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**Messaadia Receives PDRY Politburo Member**  
*LD261055 Algiers APS in English 1008 GMT*  
26 Jan 86

[Text] Algiers, 26/01/86 (APS) — The head of the C.C. Permanent Secretariat Mohamed Cherif Messaadia audienced here Saturday a delegation of the Socialist Party of the Democratic and People's Republic of Yemen led by Anis Hasan Yahya, member of the Yemeni Socialist Party Politburo.

The talks, which were attended by Foreign Minister Ahmed Taleb Ibrahim, were centered on tragic events taking place in the Democratic and People's Republic of Yemen and the developments of the situation which Algeria is following with great concern and called for an end of fratricidal fightings.

**Libya's Al-Turayki Arrives, Discusses U.S. Crisis**

**Arrival Reported**

*LD241744 Algiers Domestic Service in Arabic*  
1700 GMT 24 Jan 86

[Text] 'Abd al-Salam al-Turayki, secretary of the People's Committee of the People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison, has arrived in Algiers.

**Meets Bendjedid**

*LD251722 Algiers APS in Arabic 1630 GMT 25 Jan 86*

[Text] Algiers, 25 Jan [Aps] — President Chadli Bendjedid received 'Abd as-Salam al-Turayki, secretary of the Foreign Liaison Bureau in the Libyan Jamahiriya this morning. The Libyan official brought a message to the President from Colonel Mu'ammarr al-Qadhafi.

**Departs 25 Jan**

*LD252121 Algiers Domestic Service in French*  
1830 GMT 25 Jan 86

[Text] A message from Colonel Mu'ammarr al-Qadhafi was handed to President Chadli Bendjedid this morning by 'Ali 'abd Al-Salam Al-Turayki, secretary of the Foreign Liaison Bureau of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

Al-Turayki departed from Algiers following the audience granted him by the head of state, after having been greeted by Foreign Affairs Minister Ahmed Taleb Ibrahim and Minister of Energy, Chemical and Petrochemical Industries Belkacem Nabi.

Al-Turayki stated just prior to his departure that his conversations with the head of state especially dealt with the current OPEC crisis; the U.S. threats against Libya; and the dramatic situation being experienced by the Yemeni people. He expressed his hope on the subject of Yemen that the crisis will find a

negotiated solution, and that the Yemeni brothers will overcome this difficult test.

**Departure Statement on U.S. 'Threats'**

*LD261013 Algiers Domestic Service in Arabic*  
0600 GMT 26 Jan 86

[Text] 'Abd al-Salam Turayki, secretary of the Foreign Liaison Bureau in the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya emphasized yesterday in a press statement as he was leaving Algeria, that he has informed President Chadli Bendjedid, president of the republic and secretary general of the party, about the situation resulting from U.S. threats against the Jamahiriya. He said that his discussions with President Chadli Bendjedid mainly covered the U.S. threats against the Jamahiriya and he acknowledged the Algerian firm standpoint regarding the Jamahiriya and its fraternal people. It is known that 'Abd al-Salam Turayki, foreign liaison secretary in the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, arrived earlier this week in Algiers with a letter from Colonel Mu'ammarr al-Qadhafi to President Chadli Bendjedid who received him yesterday in the presence of Dr Taleb Ibrahim, member of the Politburo and minister of foreign affairs.

**AFP: President 'May' Meet With Al-Qadhafi**  
*NC271430 Paris AFP in English 1421 GMT 27 Jan 86*

[Excerpt] Algiers, Jan 27 (AFP) — President Chadli Bendjedid left Algiers today for the gas-producing city of Hassi er Rmel in the south of the country, where he may have a meeting with Libyan leader Mu'ammarr al-Qadhafi, diplomatic sources said. The official ALGERIE PRESS SERVICE news agency said Mr. Chadli went to Hassi er Rmel on a "working and inspection visit."

