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July 25, 1983

MEETING WITH FORMER FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING

DATE: July 26, 1983
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.
FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK *WPC*

I. PURPOSE

To maintain contact with leading French opposition leader, a likely Presidential candidate for 1988.

II. BACKGROUND

Giscard d'Estaing, former President of France and a leader of the French opposition, is rebuilding his domestic political base and refurbishing his image as an influential figure in international affairs. George Shultz, who worked very closely with Giscard in the past, strongly advocated a meeting with you. His visit will enable you to maintain contact with a French political figure who may again gain the Presidency and to demonstrate that we do not favor one opposition leader. You met earlier this year with Paris Mayor Jacques Chirac, Giscard's political rival, but had to cancel a planned meeting with Giscard because of scheduling problems.

We expect Giscard to demonstrate extensive interest in your perspectives on the American economic recovery and on the 1984 elections. He will likely note that European economic recovery will be tied to the U.S. performance, although it would take some time for the full impact to be felt. He can be expected to ask about U.S. budget deficits and interest rates, but has noted that his views on economic policy are very close to those of this Administration. Giscard may also push for more international cooperation on monetary policy and refer to the Williamsburg Declaration. He will stress that chiefs of government must show greater economic leadership.

Giscard's political standing is presently lower than that of the other two leading opposition leaders (Chirac and Barre) and it is likely that he will be attempting to identify issues on which he might base his attempted resurgence. He may seek to distance himself from American policy in Central America and in the Third World in general, but has registered strong support for INF deployment.

Your suggested talking points are attached. State's briefing memo is at Tab A. Giscard's bio is at Tab B.

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III. PARTICIPANTS

U.S. The President
 Secretary Shultz
 Robert C. McFarlane
 John Kelly, Acting Assistant Secretary for European
 Affairs, Department of State
 Tyrus W. Cobb, NSC

France Valery Giscard d'Estaing

IV. PRESS PLAN

Photo opportunity at beginning of meeting.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

10:00 a.m. Photo opportunity/meeting in Oval Office

10:30 a.m. Meeting adjourns.

Tab A State briefing memo

Tab B Giscard's bio

Prepared by:
Tyrus W. Cobb

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TALKING POINTS FOR GISCARD D'ESTAING

-- Welcome to the White House. Regret that scheduling conflicts prevented meeting this Spring. How was your week in Bohemian Grove.

-- INF Negotiations/Deployment

- o Thank you for your firm support of INF Dual-Track decision. Deployments will proceed on schedule in absence of agreement.
- o Kremlin has backed-off from previous statements that deployment would mean possible end to Geneva talks and bring immediate Soviet retaliatory measures. (cite Kohl visit)
- o Believe that USSR now better appreciates the resolve, cohesion and unity of the Alliance; we hope they will be prepared to negotiate more seriously.
- o Let me ensure you of my personal commitment to genuine arms control measures and particularly to deep reductions of nuclear arsenals.

-- International Monetary Conference

- o Williamsburg declaration strengthened a process of close consultation that can lead to improved global economic performance.
- o We are confident that existing international institutions fortified through closer consultation among the major countries, are adequate to the task.

-- Economic Recovery

- o Evident that U.S. economic recovery well underway.
- o American economic performance will assist global recovery; lead to enhanced political cooperation.
- o I remain committed to pursuing strong, non-inflationary growth in U.S.; this approach best contributed to worldwide recovery.
- o Key principles of U.S. economic policy: open markets, adequate liquidity, low inflation growth, economic stability.

-- French Political/Economic Developments

- o What is your assessment of Mitterrand's austerity program and the extent of popular discontentment?
- o Can the Mitterrand government regain investor confidence?
- o What is the future of communist participation in the French government? They seem to be in frequent disagreement with the Socialists.

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Visit of Valery Giscard d'Estaing, former French President
Tuesday, July 26, 2 p.m

I. SETTING AND OBJECTIVES

Former French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing will be in the United States during the period July 20-26. Prior to coming to Washington for his meeting with the President (preceded by a private luncheon with Secretary Shultz), Giscard will have spent the period July 20-25 in California, attending the Bohemian Grove encampment as the guest of Henry Kissinger. Giscard was last in the United States in late April to lecture in New York and at Harvard. The President's schedule precluded his meeting with Giscard during that visit. At that time, elements of the French press portrayed Giscard's non-reception in Washington as a deliberate rebuff on our part. We were unfairly charged with favoring Paris Mayor Jacques Chirac (who is Giscard's political rival and with whom the President met last January) as our privileged interlocutor in the French political opposition. Subsequently, Secretary Shultz met with Giscard in Paris during the course of the North Atlantic Council Ministerial meeting in early June.

The President's objective in this meeting is to maintain contact with a significant French political figure who may again play a leadership role in the future. A second objective is to show courtesy to a former President of a country which is a major ally. Third, the President's meeting with Giscard will dispel the notion that we are favoring one major French opposition leader over another.

Giscard himself is in the early phase of trying to rebuild his political image. Over the past several months he has been mending political fences, giving interviews, making public appearances and, in particular, speaking out on international issues. He clearly has presidential ambitions for 1988 and remains one of the three leading contenders for the French presidency on the opposition side.

