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NIE 36.5-56 has generally held up well and remains useful as a basic estimative analysis of Libya and US interests therein. However, it has to some extent been outdated by the recent British decision to make drastic reductions in its military and financial commitments in Libya and other base areas and by the repercussions of the Suez crisis. It should therefore be used only in conjunction with SNIE 36.5-57, in which these and other later developments are taken into account.