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RATHER: In a speech last weekend, Libya's Moammar Khadafy revealed that some of his countrymen were plotting a takeover of Mecca, where 2 million Moslems now are on a holy pilgrimage. Khadafy publicly told the plotters, 'Don't do it.' But now, it turns out, he secretly told them something else. Bill McLaughlin reports.

MCLAUGHLIN: CBS News has learned that Libyan leader, Moammar Khadafy, has sent coded messages to his agents in Saudi Arabia, telling them to ignore public disclaimers and proceed with a plan to seize the holy places in Mecca, Saudi Arabia. Fears of Libyan terrorist activity were also at the center of talks at the State Department today between senior U.S. officials and *Reeder Giderra, chief aide to Morocco's King Hassan. Giderra came to Washington to explain his country's sudden alliance with radical Libya. CBS News has learned that as part of its deal Morocco turned over to Libya a leading member of the anti-Khadafy resistance movement, *Ommar *Mulheachy. Mulheachy was turned over to Col. Khadafy and to almost certain death. Even more worrying for the U.S. is the secret promise King Hassan made to lend Libya 30,000 troops to fight under Khadafy's control in the event of another Arab-Israeli war. In return, King Hassan also believes Khadafy will stop financing attempts to overthrow him and will no longer back the rebels in the western Sahara who have been battling the Moroccan army for almost a decade. But U.S. and other Western intelligence agencies believe King Hassan has been duped. Sources close to the international terrorist movement have told CBS News that Col. Khadafy has privately reassured his revolutionary committees that he will continue to work for the overthrow of all the kings of the Arab world, including Morocco's King Hassan. Bill McLaughlin, CBS News, the State Department.