II. ISSUES TO BE RAISED

In a recent conversation with Ambassador Galbraith in Paris, Giscard said he would be particularly interested in hearing the President's views on the nature and extent of the US economic recovery, prospects for the 1984 presidential campaign and the question of INF deployment.

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With regard to economic recovery, Giscard noted that his views on economic policy were very close to those of President Reagan. He believed, however, that it would take some time for the US recovery to be felt in Europe. He asked what hopes we had for the Williamsburg Summit's "international monetary concept". He also stressed how important it was that a concerted effort be made to foster international cooperation on monetary policy and suggested that chiefs of government must show greater economic leadership.

Regarding INF deployment, Giscard said he was very impressed that a common declaration on defense had come out of the Williamsburg Summit. Noting that the Soviet aim was the "finlandization" of Europe, he said it was essential that we go ahead with INF basing in Europe. He agreed that the Soviets were likely to make a dramatic propaganda effort later in the year to forestall deployment.

As time permits, the President may also wish to ask Giscard for his analysis of current political and economic developments in France.

Attachment

- Tab 1 - Recommended Talking Points
- Tab 2 - Recommended Participants
- Tab 3 - Biographic Sketch of Giscard

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

THROUGH: CHARLES P. TYSON *cp*

FROM: TYRUS W. COBB *tw*

SUBJECT: Background for Giscard Meeting, Tuesday,
July 26, at 10:00 a.m.

Attached is a memorandum from you to the President (Tab I) in preparation for the visit of former French President Giscard d'Estaing. Our objective in this visit is to maintain contact with a significant French political figure who will likely be a major contender for the Presidency in 1988. Giscard is in the process of rebuilding his political image and is expected to stress international issues. In his meeting with the President, Giscard will likely focus on INF deployment, the U.S. economic recovery, and measures designed to foster international cooperation on monetary policy.

Your memo to the President tracks closely to Secretary Shultz's memo, but also notes that Giscard may be expected to stress the impact of U.S. economic performance, particularly deficits and interest rates, on European recovery. The memo also recommends that the President strongly encourage Giscard to speak out publicly more often in support of INF deployment and against Soviet intransigency at the Geneva negotiations.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum to the President at Tab I.

Approve Disapprove

Jack Matlock *AS* and Peter Sommer *PRS* concur.

Tab I Memo to the President
 Tab A State memo
 Tab B Giscard bio

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Valery Giscard d'Estaing's Appointment with
the President

Attached is a briefing memorandum for the President's
meeting with Valery Giscard d'Estaing, former President of
France and a major French opposition leader, on Tuesday,
July 26.

for Bronnon McKelley
Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

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Briefing Memorandum

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TALKING POINTS FOR THE PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH FORMER FRENCH
PRESIDENT VALERY GISCARD D'ESTAING

Courtesy Talking Point:

-- Regret my schedule precluded our meeting during your visit to the United States this spring.

Economic Recovery:

-- Mounting evidence that US economic recovery is well underway.

-- I remain determined to pursue economic policies characterized by key principles of non-inflationary growth, open markets, adequate liquidity and economic stability.

-- By ensuring strong, non-inflationary growth in the US economy, we can best contribute to world economic recovery.

International Monetary Conference:

-- As noted, believe the path to greater exchange rate stability must lie in convergence of economic performance toward sustainable, non-inflationary growth.

-- Williamsburg Declaration starts a process of consultation in order to define the conditions for improving the monetary system. Williamsburg did not define the outcome of that process.

-- We are confident that the existing international institutions, fortified by closer consultations among the major countries, are up to the job.

INF Deployment:

-- Decision to deploy failing agreement at Geneva is a very firm decision. Deployments will proceed on schedule in absence of an agreement obviating this necessity.

-- Since the NATO decision was taken in 1979 the USSR has continued a relentless and extensive deployment process.

-- Hope that as the USSR deepens its appreciation of the resolve, cohesion and unity of the Alliance, it will decide it is better to have a negotiated outcome.

-- Williamsburg Declaration on defense was important in showing Soviets the firmness of Western resolve in face of Soviet threats world-wide, not just in NATO area.

French Political/Economic Developments:

--What is your assessment of political developments in France, particularly socio-economic difficulties?

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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

United States

The President

Secretary Shultz

John Kelly,
Acting Assistant Secretary
for European Affairs
Department of State

France

Valery GISCARD d'ESTAING
former French President
(phonetic: ZHEEScar dehSTANG)

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

August 5, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
From : George P. Shultz *GP*
Subject : Message from Giscard d'Estaing

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The central paragraph in a thank you note I received from Giscard d'Estaing commenting on his meeting with you reads:

"I found him in excellent form, having drawn from his success reasons for confidence and serenity. I left the meeting with the feeling that the United States is on the right road and that its actions should continue to encounter the success which I wish for the stability and security of our world."

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK *WPC*

SUBJECT: Message from Giscard d'Estaing

In a note of appreciation to Secretary Shultz, Giscard d'Estaing made a very favorable comment on the successful accomplishments of your Administration.

