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 LD292304 Tripoli Television Service in Arabic
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military maneuvers, economic siege, threatening war, or physical liquidation. I personally have been subjected to various operations that were disclosed in America. They were preparing physical liquidation operations and assassinations against me at the order of Reagan, and implemented by the CIA. Reagan should have been put on trial as a criminal and violator of the U.S. Constitution and U.S. laws. He is a terrorist because he terrorizes the small peoples, like the Libyan people, and he is terrorizing the people of Nicaragua. He terrorized and occupied the people of Grenada because they are a small people. He also arms the Israelis.

[Question] Can we consider the operations that were carried out in Rome and Vienna as forms of legitimate resistance?

[Answer] Independent states, as I have anyhow mentioned several times, who are UN members to not carry out such actions. However, the Palestinians, who are pursued by Zionism and imperialism, they see it as a suitable action in relation to their issue; to draw the attention of the world. I do not think that we are living in an era of terrorism except that of the official terrorism practiced by America against the peoples and that practiced by Zionism. The rest are merely actions carried out by peoples or groups to draw the attention of the world to their cause. If we were to consider the assassination of Indira Gandhi as a terrorist act — and we express our regret vis-a-vis this sad event — we also have to understand what motivated it; it was motivated by the fact that the Sikhs are a national-cum-religious group that wants to be independent and gain its rights. Thus, the Palestinians are a people who want to liberate their land and, hence, are forced to take actions that, we, as independent states, would not consider carrying out. However, those groups consider them useful and suitable actions. The dangerous terrorism is the official terrorism practiced by America and the official terrorism practiced by the Israelis with American weapons and American backing; the Sabra and Shatilla massacres and the running over of entire families of civilians by the Israeli tanks. Why does Reagan not protest or impose a siege or ban the sale of weapons to the Israelis, who have carried out extremely horrible acts. The question seems to be of a racist and crusader nature and Reagan is Hitler No 2. This is a new imperialism, a new Nazism resurrected to threaten world peace. At least we are in the Mediterranean Sea, let them leave us in our Mediterranean Sea. We want to maintain peace, trade, tourism, culture, and mutual interests across the Mediterranean sea and let America go to the oceans and (?arms itself).

[Question] We see you in this picture surrounded by your children; it is a beautiful picture. But you have training camps, and I do not mean on acts of terrorism. These are two contradictory pictures: the picture of the quiet man and the picture...

[Answer][Al-Qadhafi interrupts] We have but one picture of peace and the defense of freedom and the support of the oppressors. In our country there are no camps that you yourself term "terrorism" [here al-qadhafi smiles]. First of all as far as the camps of the Palestinians are concerned, we do not consider these to be terrorist camps because these people are defending their freedom. Add to this the fact that these camps are not in Libya now, but if the Palestinian people ask for the opening of camps on Libyan soil we will accept this request because the Palestinians

are a people who have a cause, and the whole world recognizes that it is a just cause. There are no terrorist camps in our country. In actual fact, the camps of terrorism are the American and Zionist camps. This, in itself, is a psychological terrorism against us; they want to psychologically intimidate us by accusing us of practicing terrorism, and of having camps. This is a lie. There are no camps in our country. On the other hand, they display military force in our territorial waters. They threaten our territorial waters, independence, and security in our own homes. In actual fact this is terrorism. This accusation is serious. This is psychological terrorism being practiced by America and Zionism against the Libyan people and against me personally. This is the most dangerous and worst type of terrorism being practiced by America and Israel.

[Question in French followed by Arabic translation, translated from the French due to poor monitorability of Arabic] Col al-Qadhafi, terrorism, exercises [words indistinct] the difference from your own mouth [as heard] is difficult to make. In any case thanks for these statements. We had with us in live transmission Colonel al-Qadhafi with the U.S. fleet still sailing off the Libyan coast. Thank you for these statements. [Interview ends and video shows Al-Qadhafi standing up and about to leave the studio].

6th Fleet Maneuvers in Mediterrean Reported

Naples Activity Watched

NC300717 Tripoli Domestic Service in Arabic
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[Text] Naval Units of the U.S. 6th Fleet and other U.S. war vessels are continuing their belligerent naval and air exercises in the Mediterranean Sea opposite the Arab Libyan shores. These belligerent naval and air maneuvers are facing a sweeping wave of anger and condemnation among the various progressive and peace-loving circles in the world.

The U.S. terrorist maneuvers started last Friday and will continue until 31 January.

It has been learned from Italian sources that there was feverish activity in the U.S. naval forces headquarters in Naples, which is under NATO command. These activities are shrouded in secrecy. The port of Naples was the scene of movements by U.S. naval units. U.S. marines are ready and awaiting transport aboard support ships that are preparing to sail opposite Libyan shores to join the aircraft carriers *Saratoga* and *Coral Sea*. The sources added that the aircraft carrier *Guadalcanal*, the cruiser *Eagleton*, and other military support units are carrying tanks and armored vehicles and were seen moving toward the open sea.

