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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 MALCOM BALDRIGE  
The Secretary of Commerce

SUBJECT: Implementation of U.S. Sanctions Against Libya

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In recent weeks, renewed Libyan aggression toward Chad has confirmed the steadiness and the robustness of Libya's effort to destabilize countries in North Africa. We have also recently seen new Libyan efforts to aid insurgent forces in Central America. As this activity occurs, we face continuing requests from U.S. firms seeking licenses for commercial transactions that contribute to Libya's overall ability to sustain its aggressive behavior. Some of these requests do not involve goods or services with direct military applications, or make a direct contribution to Libya's ability to generate oil or gas related revenues. However, they may still be of such a character or size as to enhance the Libyan government's political resolve by contributing to its ability to sustain popular support despite costly and aggressive foreign adventures. Approval of such requests could undermine our policy objective of eliminating U.S. actions that directly or indirectly encourage or support Libyan policies of terrorism, subversion and aggression. Recent events in Chad make it all the more critical that there be no question about U.S. clarity of purpose, firmness of will and consistency in word and deed.

It is therefore appropriate that urgent consideration be given to further revision of our standards for deciding licensing applications. We need to develop standards comprehensive enough to preclude decisions that may undermine our basic policy goal. I hereby request that you consider this issue on an urgent basis and submit your views and recommendations no later than September 23. Pending this submission, decisions on licensing applications should be held in abeyance.

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FOR THE PRESIDENT:

William P. Clark  
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THE MILITARY ASSISTANT

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SecDef's marginal guidance on the  
attached which reads--

"I am very interested in carrying  
out this assignment on time and  
decisively. My present inclination  
is for a full scale trade boycott  
of Libya and certainly a very strong  
presumption against granting any  
licenses."

*W.P.*

Colin L. Powell  
Major General, USA  
Senior Military Assistant  
to the Secretary of Defense

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