His visit to Washington received wide favorable attention in the French press. In interviews following your meeting, Giscard has stressed his firm support for the Administration's arms control policies and economic recovery strategy. He has been particularly strong in his backing of the INF deployment plan and for the need to press for significant reductions in nuclear arsenals.

Tab A Shultz memo

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : George P. Shultz *WP* WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM

Subject : Message from Giscard d'Estaing

The central paragraph in a thank you note I received from Giscard d'Estaing commenting on his meeting with you reads:

"I found him in excellent form, having drawn from his success reasons for confidence and serenity. I left the meeting with the feeling that the United States is on the right road and that its actions should continue to encounter the success which I wish for the stability and security of our world."

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: TYRUS W. COBB *TWC*

SUBJECT: Message from Giscard d'Estaing

Attached at Tab A is a memorandum to the President from Secretary Shultz forwarding the essence of Giscard's thank you note to him. Your memorandum to the President highlights the positive tone of Giscard's comment and notes the strong endorsement that he has given to the Administration's policies on European security and economic issues.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo to the President at Tab I.

Approve ✓ Disapprove _____

Tab I Memo to the President
Tab A *nlc 8/8/83* Shultz memo to President

Peter Sommer concurs.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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Mr. President:

I find this an interesting analysis.

Our standby air presence in Khartoum that I described to you by phone this morning should give the French greater heart to solve this matter on their terms.

The Situation described in this cable is consistent with Dick Walters' messages to us today from Paris. All hands concur in our action.


Bill Clark

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2. SUMMARY. THE FRENCH ARE SLOWLY ESCALATING TOWARD A CONFRONTATION WITH LIBYA IN THE DESERT NORTH OF FAYA LARGEAU. MITTERRAND IS TAKING EACH DECISION NOW, THROUGH HIS ADVISORS ON AFRICA (PENNE) AND MILITARY OPERATIONS (SAULNIER). HE WILL AVOID A DIRECT FRENCH-LIBYAN CLASH IF HE POSSIBLY CAN, AND HIS CHOICES REFLECT THIS PREFERENCE. BUT HE WILL NOT SHRINK FROM IT IF QADHAFI PERSISTS. END SUMMARY.
3. THE ESCALATION HAS NOW TAKEN THE FRENCH TO USE OF THEIR OWN AIR FORCE TRANSPORT PLANES AND TO THE PREPARATIONS FOR A STRIKE OPERATION BY THEIR JAGUARS. FRENCH AIR FORCE TRANSALLS ARE NOW OPERATING INTO FAYA (AND PERHAPS ABECHÉ) AT NIGHT IN A CONTINUING SUPPLY OPERATION.

PERHAPS ABECHÉ) AT NIGHT IN A CONTINUING SUPPLY OPERATION. JAGUARS FROM DAKAR AND LIBREVILLE WILL HOLD AN "EXERCISE" TODAY WHICH WILL PLACE THEM CLOSE ENOUGH TO BE ABLE TO STRIKE NORTH OF CHAD ON SHORT NOTICE.

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4. THE OPTIONS FOR THE FRENCH ARE LIMITED. LIBYAN AIR ATTACKS ON FAYA STOPPED WHEN THE REDEY/STINGER MISSILES AND THEIR OPERATORS ARRIVED ON SITE. IF THE LIBYANS MOVE ON FAYA, THE FRENCH MAY CHOOSE EITHER TO STRIKE THE ATTACKING COLUMNS DIRECTLY OR TO STRIKE THE AOUZOU AIR FIELD WHICH IS THE LIBYANS' MAIN BASE FOR AIR OPERATIONS. MILITARILY, THE AOUZOU OPERATION MAKES MORE SENSE, THOUGH THE FRENCH ARE AWARE IT IS DEFENDED AND THEY COULD LOSE A FEW PLANES. HITTING AN ADVANCING ATTACK FORCE, WITH ITS TANKS AND VEHICLES, WOULD BE LESS DRAMATIC, AND THE FRENCH BELIEVE HABRE CAN DEFEND HIMSELF AGAINST SUCH A FORCE, USING HIS MILAN MISSILES. BUT THEY HAVE "SPREAD THE WORD" THROUGH THEIR AFRICAN FRIENDS THAT THEY ARE PREPARED TO MAKE SUCH A STRIKE, IN ORDER TO WARN THE LIBYANS OFF.

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5. THE FRENCH WANT HABRE TO DEFEND HIMSELF. THEY HAVE NO LOVE FOR HIM, THOUGH THEY RESPECT HIS ABILITY AS A MILITARY TACTICIAN. BUT THEIR BOTTOM LINE IS THAT THEY DO NOT CARE VERY MUCH WHO IS IN NDJAMENA IF HE CAN HOLD THE COUNTRY TOGETHER. THEY WANT HABRE TO BE STRONG ENOUGH TO DO THIS, AND BELIEVE HE HAS TO SHOW HIS ABILITY TO DEFEND FAYA, IF HE IS TO MAINTAIN THE MYSTIQUE OF LEADERSHIP. THEY SEE NO REASON WHY HE SHOULD NOT SUCCEED AT FAYA IF HIS TROOPS ARE NOT DISSPIRITED. THE FRENCH RECOGNIZE THAT HABRE'S DEFENSIVE POSTURE AT FAYA IS NOT TO HIS ADVANTAGE. HE EXCELS AT A WAR OF DESERT MOVEMENT AND NOT ONE OF DEFENDING FIXED POSITIONS. THE OUTCOME OF THE BATTLE IS NOT A SURE THING.