'Zionist' Ships Involved

LD300936 Tripoli JANA in Arabic 0810 GMT 30 Jan 86

[Text] Kuwait, 30 Jan (JANA) — Zionist vessels and gunboats are participating in the provocative exercises being carried out by the American 6th Fleet off the Libyan shores. Informed sources today reaffirmed that two Zionist vessels, helicopters of

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the (Hiller) type, and four fast missile-carrying gunboats have joined the American 6th Fleet to participate in the U.S. terrorist provocative threats against the Libyan Arab people. The sources said that Admiral Ben-Shoshan is supervizing the Zionist vessels and gunboats participating in these imperialist U.S. threats against the Libyan Arab people.

'Aggressive' Maneuvers Continue

LD301218 Tripoli JANA in Arabic 1100 GMT 30 Jan 86

[Text] Tripoli, 30 Jan (JANA) — American naval units of the 6th Fleet and other American warships continue their aggressive naval and air maneuvers for the 7th day in succession in the Mediterranean, off the Libyan Arab coast.

These naval and air maneuvers are taking place amid strong international condemnation, and a wave of indignation and denunciation of these maneuvers by various progressive and peace and security-loving circles in the world.

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Letter to UN Complains of Reagan Stands

*LD301557 Tripoli Domestic Service in Arabic
1330 GMT 30 Jan 86*

[Text] The People's Committee of the People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison has sent a letter to the secretary general of the United Nations that says: The Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriyah draws your excellency's attention to the hostile position expressed by the behavior of the American Administration in its dealings with sovereign states in a manner constituting a direct infringement on their sovereignty, and affirming the biased attitude of this administration vis-a-vis the Third World states.

The fact that President Reagan has received the leader of the so-called UNITA movement, the gang hostile to Angola, which is a member of the United Nations, the Nonaligned Movement and the Organization of African Unity, and, on the other hand, his refusal, out of enmity and bias, to meet the PLO, which is a liberation movement struggling to ensure that the Arab Palestinian people get their national rights on its land from which it had been expelled due to the Zionist aggression that still exists and continues until this hour, this attitude by a head of state like America expresses in reality only a racist and discriminatory tendency, as well as a religious, cultural, and civilizational bias, and complete partiality favoring the Israelis and the enemies of the Arab and African peoples.

Arab League Asked To Act on U.S. Boycott

*LD301601 Tripoli Domestic Service in Arabic
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[Excerpts] At the request of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriyah, foreign ministers of the Arab states meet in the

Tunisian capital today to discuss the terrorist policy followed by the head of the U.S. Administration Reagan.

The SPLAJ has called for the meeting of the Arab League foreign ministers to face up to the U.S. provocations and decisions to impose an economic blockade. At their meeting in the Tunisian capital, the Arab foreign ministers must realize the gravity of the situation; they are required to adopt decisive measures against the ally of the enemy of the Arab nation, the Zionist entity, so that this may be a lesson in the future for anyone daring to follow the line of economic and military war pursued by the Reagan administration against any Arab state. All the more since we realize that Arab assets estimated at hundreds of thousands of dollars [as heard] in the Western states.

This meeting was postponed until after the meeting of the EEC last Monday, a meeting that did not lead to any measures against the SPLAJ, which would have met the objectives sought by Reagan and his ally the Zionist enemy

Tripoli TV Reports, Shows 'Challenger' Explosion

*LD292212 Tripoli Television Service in Arabic
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[Text] The explosion of the U.S. space shuttle *Challenger* has evoked a tragic response among circles of American Society, which see in this incident a shabby result of U.S. technical and technological know-how in whose strategic programs flaws and gaps have been found that resulted in the destruction of this shuttle less than 90 seconds after its take-off. U.S. citizens have not concealed their dissatisfaction and have strongly confronted the U.S. official circles. The failure of the 24th [as heard] mission of the shuttle *Challenger* and its destruction before its start has also made inevitable the delay of the star wars programs, for which the U.S. Administration provides the most advanced scientific and technical space know-how, until the time when new guarantees for the safety against explosion of other U.S. space shuttles in their take-off programs are available.

The explosion of a U.S. spaceship, whose blast-off had been officially reported by international media, is a shameful result of U.S. claims to scientific superiority and technical progress in the world. It has caused repercussions among Western and international scientific circles and world public opinion, for which Washington cannot be envied.

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It is worth recalling that the shuttle *Challenger's* mission was postponed several times owing to technical faults and bad weather.

This event is considered the worst setback to the United States in the sphere of space.

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