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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

19 OCT 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Libyan Terrorist Intrigues (U)

(S) In recent weeks, Libyan President Qadhafi has muted his attacks on countries that oppose him, notably Egypt and Tunisia, but there is no indication he has withdrawn his support from radical movements throughout the world.

- While Qadhafi's quixotic actions are difficult to predict there is ample evidence that he has provided cash, equipment and training for an increasing number of subversive and terrorist groups.

- The near success of the Libyan-backed coup attempt against President Numeiri of Sudan in July marked Qadhafi as a serious threat to his neighbors. Moreover, a series of bombing incidents in Egypt during August nearly caused military retaliation against Libya. Targets of his past intrigues include Saudi Arabia, Oman, Jordan; Iran, Tunisia, Morocco, Mauritania, Chad, Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya, Ireland, Philippines, and most nations of Western Europe.

- Qadhafi believes his cause is just and makes no secret of his involvement and support for a wide range of terrorist activities. His foreign policy reflects a xenophobic bedouin interpretation of Islam and pan-Arabism, hatred for the former colonial powers, and imputed Western responsibility for present day Arab problems. He views Zionism as the ultimate product of colonial exploitation and the foremost obstacle to restoration of Arab unity.

- Qadhafi keeps his own counsel and is not easily swayed by the opinions of others. As a result, his involvement with terrorist activities probably will continue. Even were Qadhafi to cease all support of terrorism, the world community would continue to reap a bitter harvest from his past activities.

*D. R. J.*

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In response reply to:  
I-24700/76

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Libyan Terrorist Intrigues -- ACTION MEMORANDUM

In response to your <sup>and 9 Aug 76</sup> request, we have prepared a memorandum for the President which updates him on recent Libyan terrorist activities.

Recommend signature.

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Attachment  
Proposed Memorandum for the President



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