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6. PENNE AND SAULNIER ARE TOUGH AND COMMITTED. PENNE'S

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PERSONAL PRESTIGE WITH THE AFRICANS, THE VERY BASIS OF HIS POSITION, IS CLEARLY AT STAKE. SAULNIER, AN AIR FORCE GENERAL WITH COMBAT EXPERIENCE OVER INDOCHINA AND WHO KNOWS THE NORTHERN CHAD DESERT WELL. GRITS HIS TEETH AND SAYS "WE ARE NOT GOING TO LET GO OF THIS MORSEL." MITTERRAND, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS A MAN OF COMPROMISE, WHO AVOIDS CONFRONTATIONS. IF HE CAN SUPPORT HABRE HONORABLY WITHOUT TANGLING WITH QADHAFI, HE WILL DO SO. AND HE KNOWS THAT A STRIKE AT AOZOU WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE LIBYAN LEADER AS AN ACT OF WAR, WITH POSSIBLE RETALIATION AGAINST FRANCE ELSEWHERE. HE DOES NOT WANT THAT, BUT IS BEING PUSHED TOWARD IT BY EVENTS, BY US, AND BY THE PARISIAN POLITICAL PRESS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT BOTH CHIRAC AND GISCARD HAVE GIVEN HIM A POLITICAL "GREEN LIGHT"--THEY WILL NOT CRITICIZE HIM IF HE ATTACKS. FRANCE HAS ALREADY SPENT 450 MILLION FRANCS IN SUPPORT OF HABRE AND THE GOVERNMENT IS BEGINNING TO WORRY ABOUT COSTS.

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7. OUR GUESS IS THAT MITTERRAND WILL STILL CHOOSE SOMETHING LESS THAN THE AOZOU STRIKE IF HE POSSIBLY CAN. AN ATTACK ON TANKS NEAR FAYA WOULD SUIT HIM BETTER BECAUSE IT WOULD BE LESS ESCALATORY. OBVIOUSLY, THE MORE WE CAN DO TO HELP, THE MORE WILLING THE FRENCH WILL BE TO CONTINUE, AND OUR MOST RECENT GESTURES--THE ADDITIONAL 15 MILLION DOLLARS, CONTINUED PRESENCE OF THE SIXTH FLEET NEAR THE GULF OF SIDRA CLOSURE LINE,

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AND THE MOVE OF THE AWACS--WILL IMPRESS MITTERRAND. WE WILL HAVE A BETTER FEEL FOR HIS PERSONAL INTENTIONS FOLLOWING DICK WALTERS' MEETING WITH HIM TODAY. BUT EVERYONE CONCERNED WITH THIS ISSUE IN WASHINGTON SHOULD REALIZE THAT THIS MAY BE A VERY LONG SUPPORT OPERATION AND THAT THE FRENCH ARE DETERMINED TO MAINTAIN THEIR INDEPENDENCE IN DECISION-MAKING.

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8. THE ABOVE ANALYSIS IS CLEARLY EXTREMELY SENSITIVE,
AND WE URGE THE DEPARTMENT TO TREAT IT ACCORDINGLY.

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(Released at 3:00 pm today)

The Secretary of Defense announced today that the Ranger Battle Group has been extended for several more days off Central America. As you know, the Navy operates under a flexible operating schedule. Several host governments had planned to visit the battle group at sea. President de la Esprellia of Panama and several ministers from Central American governments have visited Ranger yesterday and today. In order to accommodate the schedules of the remaining officials, we are extending the Ranger accordingly. The Coral Sea Battle Group will enter the region later this month.

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SUBJECT: MEETING AUGUST 8 OF AMBASSADOR WALTERS AND
CHARGE MARESCA WITH FRENCH DEFENSE MINISTER HERNU AND
FOREIGN MINISTER CHEYSSON

