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LIBYA: SITREP: 2000 20 April to 0800 21 April 1984

1. A quiet night on the diplomatic front.

Instructions to Tripoli

2. Instructions were despatched to Tripoli last night following approval from the Prime Minister instructing Mr Miles to make a further approach to Traiki. He was unable to get an appointment last night and is expected to do so this morning. He will say that we are glad to hear that the Libyan authorities regret the shooting incident. We have noted the Libyan decision to appoint a high level Commission of Investigation but wish to point out that the LPB is not Libyan territory. Incidents which take place in the UK are subject to UK jurisdiction. Mr Miles has discretion to say that, speaking for himself, he is concerned that if an agreed solution cannot be quickly reached HMG may unilaterally break diplomatic relations. Mr Miles is also instructed to try to speed up the negotiations without giving the Libyans the impression that they have got us under time pressure. The Secretary of State approved these instructions by telegram from Hong Kong.

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Bomb At Terminal 2

3. Last night's bomb explosion at Terminal 2 Heathrow is under investigation by the Police. They have detained two Libyan students who were found in Terminal 2 after it had been cleared by the Police. So far the Press have reported only that two people are helping Police with their inquiries and their nationality is not to be generally known. The Cabinet Office, with our consent, will discreetly inform British Caledonian that those arrested are Libyan in case this should affect their decision to fly into Tripoli today. (British Caledonian have taken this decision against Government advice.)

UN Secretary General

4. Sir J Thomson has reported that the UN Secretary General, who is currently in Majorca, has offered to help in any way he can. The offer has been made in terms which suggest that Senor Perez de Cuellar would not be at all offended if we turned it down.

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5. There is nothing of interest to report on the Consular front overnight.

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