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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE GEORGE P. SHULTZ
The Secretary of State

✓ THE HONORABLE CASPAR W. WEINBERGER
The Secretary of Defense

THE HONORABLE MALCOLM BALDRIGE
The Secretary of Commerce

SUBJECT: Export Control Decisions ~~107~~

The temporary suspension of the licensing of Libyan export applications is to be lifted. At the same time, the current presumption of denial for all items controlled for reasons of national security is emphatically reaffirmed. Beyond this, I have decided to disapprove any application associated with the development and construction of the petrochemical processing complex at Ras Lanuf. ~~107~~

State should take the lead in preparing a strategy for developing a sophisticated, discriminating, and serious multilateral export control approach to Libya. State should work with Defense to identify, among other things, those items that could provide—either because of their function or geographical location—important collateral benefits to the Soviet Union, as that country increases its reliance on Libya for naval and other forms of military support. A high level political-military briefing should also be prepared to support this approach.

~~107~~ Work should also go forward on a possible comprehensive Libyan export embargo. ~~107~~

Concerning the second agenda item of the NSC meeting of December 2, 1983, I have decided not to move twenty-one strategic, dual-use oil and gas equipment items already proposed for COCOM controls to U.S. national security controls in advance of the outcome of the COCOM deliberations. These cases are therefore to be processed according to present practices until COCOM decides whether these items will be placed on the strategic control list. Our efforts in COCOM, however, should be redoubled to achieve these multilateral controls. ~~107~~

Ronald Reagan

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cc The Vice President

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