1. ~~8~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. SUMMARY. AT LUNCH WITH FRENCH DEFENSE MINISTER HERNU,
INTELLIGENCE CHIEF ADMIRAL LACOSTE, CHIEF OF DEFENSE STAFF
LACAZE AND DEFENSE MINISTRY ADVISOR HEISBOURG, HERNU
TOLD ME, CHARGE MARESCA [REDACTED] THAT FRENCH HAD
MOVED JAGUARS NORTH FROM LIBREVILLE BUT NOT AS FAR AS
NDJAMENA. QADHAFI BELIEVED THAT THEY HAD LANDED AT
CHAD CAPITAL AND CALLED IN FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN PANIC-
STRICKEN MOVE, SAYING "TELL ME WHICH OF MY AIRFIELDS ARE
YOU GOING TO ATTACK. WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS? IT IS
CRAZY." AMBASSADOR HAD REPEATED THAT ANY FURTHER LIBYAN
MILITARY ESCALATION WOULD BE MATCHED BY THE FRENCH.
HERNU SAID IT WAS FRENCH DECISION THAT IF LIBYANS CONTINU-
ED ATTACK, FRENCH WOULD TAKE ACTION. FAYA HAD NOT BEEN
ATTACKED FOR TWO DAYS. THIS MIGHT MEAN FRENCH MESSAGE
HAD BEEN UNDERSTOOD. IF DELAY WAS DUE TO LOGISTICAL
REASONS, THEN FRENCH WOULD MATCH LIBYAN ATTACK BY
STRIKING AT AIRFIELDS. ANTI-AIR MISSILES AND CREWS
WERE BEING FLOWN INTO FAYA LARGEAU TODAY. MITTERRAND
HAD BEEN PLEASED BY HIS TALK WITH ME ON FRIDAY AND
MUCH APPRECIATED BEING SHOWN [REDACTED] EVIDENCE
OF LIBYAN PRESENCE IN CHAD, NOT ONLY IN AOZOUZ STRIP
BUT AT OGOUI AND OUNIANGA KEBIR. THOSE PRESENT WERE
THEN BRIEFED [REDACTED] AND FOREIGN MINISTER
CHEYSSON, WHO CAME IN DURING MEAL, WAS IMPRESSED ALSO.
HERNU EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR CONSTANT FLOW OF INTELLI-
GENCE AND CONSULTATION WITH U.S. GENERAL LACAZE SAID

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TEAMS HAD WORKED OUT MODUS OPERANDI BETWEEN FRENCH AIR FORCE AND AWACS TEAM, AND HE WAS VERY PLEASED WITH IT. CHEYSSON, WHO HAD APPARENTLY GONE ON TV TO SAY THERE HAD BEEN NO CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN FRANCE AND U.S., LOOKED STARTLED AT OBVIOUS MASSIVE CONSULTATIONS AND INTELLIGENCE EXCHANGE BETWEEN FRANCE AND U.S. WITH WHICH ADMIRAL LACOSTE AND GENERAL LACAZE DECLARED THEMSELVES HIGHLY PLEASED. AT THE END OF THE MEETING I TOOK ASIDE GENERAL LACAZE, WHO IS OLD CLOSE FRIEND, TO MAKE SURE I HAD NOT MISUNDERSTOOD WHAT HERNU HAD TOLD ME, NAMELY THAT IF LIBYANS CONTINUED ATTACK ON LARGEAU OR ESCALATED FIGHTING IN ANY WAY, FRENCH WOULD STRIKE THEM. LACAZE CONFIRMED THIS UNDERSTANDING ON MY PART. AS I LEFT MEETING, PRESIDENTIAL ADVISORS GUY PENNE AND JEAN-CHRISTOPHE MITTERRAND ARRIVED. PENNE SAID HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH ME FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH HERNU LATER THIS AFTERNOON.
 END SUMMARY.

3. AT 1245 TODAY (AUGUST 8) I WENT TO LUNCH WITH DEFENSE MINISTER HERNU, ACCOMPANIED BY CHARGE MARESCA [REDACTED] PRESENT ON THE FRENCH SIDE, BESIDES HERNU, 3.3 (b)(1) WERE CHIEF OF DEFENSE STAFF GENERAL LACAZE, CHIEF OF EXTERNAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE ADMIRAL LACOSTE, AND DEFENSE MINISTRY ADVISOR HEISBOURG. LATER IN THE MEAL WE WERE JOINED BY FOREIGN MINISTER CHEYSSON.

4. WE WENT INTO THE GARDEN FOR A PRE-LUNCH DRINK WHERE HERNU SAID TO ME, "WE HAVE TOLD THE LIBYANS THAT IF THEY UP THE ESCALATION, WE WILL STRIKE BACK AND UP IT CORRESPONDINGLY." HE THEN WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE FRENCH JAGUARS AT LIBREVILLE HAD BEEN MOVED CLOSER TO CHAD BUT NOT TO NDJAMENA. QADHAFI HAD CALLED IN THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO TRIPOLI TO SAY THAT HE KNEW THAT THE JAGUARS HAD BEEN MOVED TO NDJAMENA AND THAT HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND THIS FRENCH REACTION. QADHAFI HAD SEEMED EXTREMELY ALARMED BY THE FRENCH ACTION AND SEEMED TO BELIEVE THAT THE FRENCH WERE ABOUT TO TAKE SOME ACTION AGAINST HIM. HERNU DID NOT MENTION THE SPECIAL FRENCH ENVOY TO CHAD OF WHOM PRESIDENT MITTERRAND HAD SPOKEN TO ME ON FRIDAY. I SAID TO HERNU THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO ATTACK SATURDAY OR SUNDAY ON FAYA LARGEAU AND PERHAPS THAT MEANT THAT HE HAD UNDERSTOOD THE MESSAGE THE FRENCH HAD SENT HIM THAT THEY WOULD MATCH ANY ESCALATION ON HIS PART. HERNU ADMITTED THAT THIS MIGHT BE THE CASE BUT SAID IT WOULD TAKE A FEW DAYS TO BE SURE. THE DELAY BY THE LIBYANS IN THE ATTACK ON LARGEAU MIGHT BE DUE TO LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS.

