Powers Resolution in order to keep Congress informed on these important developments. Further consultations with and/or reporting to Congress may be appropriate in the future, depending upon how the circumstances develop.

Recommendation

That you sign the proposed report and transmit it to Congress.

Attachment:
Report to Congress

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. President:

Commencing at about 7PM (EST) on April 14th, air and naval forces of the United States conducted simultaneous bombing strikes on headquarters, terrorist facilities and military installations that support Libyan subversive activities. These strikes were completed by approximately 7:30PM (EST).

The U.S. Air Force element, which launched from bases in the United Kingdom, struck targets at Tripoli Military Air Field, Tarabulus (Aziziyah) Barracks, and Sidi Bilal Terrorist Training Camp. The U.S. Navy element, which launched from the USS Coral Sea and the USS America, struck targets at Benina Military Air Field and Benghazi Military Barracks. One F-111 with its two crew members is missing. These targets were carefully chosen, both for their direct linkage to Libyan support of terrorist activities and for the purpose of minimizing collateral damage and injury to innocent civilians.

These strikes were conducted in the exercise of our right of self-defense under Article 51 of the United Nations Charter. This necessary and appropriate action was a preemptive strike, directed against the Libyan terrorist infrastructure and designed to deter acts of terrorism by Libya, such as the Libyan-ordered bombing of a discotheque in West Berlin on April 5. Libya's cowardly and murderous act resulted in the death of two innocent people -- an American soldier and a young Turkish woman -- and the wounding of 50 U.S. Armed Forces personnel and 180 other innocent persons. This was the latest in a long series of terrorist attacks against U.S. installations, diplomats and citizens carried out or attempted with support and direction of Muammar Qadhafi.

Should Libyan-sponsored terrorist attacks against U.S. citizens not cease, we will take appropriate measures necessary to protect U.S. citizens in the exercise of our right of self-defense.

In accordance with my desire that Congress be informed on this matter, and consistent with the War Powers Resolution, I am

providing this report on the employment of the United States Armed Forces. These self-defense measures were undertaken pursuant to my authority under the Constitution, including my authority as Commander-in-Chief of U.S. Armed Forces.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Strom Thurmond
President Pro Tempore of the Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 16, 1986

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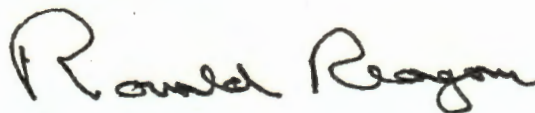
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Ltr also to Sen Strom Thurmond Pres Pro Tempore of the Senate
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald Reagan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "R" at the beginning.

The Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.
Speaker of the
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Washington, D.C. 20515

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April 16, 1986

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Ronald Reagan

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President pro tempore
of the Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

President sgd per WH
Executive Clerk

April 16, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JOHN M. POINDEXTER *JM*

SIGNED

SUBJECT: Report to Congress on U.S. Military Actions in Libya
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The Attorney General, Peter Wallison and Will Ball concur.

Recommendation

OK No That you sign the reports at Tab A.

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Prepared by:
Paul B. Thompson

Attachment

cc Vice President
Don Regan

Tab A - Reports to Congress

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BY *MJD* NARA, DATE *6/24/00*

April 16, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: GEORGE P. SHULTZ *GPS*
CASPAR W. WEINBERGER *CW*

SUBJECT: War Powers and Libya

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Recommendation

That you sign the proposed report and transmit it to Congress.

Attachment:
Report to Congress

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 4/16/86 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: ASAP

SUBJECT: REPORT TO CONGRESS ON U.S. MILITARY ACTIONS IN LIBYA

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REMARKS: Please provide any comments/recommendations directly to my office as soon as possible. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

David L. Chew
Staff Secretary
Ext. 2702

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(NAME) (EXTENSION)

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FROM ROBERT B. MCANIEL 484-2224
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FROM RODNEY B. MCDANIEL 456-2224
(NAME) (EXTENSION) (ROOM NUMBER)

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April 16, 1986

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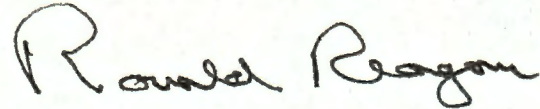
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In accordance with my desire that Congress be informed on this matter, and consistent with the War Powers Resolution, I am providing this report on the employment of the United States Armed Forces. These self-defense measures were undertaken pursuant to my authority under the Constitution, including my authority as Commander in Chief of United States Armed Forces.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Ronald Reagan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "R".

The Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.
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Ronald Reagan

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Washington, D.C. 20510

April 16, 1986

MR. PRESIDENT:

Attached for your approval is a report to Congress on the recent U.S. Armed Forces involvement in Libya.

Approval of the report is recommended by NSC and the Office of Legislative Affairs. Counsel's Office has no objection.


David Chew

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 16, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JOHN M. POINDEXTER *JMP*

SUBJECT: Report to Congress on U.S. Military Actions in Libya

Issue

War Powers Resolution report to Congress on the involvement of U.S. Armed Forces in Libya on 14 April 1986 (EST).

Facts/Discussion

On 13 April you met with senior leaders of Congress to notify them of your intention to undertake a preemptive strike against selected targets in Libya. As explained to the members, you were exercising your authority as Commander in Chief to take necessary and proportionate action, in the exercise of our right of self-defense under Article 51 of the United Nations Charter, to deter future acts of terrorism. Upon completion of the strikes, it is advisable to report to Congress on the details. George Shultz and Cap Weinberger have forwarded a report for your signature at Tab A which, consistent with the War Powers Resolution, advises Congress of the circumstances necessitating the use of Armed Forces, the constitutional authority and the estimated scope of involvement.

The Attorney General, Peter Wallison and Will Ball concur.

Recommendation

OK No That you sign the reports at Tab A.

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Prepared by: _____
Paul B. Thompson

Attachment

cc Vice President
Don Regan

Tab A - Reports to Congress

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April 16, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: GEORGE P. SHULTZ *GPS*
CASPAR W. WEINBERGER *CW*

SUBJECT: War Powers and Libya

Attached for your signature is a report to Congress on the recent actions taken in self-defense by U.S. Armed Forces against Libya.

This report is submitted consistent with section (4)(a)(1) of the War Powers Resolution in order to keep Congress informed on these important developments. Further consultations with and/or reporting to Congress may be appropriate in the future, depending upon how the circumstances develop.

Recommendation

That you sign the proposed report and transmit it to Congress.

Attachment:
Report to Congress

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RESPONSE:

David L. Chew
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MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID L. CHEW
STAFF SECRETARY AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT
TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: PETER J. WALLISON 
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Report to Congress on U.S.
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Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced report and finds no objection to it from a legal perspective.

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