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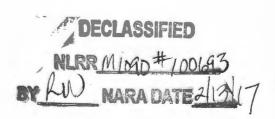
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Attached at Tab I is an issue paper for your use in preparation for an NSPG or secure conference call. The paper has been circulated to the NSPG principals.

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THE HONORABLE JAMES A. BAKER, III The Secretary of the Treasury

THE HONORABLE DONALD T. REGAN Chief of Staff

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CASEY Director of Central Intelligence

ADMIRAL WILLIAM J. CROWE, JR. The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

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SUBJECT: ITALIAN MOD REQUESTS INFO RE U.S. FORCE MOVEMENTS IN MEDITERRANEAN

REF: **ROME 196**

- (SECRET -ENTIRE TEXT).
- EARLY IN THE AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 4 THE CHARGE WAS CALLED TO THE DEFENSE MINISTRY BY LT. GEN. JUCCI, VICE CHIEF OF THE DEFENSE STAFF. JUCCI, WHO WAS FLANKED BY REAR ADM. VENTURONI, CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, SAID HE WAS SPEAKING ON THE AUTHORITY AND BY INSTRUCTION OF DEFENSE MINISTER SPADOLINI.
- JUCCI BEGAN BY LISTING SEVERAL MOVEMENTS OF AMERICAN AIRCRAFT AT SIGONELLA THIS MORNING. TWO FI8S HAD LANDED AND LEFT AGAIN FOR THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER. ONE C141 HAD ASKED PERMISSION TO LAND, BEEN REFUSED, AND THEN DECLARED AN EMERGENCY. THREE F15S HAD LANDED FOR OPERATIONAL REASONS. JUCCI SAW SOMETHING UNUSUAL AND SIGNIFICANT IN THESE MOVEMENTS.
- IN ADDITION, THE ITALIAN RADARS ARE PICKING UP A GREAT VOLUME OF MOVEMENTS BOTH BY "ALLIED FORCES" AND THE "OTHER SIDE. "
- 5. JUCCI SAID THE ITALIANS WANT TO KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON. IF THE UNITED STATES TAKES ACTION AGAINST LIBYA, ITALY COULD SUFFER CONSEQUENCES IN TERMS OF LIBYAN RETALIATION.
- 6. JUCCI WENT ON TO SAY HE WANTED TO AVOID A REPETITION OF THE CONFLICTS AT SIGONELLA IN EARLY OCTOBER. WHILE HE WAS SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE DEFENSE MINISTER, HE ALSO WAS EXPRESSING THE DESIRE OF THE ITALIAN UNIFORMED MILITARY TO AVOID STRAINS.
- VENTURONI ADDED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR THEM TO KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE DEFENSE OF OF SIGONELLA. JUCCI AGREED, NOTING THAT THE LIBYANS HAVE





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REPEADTEDLY THREATENED BOTH SIGONELLA AND COMISO. WHILE THE ITALIANS HAVE TAKEN SOME PREPARATORY STEPS, THEY CANNOT, WHILE IGNORANT OF THE REAL SITUATION, KNOW WHETHER WHAT THEY HAVE DONE IS ADEQUATE.

- 8. FINALLY JUCCI NOTED THAT IF THE ITALIANS ARE NOT INFORMED, THEY MIGHT BE FORCED TO DENY PERMISSION FOR CERTAIN ACTIVITIES. (HE SEEMED TO BE REFERRING TO OPERATIONS AT SIGONELLA.)
- 9. THE CHARGE SAID HE WOULD OF COURSE CONVEY JUCCI'S APPROACH TO WASHINGTON. HE NOTED NEWS REPORTS OF AN NSC MEETING THIS SAME DAY IN WASHINGTON. HE ALSO OBSERVED THAT IT IS IN THE NATURE OF THINGS TO KEEP OPERATIONAL MILITARY PLANS SECRET.
- 10. JUCCI SAID THIS WAS OF COURSE TRUE, BUT ITALY COULD NOT BE LEFT IN THE DARK ABOUT WHAT WAS GOING ON ON ITS TERRITORY, OR ABOUT WHAT MIGHT HAVE A DIRECT EFFECT ON ITALY. FURTHERMORE, ITALY WAS AN ALLY, AND SHOULD BE TREATED AS SUCH.
- 11. JUCCI SAID, HOWEVER, HE WANTED TO KEEP CONTACTS AT "THIS LEVEL" WITH HIM AND/OR VENTURONI. THEY WILL BE CONTINUOUSLY AVAILABLE.
- 12. ACTION REQUESTED: JUCCI WAS CALM BUT TOUGH. HIS REFERENCE TO FORBIDDING CERTAIN ACTIVITIES WAS A DELIBERATE ONE, I AM SURE. PROVIDING HIM WITH INFORMATION COULD BE IMPORTANT IN AVOIDING A NASTY BILATERAL CLASH.