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5. WE THEN WENT IN TO LUNCH AND I BRIEFED THEM [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] POINTING OUT THE PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF
PRESENCE OF LIBYAN MILITARY UNITS IN CHAD AT OGOUI
AND OUNIANGA EL KEBIR OUTSIDE THE AOZOU STRIP. HERNU

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SAID THAT PRESIDENT MITTERRAND HAD BEEN PLEASED WITH HIS
TALK WITH ME AT LACHE AND GREATLY APPRECIATED [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AS WELL AS OUR SENDING
THE AWACS TEAM TO PARIS AND THE DAILY EXCHANGE OF
INFORMATION.
6. HERNU AND LACAZE EXPRESSED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LACAZE EXPRESSED PARTICULAR SATISFACTION
AT THE WORK WITH THE AWACS TEAM, SAYING THAT IT WOULD NOT
JUST BE VALUABLE FOR THE CHAD CRISIS BUT FOR POSSIBLE
FUTURE CONTINGENCIES. HE NOTED THAT IF THE FRENCH
STRUCK LIBYAN BASES, THEY PROBABLY WOULD USE A BREGUET
AIRCRAFT AS A FLYING COMMAND POST. A SYSTEM HAD BEEN
WORKED OUT FOR IT TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE AWACS AIRCRAFT
BUT UNFORTUNATELY THE FRENCH AIRCRAFT DID NOT HAVE
COMPUTERS THAT COULD "TALK" TO THE AWACS COMPUTERS.
HOWEVER, HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT FAF AND USAF COULD COMMUNI-
CATE SATISFACTORILY IN ANY OPERATION IN CHAD. I TOLD
THEM THAT AWACS AND F-15S HAD MOVED TO SUDAN, AND THEY
SEEMED PLEASED WITH THIS INFORMATION.

- ADMIRAL LACOSTE SAID THAT HABRE'S FAILURE TO RETURN
TO FAYA LARGEAU HAD DAMAGED MORALE THERE BUT THAT MISKINE
WAS THERE NOW. FRENCH COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON MISKINE
AND I HAVE THE FEELING HE IS THEIR CANDIDATE TO SUCCEED
HABRE "IF ANYTHING SHOULD HAPPEN." MISKINE'S ARRIVAL
HAD IMPROVED MORALE AT FAYA LARGEAU. FRENCH INFORMATION
WAS THAT GOUKOUNI'S COMMAND POST WAS SEVEN KILOMETERS
NORTHWEST OF FAYA LARGEAU.

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7. I POINTED OUT THE PRESENCE ON CHADIAN SOIL OF THREE MECHANIZED INFANTRY BATTALIONS, A TANK BATTALION, AND A BATTERY OF 122 MM GUNS. LACAZE COMMENTED THAT SOME 122'S HAD BEEN CAPTURED WHEN HABRE RECAPTURED FAYA LARGEAU. EVEN CHEYSSON SEEMED IMPRESSED WITH THE [REDACTED] EVIDENCE OF THE PRESENCE OF REGULAR LIBYAN UNITS ON CHADIAN SOIL. GENERAL LACAZE SAID THAT THE FRONT LINE COMBATANTS ARE GOUKOUNI CHADIANS BUT WITH THE LIBYANS RIGHT BEHIND THEM. 3.3 (b)(1)
8. CHARGE MARESCA ASKED HERNU FOR CLARIFICATION OF FRENCH POSITION, AND HERNU REPLIED THAT THEY HAD MADE CLEAR TO THE LIBYANS THAT ANY ESCALATION ON THEIR PART WOULD BE COUNTERED BY FRENCH ACTION.
9. HERNU SAID HE HAD ISSUED A STATEMENT CLARIFYING PRESS' MISTAKEN INTERPRETATION OF HIS STATEMENT OF PREVIOUS EVENING. AT LUNCH NO ONE YET KNEW OF CHEYSSON'S STATEMENT THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO CONSULTATION BETWEEN U.S. AND FRANCE, AND I INTEND TO POINT OUT TO GUY PENNE WHEN I SEE HIM LATER TODAY EMBARRASSMENT THAT THIS HAS CAUSED US. AS WE LEFT I ASKED AND OBTAINED FROM GENERAL LACAZE CONFIRMATION OF WHAT HERNU HAD SAID EARLIER ABOUT FRENCH RETALIATION TO ANY FURTHER LIBYAN ESCALATION. PRIVATELY, I BELIEVE FRENCH MILITARY WOULD NOT BE AVERSE TO SHOWING THAT THEY TOO CAN EXECUTE A SURGICAL STRIKE. PENNE, WHO ARRIVED AS WE DEPARTED, PROMISED TO SEE ME LATER TO GIVE PRESIDENT MITTERRAND'S REPLY TO PRESIDENT REAGAN.
10. COMMENT. CLEARLY THIS COULD INVOLVE THE FRENCH IN A WAR WITH LIBYA AND THEY DO NOT WISH TO LOSE OR GIVE AWAY CONTROL OF THE SITUATION. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT A LIBYAN ACTION AT FAYA LARGEAU OR ELSEWHERE WOULD PROVOKE A FRENCH STRIKE AGAINST LIBYAN AIRBASE, PROBABLY AOZOU. THEY ARE PREPARED FOR ONE OR TWO, POSSIBLY THREE SUCH STRIKES, BUT IF THAT DID NOT STOP THE LIBYANS, THEN THEY WOULD LOOK TO US FOR FURTHER ACTION. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT SUCH A FRENCH BLOW WOULD PROBABLY DISSUADE THE LIBYANS SINCE THEY WERE FAR MORE INCLINED TO DARING RAIDS THAN TO STAUNCH DEFENSIVE ACTIONS. I WOULD GUESS AOZOU (AND THEY EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN AT THE PRESENCE OF A SPOONREST RADAR THERE) WOULD BE THE PRIMARY TARGET, WITH OGOUI AS ADDITIONAL OR ALTERNATIVE TARGET. I BELIEVE FROM TALKING TO LACAZE THAT FRENCH HAVE MADE LOGISTICAL PREPARATIONS FOR WHATEVER THEY MAY HAVE TO DO. LACAZE CONFIRMED THAT IN ADDITION TO THE FOUR JAGUARS AT BANGUI,

