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TELEGRAM NUMBER 87 OF 17 APRIL

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM NOW REPEATED TO YOU FOR PS TO PM AT REQUEST OF DEPARTMENT WAS RECEIVED FROM TRIPOLI TELEGRAM NO 161 OF 17 APRIL BEGINS

MY TELNO 156: ANGLO/LIBYAN RELATIONS.

1. TRAIKI CALLED ME IN AT 1345 LOCAL (1145Z). HE MADE TWO POINTS, WHICH HE SAID WERE FULLY AUTHORISED FROM THE TOP:

1) HE WANTED TO FIND A WAY TO DE-ESCALATE. WHAT HAD HAPPENED HAD NOT BEEN WHAT HE WANTED. MY EMBASSY AND I WOULD BE PROTECTED (I HAVE ALREADY ASKED FOR AND RECEIVED EXTRA POLICE GUARDS). HE HAD INSTRUCTED ALL PB STAFF TO STAY INSIDE THE OFFICE FOR THE PRESENT.

2) IT WOULD BE MOST SERIOUS IF THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES TRIED TO ENTER THE PB.

2. I SAID I HAD NO NEW INSTRUCTIONS, AND REHEARSED MY CONVERSATION WITH SUWAIDAN AND HAFIANA. I REFERRED TO REPORTS THAT SHOTS HAD COME FROM INSIDE THE PB. I SAID I EXPECTED INSTRUCTIONS SOON, AND TRAIKI SAID HE WOULD BE AT MY DISPOSAL.

3. TRAIKI'S HINT THAT THERE ARE SANER LIBYAN ELEMENTS WHICH OPPOSE THESE OUTRAGES RINGS TRUE. IT IS GOOD NEWS IF HE IS SIDING WITH THEM

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