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FOR PRIVATE SECRETARY FROM PRIVATE SECRETARY
MY TELNO 433: ANGLO LIBYAN RELATIONS.

1. REGRET TUR DID NOT COVER SITUATION IN TRIPOLI, WHERE MR MILES HAS BEEN IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH THE LIBYANS, BUT WITHOUT RECEIVING SATISFACTORY REPLIES.
2. LATEST DEVELOPMENT IS THAT LATE THIS AFTERNOON REVOLUTIONARY STUDENTS ORDERED POLICE TO BOTTLE UP AMBASSADOR AND 24 OTHERS INCLUDING 11 WOMEN AND 2 CHILDREN IN CHANCERY BUILDING. THEY HAVE FOOD AND WATER FOR 2 WEEKS. 7 WOMEN AND 11 CHILDREN ARE COOPED UP IN STAFF HOUSES UNDER LESS-STRINGENT GUARD.
3. CHANCERY COULD CLOSE AT ONLY 2 HOURS NOTICE FOR FINAL DESTRUCTION AND SHREDDING. TELEPHONE LINES ARE OUT BUT WE ARE IN TELEX AND CYPHER CONTACT.
4. BRITISH COMMUNITY WELL BUT THREE PEOPLE ARE BEING HELD TWO BY SECURITY AUTHORITIES AND AN UNKNOWN GROUP IS HOLDING BCAL MANAGER IN HIS OFFICE. AMBASSADOR IS ADVISING COMMUNITY TO STAY AT HOME AND LISTEN TO WORLD SERVICE.
5. FROM TELEX CONVERSATION IT IS CLEAR THAT AMBASSADOR ACCEPTS PROPOSAL TO BREAK OFF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BUT THINKS IT WILL REQUIRE CAREFUL MANAGEMENT. WE HAVE THIS VERY MUCH IN MIND

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