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LIBREVILLE AND DAKAR THAT FOUR MORE HAD BEEN SENT TO
AFRICA. I BELIEVE FRENCH HAVE GIVEN US COMMITMENT TO
ATTACK IF LIBYANS MOVE FURTHER. I DO NOT EXPECT THEM

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11. IN MY VIEW FRENCH FEAR THAT IF THEIR STRIKES ARE NOT
SUFFICIENT TO STOP QADHAFI, THEY WILL BE DRAGGED INTO A
DRAWN OUT FRENCH-LIBYAN WAR IN WHICH NO ONE
CAN TELL THEM WHAT MEASURE OF ACTIVE SUPPORT THEY CAN
EXPECT FROM US OR OTHERS. IT IS THIS THAT HAS PREVENTED
THEM SO FAR FROM STATING AT EXACTLY WHAT POINT THEY ARE
PREPARED TO GO TO WAR. SEVERAL TIMES THEY MENTIONED
POSSIBILITY OF OUR PRESSURING THE SAUDIS TO REIN IN,
INSOFAR AS THEY CAN, QADHAFI. END COMMENT.

12. IMMEDIATELY AFTER MEETING WITH PENNE LATER TODAY
I WILL REPORT FURTHER. MARESCA

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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August 9, 1983

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Help for Habre

Embassy Paris was asked by a senior Elysee adviser if we could help provide Habre with VABS (vehicle avant blinde, which are French large wheeled APCs) which is what Habre needs for the long term. Our embassy notes:

- o French officials on several occasions have alluded to French economic problems and hinted it would make sense logistically if the U.S. could purchase French equipment for the Chadians.

Since our embassy understands that the \$25 million in U.S. support is for drawdowns from U.S. military inventories, it asks if a legal way could be found to make funds available to possibly purchase some French VABS for Habre, especially if France assumes a more direct role in Chad. (S)

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Attached are the translations of
the 2 French cables today. We
are working on a cover memo
sending the Gitterand cable to the
President. Also attached is our cable to
Paris.

JUDGE,

ATTACHED ARE THE TRANSLATIONS OF THE TWO FRENCH CABLES TODAY.
WE ARE WORKING ON A COVER MEMO SENDING THE MITTERAND CABLE TO THE
PRESIDENT. ALSO ATTACHED IS OUR CABLE TO PARIS.

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SUBJECT: FRENCH VIEWS ON CHAD

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2. IN DISCUSSION OF ONGOING UNSC DEBATE ON CHAD WITH DCM ON AUGUST 9, QUAI DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL MARTIN MENTIONED THAT PEREZ DE CUELLAR HAD OFFERED POSSIBILITY OF A SYG FACT-FINDING MISSION TO FAYA LARGEAU. MARTIN SAID THAT IN FRENCH VIEW SITUATION AT UN WAS STILL TOO "SOFT" TO PROMOTE THIS IDEA FOR NOW, BUT IT SHOULD BE RETAINED FOR THE FUTURE. (COMMENT: CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE BEFORE NEWS OF RENEWED ATTACKS ON FAYA LARGEAU. END COMMENT.) MARTIN SPECIFIED THAT PEREZ DE CUELLAR HAD MENTIONED THIS IDEA TO FRENCH UN PERMREP NANTEUIL VERY CONFIDENTIALLY, IN FRANCE'S CAPACITY AS SECURITY

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT, AND THAT IT HAD NOT YET BEEN MENTIONED TO OTHERS. (PLEASE PROTECT MARTIN.)

