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LIBYAN CRISIS

1. Mr Miles telephoned at about mid-day BST to say that he had just returned from a call on the Libyan Foreign Minister, Dr Traiki. The farewell call had been conducted in an extremely friendly atmosphere.
2. Traiki had confirmed the acceptance of Messrs Anderson and Norton as the British Interests Section. Mr Miles pressed for and received assurances that they would have full diplomatic immunity and that they would be 'safe'. Traiki added that he hoped some form of dialogue could be continued and suggested that we tried to find a Mr Hugh (surname unknown) who had taught Qadhafi English in Beaconsfield. This man, Traiki suggested, would be a suitable channel.

Prisoners

3. Traiki proposed that the 17 March bombers should be released

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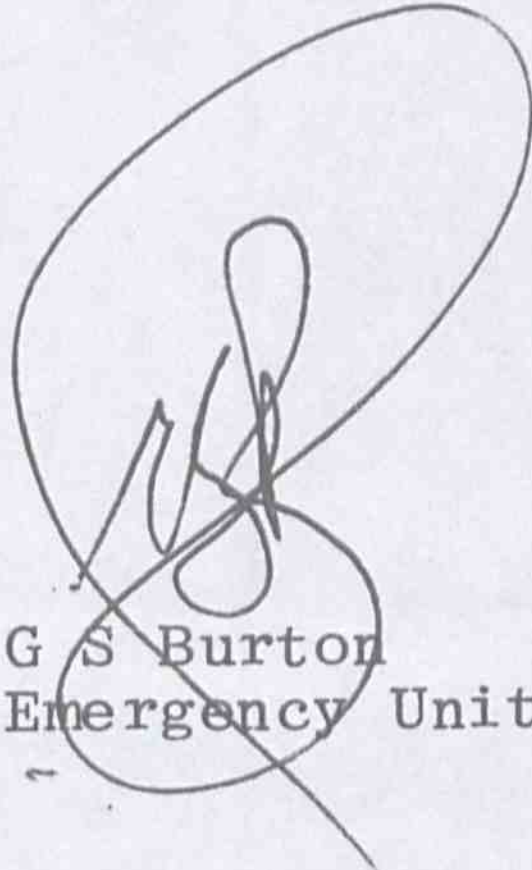
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for Mssrs Leddingham, Campbell and Maxwell. Mr Miles repeated our position on swapping and said in any case legal processes were already underway in the bombing case. However, it would be a good idea for Leddingham to be released for Matoq. Traiki, who at first did not seem to have heard of Matoq, said that he would feed in this idea. Mr Miles was not optimistic about early action.

Buildings

4. Traiki seemed to be under the impression that agreement had been given in London for Libyan use of some unspecified building. Mr Miles pointed out to Traiki Libya's responsibilities under the Vienna Convention for protecting the British premises there. Traiki said that the British premises, including staff houses, will be given full protection until we indicated to the Libyans what we wanted to do with them. If the British police were to enter St James' Square, the Libyans would probably want to enter our Embassy building in the presence of the protecting power.



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