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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Libyan Threat to Sudan, Secure Phone Conference,
1600, 16 February 1983

1. (S) JCS assessed the chances of a successful Egyptian intercept vs. Libyan bombers with MIG cover as marginal.
2. (S) DOD to prepare a cable by COB, 15 February, to embassies in Cairo and to Kartoum which:

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- b) assesses probability of successful intercept (marginal), and,
- c) reiterates that the responsibility rests with Egypt and Sudan, with the US providing technical military assistance.

In essence, the MIG 23s do not alter fundamentally the overall situation and do not necessitate the deployment of US fighter aircraft.

3. (S) The CVBG, having completed a small exercise along the northern edge of the Gulf of Sidra off Libya, will continue its normal transit to the east. If things heat up near Cairo (this is not expected), the CV will be in position to assist as appropriate. (The Egyptian military outnumbers the Lybians 3:1 along their common border.)

4. (S) ABC and the Wall Street Journal have major parts of the story. We will try to keep our fingers in the dike and not comment for as long as possible.

5. (S) Tomorrow afternoon, DOD will brief Tower and Price; State will brief Zablocki and Percy; Dam will brief Baker and O'Neil (presently in Florida).

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