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ANGLO/LIBYAN CRISIS: SITREP AT 0800 HOURS ON 26 APRIL

LPB in London

1. Mr Hamid of the LPB telephoned to ask about passports belonging to staff members of the LPB and their families, which were in the FCO's possession and which would be needed in time for their departure. All 21 passports have been returned to the LPB via the police and Home Office officials at St James's Square.
2. There has been some discussion overnight about the number of diplomatic bags which the Libyans might wish to remove from the LPB. Sahid took a large briefcase, which he described as a diplomatic bag, into the Bureau in the early hours. It bore the appropriate label and seals and was allowed in untouched.

Flags

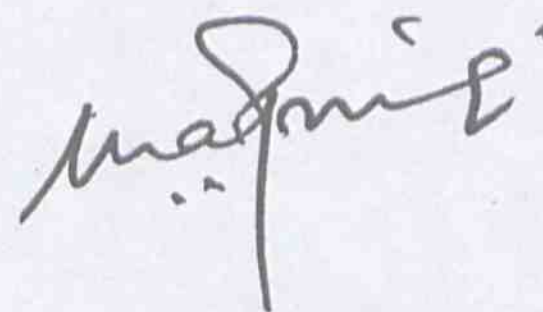
3. The Head of Chancery and later the Ambassador in Jeddah telephoned. They had spoken as instructed concerning flags to the Saudi Deputy Foreign Minister who in turn had consulted the Foreign Minister. The latter had said that he was fully aware of the problem and has sent appropriate instructions to the Saudi Ambassador in London. The Ambassador will discuss the matter further with the FCO early on 26 April.

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4. Washington have reported that the State Department has reminded them of the considerable harassment to which their locally engaged staff were subjected when the US Embassy in Tripoli was closed in 1979. We should consider what to do about our own locally engaged staff in Tripoli. Should this be raised with Shaibi? Or should we consult Mr Miles first? The State Department expressed the view that evacuation would be much the best course.



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