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

Evacuation from Tripoli

1. 30 wives and children of our Embassy staff in Tripoli arrived Gatwick at 2200 hours yesterday after a 5-hour delay at Tripoli airport. The flight was met by the Minister of State (Mr Luce).

2. Staff remaining in Tripoli are due to depart by a British Caledonian scheduled service at 1430 hours today.

Evacuation of Libyans

3. Families of all Libyan diplomats in London and other locations except St James's Square departed Heathrow at 1930 hours yesterday. Two special aircraft were brought from Tripoli for this purpose, one for families and the other for a large consignment of diplomatic bags.

4. Arrangements have been agreed for the movement of the Libyans in the PLB to Heathrow for departure by a non-scheduled service at around 2000 hours this evening.

/Meetings

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Meetings with Col. Shaibi on 26 April

5. The main points were:
- (a) Shaibi made it clear that he regretted the delay in the flight from Tripoli on 26 April; he claimed to see no need for the synchronization of flights on 27 April, especially since a scheduled flight would be involved.
 - (b) he professed full confidence in HMG's good will over the evacuation plans for the remaining Libyans here, and said that he would be ready to intervene at once with the authorities in Tripoli if the UK staff leaving on 27 April faced any difficulties.
 - (c) he agreed to our detailed proposals for evacuating the occupants of the LPB through agreed procedures to Sunningdale and on to Heathrow.
 - (d) he again raised the status of Libyan buildings here but seemed to accept that these matters would have to be solved through the protecting power next week.



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