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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Libya's Ballistic Missile Program

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SUMMARY

Libya is dedicated to acquiring an indigenous capability to produce ballistic missiles. We believe Tripoli currently has two surface-to-surface missiles under development, both heavily dependent on foreign assistance.

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PROSPECTS

Libya lacks the modern technological and industrial base necessary to indigenously produce a potentially nuclear-capable ballistic missile. However, if the Libyans receive continued substantial foreign assistance they could develop their own missile system in as little as five years. Until that time, the Soviet-supplied SCUD with a range of 300-km probably will remain Qadhafi's principal missile. Nuclear warhead production is equally beyond Libya's capabilities and foreign assistance probably will be much more difficult to obtain. A nuclear-armed ballistic missile is unlikely to appear in Qadhafi's arsenal for a long time, certainly not within the next decade. [REDACTED] 25X1

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Orig - HPSCI

2 - D/NESA

3 - D/EURA

4 - D/ALA

5 - NIO/SP

6 - OSWR/Chrono

7 - OSD/Chrono

8 - DPB/Chrono

9 - [REDACTED] /DPB

10 - [REDACTED] /Prod

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OSWR/OSD/DPB, [REDACTED] (30 Apr 87)

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