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UK/LIBYA

1. AMERICANS HAVE HANDED OVER FOLLOWING TEXT OF ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE MADE IN WASHINGTON AT 102100Z DEC (PLEASE PROTECT UNTIL THEN)

BEGINS ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT, THE ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE MET TODAY WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNICATED WITH THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF AMERICAN CORPORATIONS WHICH HAVE AMERICAN PERSONNEL IN LIBYA. HE DISCUSSED LIBYA'S WELL KNOWN EFFORTS OVER THE COURSE OF MANY YEARS TO UNDERMINE US INTERESTS AND THOSE OF OUR FRIENDS AS WELL AS LIBYA'S SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. IN THE PAST SIX MONTHS LIBYA HAS BROADENED AND ACCELERATED ITS EFFORTS TO UNDERMINE NEIGHBORING STATES AND TO WORK AGAINST US INTERESTS. AS A CONSEQUENCE THE SECURITY CLIMATE FOR AMERICAN CITIZENS IN LIBYA HAS WORSENEDED. AMERICAN CITIZENS, THE PRESIDENT CALLS UPON ALL AMERICANS TO LEAVE LIBYA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IN LIGHT OF THE INCREASED RISK, UNITED STATES PASSPORTS ARE BEING INVALIDATED FOR TRAVEL TO LIBYA, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. THE ACTING SECRETARY MADE CLEAR THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS PREPARED TO TAKE OTHER AVAILABLE LEGAL MEASURES TO REQUIRE THAT AMERICANS LEAVE LIBYA SHOULD THAT BECOME NECESSARY.

THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZES THE GRAVITY OF THESE STEPS, BUT BELIEVES THAT LIBYA ACTIONS OBLIGE US TO TAKE THEM. INDEED, IT WOULD BE IRRESPONSIBLE FOR THE US GOVERNMENT TO DO LESS. ENDS

2. SUPPORTING SPEAKING NOTES SHOWN TO US PLACE MUCH GREATER EMPHASIS ON NUCLEAR THREAT FROM LIBYA THAN WE HAVE SEEN BEFORE AND REQUEST FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS TO ADOPT QUOTE STRINGENT

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CONTROLS ON NUCLEAR COMMERCE WITH LIBYA UNQUOTE.
AMERICAN INSTRUCTIONS STRESS THAT WHILE US ARE NOT (NOT)
SUGGESTING PARALLEL ACTIONS BY OTHER GOVERNEMTNS THEY HOPE THAT
PUBLIC COMMENTS ON US ACTION WILL REFLECT QUOTE UNDERSTANDING
AND SUPPORT UNQUOTE.

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