

Prime Minister

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Thank you for your letter of 24 April with the record of the Convention between the Home Secretary and the Prime Minister following the meeting of COBR that morning.

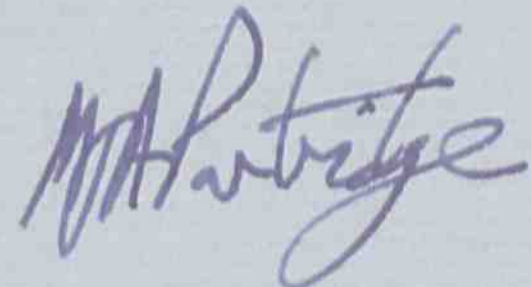
The answers to the Prime Minister's enquiries are as follows:

i. HMA in Tripoli is pressing the Libyan authorities for an early departure date for his staff, starting with an advance party on Thursday 26 April of 25 dependents plus three female members of the Embassy staff by B Cal flight. B Cal have agreed to have an aircraft on standby, ready to go to Libya at any time, in addition to their daily flight. Arrangements have already been made in principle for a B Cal "charter flight" to arrive in Tripoli on Friday (preferably) or Saturday to transport out the remainder of Embassy personnel, plus all heavy baggage and diplomatic bags.

ii. Detailed plans have been made to cater for the possibility that some or all of the occupants of the Libyan People's Bureau might wish to leave before Sunday. They would be taken by the police to the Civil Service College at Sunningdale, for which special security and other arrangements have been made, including police escort and surveillance throughout. The Libyans would rendezvous with their families there. The Libyan authorities will send special plans for them.

iii. We have told the Libyans that the 12 year old girl with Leukaemia will be allowed to stay for as long as her treatment requires. Other compassionate cases have been put to us in the discussions, but we have not given an answer on them; we have simply told the Libyans that we will be reasonable in dealing with them.

I am copying this reply to Robert Armstrong, Hugh Taylor and Brian Fall



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