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AND ABU NIDAL

REF: ATHENS 149 (NOTAL)

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I MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER PAPOULIAS MID-DAY JANUARY 4 AT HIS REQUEST. MEETING LASTED TWENTY MINUTES. PAPOULIAS SAID THAT FOLLOWING OUR MEETING THE PREVIOUS DAY (REFTEL) THE GOG HAD CONSULTED WITH THE EC GOVERNMENTS BUT HAD ALSO TAKEN ACTION DIRECTLY WITH THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT. HE HAD RAISED THE MATTER WE HAD DISCUSSED (PRESUMABLY SYRIAN SUPPORT FOR ABU NIDAL) WITH THE SYRIAN AMBASSADOR HERE AND HE HAD INSTRUCTED THE GREEK AMBASSADOR IN DAMASCUS TO DO THE SAME THERE.

3. CONTINUING, PAPOULIAS SAID THE PRIME MINISTER AND HE WERE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE PRESENT STATE OF TENSION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA. WAS A VERY VOLATILE AREA IN WHICH ANY MILITARY OUTBREAK WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO CONTAIN. GREEK NAVY HEADQUARTERS HAD REPORTED TO THE PRIME MINISTER THIS MORNING THAT A LARGE FORMATION OF SHIPS WAS CURRENTLY LOCATED SOME 60 NAUTICAL

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MILES SOUTH OF PALAIOKHORA, CRETE (TOWN AT SOUTH-WESTERN CORNER OF THE ISLAND). PAPOULIAS SAID HE HAD LISTENED TO THE SIX A.M. FOREIGN NEWS BROADCASTS THIS MORNING AND HAD BEEN PLEASED TO HEAR A DENIAL BY PRESIDENT REAGAN THAT THE U.S. WAS PLANNING MILITARY ACTION AGAINST LIBYA. THIS WAS "AN ENCOURAGING DEVELOPMENT." PAPOULIAS SAID HE WISHED TO "REMIND" ME THAT THE AGREEMENT COVERING THE U.S. BASES IN GREECE DID NOT PERMIT THEIR USE FOR MILITARY ACTIONS AGAINST THIRD COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY THE ARAB COUNTRIES.

- THE FOREIGN MINISTER STATED THAT THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM IS A "COMMON" ONE IN WHICH ALL COUNTRIES SHOULD JOIN. THE U.S. AND THE EUROPEANS SHOULD WORK TOGETHER TO COUNTER TERRORISM. THIS WAS NOT A PROBLEM THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALONE. PERH. PERHAPS IT WOULD BE WISE TO CALL A MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS TO DISCUSS HOW TO COOPERATE TO FIGHT TERRORISM. GREECE WOULD CERTAINLY FAVOR THAT IDEA AND WAS IN TOUCH WITH ITS EC PARTNERS ON IT. CONCLUDING, PAPOULIAS SAID THAT EVERYONE HOPES THE TENSION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN WILL SOON SUBSIDE, CURRENT LEVEL OF TENSION IS DANGEROUS FOR ALL COUNTRIES IN THE REGION, AND PARTICULARLY THOSE IN SOUTHER EUROPE SUCH AS GREECE.
- 5. I SAID I WOULD REPORT HIS DEMARCHE TO WASHINGTON RIGHT AWAY, AND WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH HIM DURING THE WEEKEND IF I RECEIVED ANY RESPONSE OR ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECT. THOUGH MONDAY WAS A LOCAL HOLIDAY, OUR COMMUNICATIONS WITH WASHINGTON WOULD BE OPEN. PAPOULIAS SAID HE WOULD BE IN HIS OFFICE MOST OF THE WEEKEND, AND PLANNED TO SKIP THE EPIPHANY CEREMONY IN PIRAEUS ON MONDAY AS HE HAD TOO MUCH WORK TO DO. HE APPRECIATED MY OFFER TO STAY IN TOUCH. I SAID THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD OFFER AT THIS TIME ABOUT THE SUBJECT HE HAD RAISED, BUT I HAD HEARD ON THE MORNING NEWS (BBC) BT

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