3. IN OTHER GENERAL COMMENTS ON CHAD, MARTIN COMMENTED THAT EIGHTEEN YEARS OF INVOLVEMENT IN CHAD HAD LEFT FRENCH EXTREMELY WARY OF FURTHER INVOLVEMENT. OTHER FACTORS IN FRENCH THINKING INCLUDED NECESSITY OF ENCOURAGING FRANCOPHONE AFRICANS TO CONTINUE TO PLAY ACTIVE ROLE THEMSELVES RATHER THAN EXPECTING LARGER POWERS TO FIGHT THEIR BATTLES FOR THEM, AND IMPORTANCE TO FRENCH OF MAINTAINING DISTINCTION BETWEEN COMMITMENT IMPLIED TO THOSE STATES WITH WHICH THEY HAD MILITARY ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS AND THOSE WITH WHICH THEY MERELY HAD COOPERATION AGREEMENTS. ON CHEYSSON'S TV INTERVIEW, MARTIN NOTED IN PASSING THAT CHEYSSON HAD DENIED FRENCH WERE ACTING "IN CONCERT" WITH U.S., NOT FACT OF CONSULTATIONS. HE STRESSED EXTREME FRENCH SENSITIVITY TO APPEARING TO ACT IN RESPONSE TO U.S. URGING OR BIDDING. ON LIBYAN ROLE, MARTIN SAID FRENCH HAD NOTICED THAT IN RECENT MONTHS QADHAFI'S ACTIONS SHOWED A MORE COHERENT AND LOGICAL PATTERN AND WERE LESS ERRATIC THAN IN THE PAST, I.E., HE HAD ESTABLISHED PRESENCE IN CHAD, NORTHERN NIGERIA AND (BRIEFLY) IN CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, HAD UNDERTAKEN CONSULTATIONS WITH SAUDIS AND JORDAN, ETC. FRENCH WONDERED IF THIS CONSISTENCY MEANT HE WAS RECEIVING POLICY ADVICE FROM OUTSIDE (IMPLICATION WAS FROM THE SOVIETS).

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SUBJECT: AWACS WITHDRAWAL FROM SUDAN

1. ~~{S}~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. THE TWO AWACS DEPLOYED TO SUDAN HAVE NOW BEEN IN PLACE SINCE AUGUST 7. THE FRENCH HAVE NOT YET REQUESTED THE US TO FLY SURVEILLANCE MISSIONS, NOR GIVEN ANY INDICATION OF ANY INTENTION TO DRAW ON THE AWACS CAPABILITY. ONGOING SECURITY CONCERNS AND THE CONSIDERABLE EXPENSE ENTAILED IN KEEPING THE TWO AWACS, OTHER AIRCRAFT AND SOME 600 MEN IN KHARTOUM, CONJOINED WITH THE ABSENCE OF ANY EXPECTATION OF THEIR USE TO SUPPORT FRENCH FORCES IN CHAD NOW MILITATE IN FAVOR OF REDEPLOYING THE AWACS. WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO DISCUSS WITH FRANCE AND SUDAN OUR OWN INTENTION TO REDEPLOY.

3. FOR PARIS: CHARGE SHOULD CONTACT ELYSEE {GENERAL SAULNIER OR, IF HE IS UNAVAILABLE, OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS} AND INFORM HIM THAT BASED ON CURRENT MILITARY SITUATION AND REASONS DESCRIBED PARA. 2, THE US PLANS TO RETURN AIR FORCE UNITS NOW IN SUDAN NEXT WEEK. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, CONSIDER FRENCH REQUEST EXTENDING THEIR STAY IN SUDAN IF WE RECEIVED AN

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AUTHORITATIVE FRENCH REQUEST THAT PROVIDED RATIONALE NLT 1200 AUGUST 23 YOUR TIME. YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE IN YOUR DISCUSSION THAT WE COULD RETURN APPROPRIATE ASSETS TO THE AREA ON VERY SHORT NOTICE SHOULD THEY BE NEEDED.

4. FOR KHARTOUM: YOU SHOULD DRAW ON THE MATERIAL ABOVE, AS APPROPRIATE, WITH THE GOS AND INDICATE OUR PLANS FOR THE AWACS, INCLUDING OUR DISCUSSING THIS WITH THE FRENCH BEFORE MOVING. IN ADDITION TO POINTS ABOVE, YOU SHOULD MAKE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL POINTS WITH GOS:

-- THE POSITIONING OF THE AWACS IN SUDAN HAS BEEN A VALUABLE EXERCISE IN ESTABLISHING EXPERIENCE AND PROCEDURES FOR MOVING APPROPRIATE ASSETS RAPIDLY WHEN OUR FRIENDS ARE THREATENED.

-- WE WILL WANT TO CONSULT WITH YOU ON EXACT ARRANGEMENTS FOR WITHDRAWING THE AWACS WITH CONSIDERATION OF ANY STEPS THAT WOULD FACILITATE REDEPLOYMENT OF APPROPRIATE ASSETS SHOULD THAT PROVE DESIRABLE.

-- WE RECOGNIZE THAT LIBYAN PRESENCE IN NORTHERN CHAD RAISES THE DANGER OF LIBYAN SUBVERSION AGAINST WESTERN SUDAN FROM CHAD. WE WILL WANT TO CONSULT WITH YOU ON THAT DANGER AND WAYS WE CAN HELP STRENGTHEN GOS' ABILITY TO DEFEND AGAINST IT.

-- WE ARE CONTINUING OUR MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO THE HABRE GOVERNMENT AND ARE TAKING DIPLOMATIC STEPS TO PUT INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE ON LIBYA TO WITHDRAW. WE KNOW WE CAN COUNT ON SUDAN'S ACTIVE DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY TOWARD THAT END.

5. FYI: WE ARE WORKING ON A PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO NINEIRI. YY

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