Persistent reports in the Algerian capital over the past few days, however, indicate the president could hold talks with Colonel al-Qadhafi in a city in the south of the country.

Officials refused all comment on a possible meeting between the two leaders, which Libyan and Algerian sources have said was to take place "by the end of January."

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(QADHAFI) MU'AMMARR  
**Al-Qadhafi Interviewed on Patrol Boat in Gulf**  
*LD262208 Tripoli Television Service in Arabic*  
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[News conference given by Libyan leader Colonel Mu'ammarr al-Qadhafi on board a patrol boat in the Gulf of Sidra on 25 January with the participation of unidentified journalists; Al-Qadhafi answers in Arabic followed by translation into English; journalists questions in English — recorded]

[Text][Unidentified correspondent] Brother leader, what is your feeling about the presence of American fleets near the Libyan coast?

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"The mere fact that you come from Greece and represent the friendly Greek people," he told me before we began our conversation, "was enough for me to treat you differently and to sit down for a chat with you.

"You must know that we in Libya greatly appreciate the Greek people and the position your government has taken on whatever issues pertain to us. As I have stated before, this should be an example for all the Mediterranean countries which have U.S. bases located on their territory.

"Naturally, this is the least that can be done. What we are asking is that the U.S. bases be removed and the U.S. military presence be wiped from our region.

"We officially call on all the people of Europe to intensify their struggle to secure the removal of all U.S. military bases, for they constitute a tremendous danger and a vast threat to Europeans.

"It is for this reason that Europeans must organize peace movements everywhere, in addition to what is happening in Greece. The Greek Government has already announced its decision to remove the U.S. bases from its territory within the next few years."

Stefos: You recently stated that any U.S. attack against Libya would have aftereffects on all the people of the Mediterranean. Would you care to be more specific; in other words, would you explain what you meant by this statement?

Al-Qadhdhafi: "What I mean is that in such an eventuality we would attack the U.S. bases in Europe, particularly those in the Mediterranean region since any attack against us would rely on support from these military bases.

"Therefore, we will rely on international law and on the laws of war to attack all U.S. targets, whether they be military or civilian."

Stefos: Some people in the United States and Europe believe that you were behind the terrorist operations at the Rome and Vienna airports. Can you give your reaction to this viewpoint?

Al-Qadhdhafi: "At the outset, I would like to say that we are emphatically against terrorism. For us, terrorism is what the United States is implementing against us and against all peace-loving people. Terrorism is what Israel is implementing against the Arabs.

"The economic sanctions against Libya are terrorism and so are attempts to intimidate us with naval fleets.

"Without hesitation and with all our strength, we support the just Palestinian struggle. There is still no proof that Palestinians were behind the events at the Rome and Vienna airports.

"Nobody yet knows for sure who was behind these events. I repeat that there is no proof.

"In any event, revenge by Palestinians whose parents and children were killed by Israelis cannot be ruled out as a motive for

what happened at the two airports. In other words, it could have been a personal affair ..."

Stefos: This is a supposition. However, do you believe that such terrorist actions can help the Palestinian cause?

Al-Qadhdhafi: "It depends on how the Palestinians evaluate them. Perhaps they believe that these actions will make the world see more clearly their just cause and the extermination methods used against them by Israel.

Stefos: Yes, but these actions achieve nothing more than the killing of innocent people. This is exactly why President Ronald Reagan is accusing you. In other words, he argues that you are trying to make excuses for the terrorists who attacked the two airports

His look suddenly darkens ...

Al-Qadhdhafi: "I must also ask why President Reagan did not feel sorry for and why he said nothing about the people massacred at the Palestinian camps of Sabra and Shatila.

"These massacres were carried out by Sharon. Sharon is now a minister. He can visit the United States and Europe. His hands, however, are stained with the blood of the Palestinians. I fail to understand how it is possible for Palestinian blood to be composed of water, while that of Americans and Israelis is true blood ..."

