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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH CASCOPE IN HQS ON LIBYA

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1. REF WELCOME NEWS COMING ON HEELS OF MEETING AT HQS BETWEEN LIBYAN BRANCH OFFICERS AND IDEN A CASCOPE OFFICER ON 4 SEPTEMBER. CNE/L MET IN IDEN B ALIAS; [] MET IN TRUE FIRST NAME IDEN C. MEETING, ALTHOUGH BRIEF, WAS VERY USEFUL. IDEN A EXPRESSED STRONG WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE ACROSS THE BOARD ON LIBYAN MATTERS: INTEL EXCHANGE, DISCUSSION OF LIBYAN TERRORISM, AND POSSIBLE JOINT OPERATIONS OUTSIDE AND INSIDE LIBYA. WE WOULD OBVIOUSLY LIKE TO FACTOR REF PLACEMENT OF CASCOPE OFFICERS IN TRIPOLI INTO OUR PLANNING FOR EXPANDED COOPERATION WITH CASCOPE ON LIBYAN MATTERS. FOLLOWING ARE DETAILS OF HQS MEETING AND OUR INITIAL THOUGHTS ON DIRECTIONS IN WHICH WE MIGHT MOVE WITH CASCOPE.

2. ALTHOUGH IDEN A PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED [] BRIEFING ON LIBYA, WE THOUGHT IT A GOOD IDEA TO FOLLOW-UP WITH AN OPERATIONAL DISCUSSION AS WELL. WE PROVIDED IDEN A WITH REALITIES BRIEFING MUCH ALONG THE SAME LINES PREVIOUSLY GIVEN TO [] QADHAFI WAS SERIOUSLY SHAKEN BY THE ATTACK OF 8 MAY, HE HAS LAUNCHED A NEW WAVE OF TERRORISM, HE HAS LAUNCHED A DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE TO BREAK OUT OF HIS ISOLATION, HE WAS BEHIND THE RED SEA MINING (BASED ON CREW LIST ANALYSIS), HE IS LIKELY TO CARRY OUT FURTHER ACTS OF TERRORISM/SUBVERSION BASED ON HIS PERCEPTION OF RECENT SUCCESSES SUCH AS UNION WITH MOROCCO, ETC. IDEN FOCUSED ON TWO POINTS: THE PROSPECTS FOR LIBYAN TERRORISM AND QADHAFI'S LINKS TO SOVIETS. ON FIRST POINT WE PROVIDED DETAILS ON LONDON AND ATHENS EVENTS NOTING QADHAFI IS LIKELY TO STRIKE ANYWHERE WITHOUT CONSIDERATION FOR POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS. ON SECOND POINT, WE DOUBTED THAT QADHAFI IS A SURROGATE OF THE SOVIETS AND THERE ARE PROBABLE DOUBTS ON BOTH LIBYAN AND SOVIET SIDES ABOUT EACH OTHER, ALTHOUGH QADHAFI'S FOREIGN POLICIES AND ACTIVITIES CLOSELY TOE THE SOVIET LINE. WE ADMITTED, HOWEVER, WE HAVE VERY LITTLE CONCRETE INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT. IDEN A ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN TRUTH OF CHARGES THAT [] ARE A MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD GROUP. IN RESPONSE WE SAID WE FELT THAT SUCH CHARGES WERE INTENTIONALLY MADE BY QADHAFI TO DISCREDIT THE OPPOSITION BY PLAYING UPON THE FEARS OF SOME ARAB STATES. THE OPPOSITION, ALTHOUGH IT MIGHT HAVE SOME ALLEGED MEMBERS OF THE BROTHERHOOD, WAS NO MORE CONSERVATIVE OR FANATICAL IN ITS MUSLIM ATTITUDES THAN THE LIBYAN POPULACE AS A WHOLE. QADHAFI HAS USED SUCH CHARGES TO JUSTIFY HIS REPRESSION.

3. WE RAISED THE SUBJECT OF INCREASED PVALUE--CASCOPE COOPERATION AGAINST THE LIBYAN TARGET IN CONTEXT OF OUR NEEDING MORE "EYES AND EARS" TYPE OF REPORTING, EMPHASIZING THAT SINCE WE

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HAVE [] IN TRIPOLI WE HAVE BEEN HARD TO PUT DEVELOP EVEN ATMOSPHERIC REPORTING IN A TIMELY FASHION, SUCH AS WHEN THE 8 MAY EVENTS WERE UNDERWAY. THIS OBVIOUSLY STRUCK A RESPONSIVE CHORD WITH IDEN A. HE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN SUCH COOPERATION ACROSS THE BOARD. IDEN A HIGHLIGHTED THE COUNTERTERRORIST AREA, SAYING THEY HAD A "SMALL UNIT BUT IT WAS QUITE GOOD" AND AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND INFO WOULD BE OF MUTUAL BENEFIT. THIS WAS EXTENDED TO A MORE GENERAL INTEL EXCHANGE TO INCLUDE MEETINGS WITH CASCOPE OFFICERS "IN THE FIELD". THE SUGGESTED AREAS APPEARED TO BE ILLUSTRATIVE RATHER THAN EXCLUSIONARY; IDEN A WAS WILLING, EVEN EAGER, TO DISCUSS ALL ASPECTS OF COOPERATION, INCLUDING JOINT OPERATIONS TARGETTED INSIDE LIBYA AND OUTSIDE LIBYA, AS WELL.

4. [] CONCURS, BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO FOLLOW-UP HQS MEETING AND REF INFO ASAP WITH CASCOPE TO DETERMINE AREAS WHERE WE MIGHT USEFULLY WORK TOGETHER. IT WOULD PROBABLY BE USEFUL TO HOLD DIRECT MEETINGS WITH CASCOPE OFFICERS WHO WILL WORK IN TRIPOLI TO PROVIDE THEM WITH OUR PERCEPTIONS ON REALITIES THERE AND OUR REQUIREMENTS. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXPLORE USING THESE OFFICERS FOR VARIOUS TYPES OF OPERATIONAL SUPPORT: COMMO, POSSIBLE SERVICING OF OUR AGENTS, USE OF POUCH FACILITIES, IMPERSONAL COMMO, AND SO ON. WE LEAVE TO THE LIBYAN OPS ELEMENT TO EXPLORE SPECIFICS, HOWEVER WE WOULD APPRECIATE PRELIMINARY COMMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT PRIOR TO ACTUAL MEETINGS WITH CASCOPE. DEFER [] ON NEED/UTILITY FOR INVOLVEMENT OF DECLARED LIBYAN ELEMENT OFFICER IN SUCH LIAISON CONTACTS.

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