

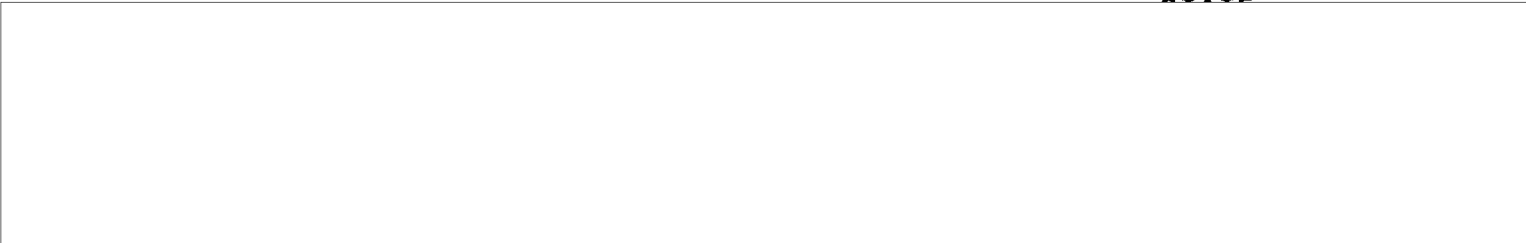
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SUBJ: HABRE MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN

1. (S) ENTIRE TEXT.

2. WE HAVE RECEIVED MESSAGE TRANSLATED BELOW RADIOED DOWN FROM FAYA BY PRESIDENT HABRE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN.

QUOTE. MR. PRESIDENT, IN THE NAME OF THE CHADIAN

PEOPLE, ITS GOVERNMENT, AND MYSELF I WISH TO THANK

EVERY SINCERELY YOUR EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNMENT, AND

THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR THE

AID, ESPECIALLY MILITARY, AID, WHICH HAS BEEN FURNISHED

TO US FOR THE DEFENSE OF OUR COUNTRY AGAINST THE TROOPS

OF THE LIBYAN INVASION.

3. HOWEVER, I HAVE THE HONOR TO INFORM YOU THAT THE

BOMBINGS OF THE CITY OF FAYA LARGEAU BY LIBYAN AIR

CRAFT HAS BECOME MORE AND MORE INTENSE AND DEADLY,

NOTABLY THE NIGHT OF AUGUST 1, 1983 AND THE CIVILIAN

POPULATION IS THE PRINCIPAL VICTIM. IT IS A VERITABLE

GENOCIDE THAT LIBYA HAS UNDERTAKEN, COMPLETELY RAZING

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THE CITY AND WITH OPEN SCORN FOR INTERNATIONAL OPINION.

4. I THEREFORE ASK WITH URGENCY THE DIRECT INTERVENTION OF THE UNITED STATES ON THE ONE HAND, AND ON THE OTHER HAND THAT IT PRESS THE FRIENDLY COUNTRIES, NOTABLY

FRANCE, SO THAT THEY WILL REACT URGENTLY AND APPROPRIATELY BY AN OFFENSIVE AERIAL COVERAGE AT LEAST FOR DISSUASION. ONE OR TWO WEEKS

UNFORTUNATELY ARE NECESSARY FOR US TO PUT IN PLACE OUR OWN ANTI-AIRCRAFT CAPABILITIES. THE LIBYANS KNOWING OF THE ABSENCE OF OUR SIDE OF EFFECTIVE ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENSE ARE OPERATING AT LOW ALTITUDES WITH PRECISION FIRING AND CHOOSING THEIR

TARGETS AT WILL. IN THIS WAY THEY HAVE CAUSED MANY DEATHS AND WOUNDED AMONG THE SOLDIERS AND CIVILIANS.

GROUND TROOPS ARE MOVING ON FAYA LARGEAU ON THE OLD FAYA GOURO AXIS.

FORMAL CLOSE. SINGED HISSEN HABRE. END OF QUOTE.

5. IN HANDING ME THE MESSAGE MISKINE SAID THAT THE GROUP MOVEMENT TOWARD FAYA HAD BEEN SEEN BY THE FANY. THE TROOPS ARE USING SMOKE TO PREVENT THEIR BEING BOMBED BY LIBYAN AIRCRAFT.

6. VIRTUALLY EVERY KEY MEMBER OF THE GOVERNMENT HERE IS TOTTERING WITH FATIGUE. IT IS OF COURSE FAR WORSE IN FAYA. IRRESPECTIVE OF THE VALIDITY OF THE POSSIBLY SELF-SERVING FRENCH DESCRIPTIONS OF THE SITUATION IN FAYA,

IT IS CLEAR THAT THE PSYCHOLOGICAL DAMAGE OF THE BOMBINGS IS REAL. MOFFAT

END OF MESSAGE

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