Stefos: Are you prepared to deal with a possible U.S. attack?

Al-Qadhdhafi: "In accordance with our potential and armaments, yes, we are prepared ..."

Stefos: When President Reagan announced the freezing of Libyan assets in U.S. banks, you hastened to respond with the announcement that U.S. capital and property in Libya would be frozen. Do you believe that your action will achieve any results?

Al-Qadhdhafi: "No, none of these things happened. However, we believe that the U.S. actions constitute a flagrant violation affecting the entire Arab nation. Therefore, we are now waiting for a collective answer from all Arabs. This is why the Arab League has called for a special session at the end of this month."

Stefos: Can you tell us if you are in any way relying on Soviet help in the event of a U.S. attack?

Al-Qadhdhafi: "All our friends are supporting us. Apart from this, any attack against Libya would be an attack against all the people who love peace and against the entire Arab nation."

Stefos: You have spoken about a joint Arab struggle against the Americans. However, the Arabs are still divided. Consequently, do you see the termination of this multifaceted division to be one result of the crisis in your country?

He smiles enigmatically ...

Al-Qadhdhafi: "My country does believe that this confrontation dictates the unity of the Arab world ..."

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[Al-Qadhdhafi] This is a practical proof provided by the United States before the world that it practices state terrorism against the people of the Jamahiriyah. The world currently is witnessing the state terrorism practiced by America. Libya will not be patient forever to live under international terrorism.

[Correspondent] What are going to do [words indistinct]

[Al-Qadhdhafi] I am now going on board this patrol boat to the 32.5 degree line to stress that this is the gate to the Gulf of Sidra, and that this is the death line, the line where we will fight because when fighting on this line we will be doing so with our backs to the wall. This is the red line that lies in front of us, the 32.5 degree line. Territorial waters southward from this line are considered an indivisible part of Libyan territory. But the confrontation, the fight, is not on this line [the 32.5 degree line] or south of this line because it is taken as a given that this zone is part of the Libyan continental shelf which extends to the beginning of the Italian and Maltese continental shelves. Libyan gas and oil fields, drilling equipment, and special installations for the production of oil and gas are in this zone, and no military maneuvers are allowed inside this zone because they would destroy those civilian installations.

I will call on the entire world to confront America and to stop it from carrying out maneuvers in the economic zones belonging to Mediterranean countries.

[Correspondent] Colonel, is it true that two of your planes backed away from a confrontation with four American planes from the 6th Fleet yesterday?

[Al-Qadhdhafi] First, no fighting took place yesterday, but we are expecting it to happen at any moment during these maneuvers. However, the Libyan Armed Forces carried out 18 interceptions of U.S. planes as they were attempting to approach Libyan territorial waters. War will occur if the 32.5 degree line is violated, because this is the beginning of the Libyan boundary. I have one remark with regard to the first question: there is no doubt that the waters and the airspace of the continental shelf and the economic zone are international waters and international airspace. However, this is a new confrontation which I am declaring: The countries of the Mediterranean zone should, henceforth, prevent the staging of military maneuvers in their economic zones.

[Correspondent] (?Are you taking this ship into the sea) to confront the 6th Fleet?

[Al-Qadhdhafi] I will cross, I will pass, the 32.5 degree line with this boat in order to confirm that the 32.5 degree line is a Libyan border. This is the line that connects Misratah, this place, to Benghazi.

Therefore, from here, Misratah, I am going along this parallel to Benghazi, to prove to the Americans that we are here.

[Correspondent] Do you think the Americans with their fleet outside Libya are there only to play games, in order to instill fear in you, or are they sincere?

[Al-Qadhdhafi] We do not get scared as a rule, and if they are playing games they will be confirming what we have said; namely, that Reagan is playing with fire. And if they are serious, then we are serious as well.

[Correspondent] Colonel, aren't these games dangerous? Couldn't there be an accident or confrontation because of this?

[Al-Qadhdhafi] This is possible, and the responsibility will lie with Reagan.

[Correspondent] Do you believe the Arab nation will follow you if the Americans attack Libya?

[Al-Qadhdhafi in English] Sure.

[Unidentified person in Arabic] The movement of the Free Unionist Officers informs newsmen so that the world will know that we will sacrifice ourselves for the revolution. We will turn into human fish [as heard] to destroy America when it reaches our territorial waters and airspace. This is a commitment from the revolutionary officers. We [addressing Al-Qadhdhafi] sacrifice ourselves for you and under your orders.

#### Tripoli TV Coverage

WA271445 [Editorial Report] Tripoli Television in Arabic at 2020 GMT on 25 January broadcasts a report on the 25 January news conference by Libyan leader Mu'ammār al-Qadhdhafi on board a naval gunboat. The video shows Al-Qadhdhafi, wearing sunglasses and without a hat, carrying a cane, walking along a quayside, past a television camera and toward the gangway of a naval vessel drawn up alongside the quay. The camera then cuts to the top of the gangway where a group of six naval officers salute Al-Qadhdhafi. As he reaches the top of the gangway, he puts on a naval cap and returns the salute.

A clip then shows photographers taking pictures of Al-Qadhdhafi as he addresses those on board the boat. The next clip shows Al-Qadhdhafi with a group of 10-15 people on the bridge of the vessel. Another clip shows Al-Qadhdhafi on board the vessel, which is apparently still alongside the quay, chanting with a large group of seamen surrounding him.

**Al-Qadhdhafi on Attacking U.S. Civilian, Other Targets**  
*NC261650 Athens TO ETHNOS TIS KIRIAKIS in Greek 26 Jan 86 pp 2, 3, 14*

["World exclusive" interview with Libyan leader colonel Mu'ammār al-Qadhdhafi by Nikos Stefanos, *TO ETHNOS TIS KIRIAKIS* correspondent, at Al-Qadhdhafi's Tripoli headquarters; date not given]

[Text] The success achieved by *ETHNOS* in obtaining this interview becomes even more notable if one takes into consideration the number of international journalists who have rushed to Tripoli to cover the U.S.-Libyan crisis and to arrange some sort of meeting with Mu'ammār Al-Qadhdhafi.

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**Al-Qadhdhafi, Morocco King Confer 25 Jan**  
*LD250035 Tripoli Voice of Greater Arab Homeland in Arabic*  
 0015 GMT 25 Jan 86

[Text] A telephone conversation took place tonight between the brother leader of the revolution and King Hassan II of Morocco. During the conversation, the Moroccan King, Hassan II, enquired about the latest developments and voiced his displeasure with the developments off the Libyan coast.

**Al-Qadhdhafi Receives King Hassan Envoy 26 Jan**  
*LD261941 Tripoli JANA in English 1742 GMT*  
 26 Jan 86

[Text] Tripoli, Jumada Awal 14, Jan 26, JAMAHIRIYAH NEWS AGENCY — The leader of the revolution this afternoon received the envoy of King Hassan II, 'Abd al-Arwi, who delivered to him a letter from the monarch of brotherly Morocco.

**Officers Ready To Be 'Human Bombs' Against 6th Fleet**  
*LD261512 Tripoli JANA in English 1430 GMT*  
 26 Jan 86

[Text] Tripoli, Jumada Awal 14, Jan. 26, JAMAHIRIYAH NEWS AGENCY — A revolutionary officers told journalists, on the naval patrol boat at the parallel 32.5 that the revolutionary officers, who are an extension to the Movement of Free Unionist Officers, were ready to turn into human bombs against the American 6th Fleet if it tried to enter the Libyan Arab territorial waters.

The revolutionary officer pointed out "we declare to the whole world that we are at the disposal of the Great Al-Fatih Revolution ready to die at anytime in defence of the dignity of the Arab nation."

**Commander in Chief Returns From USSR Visit**  
*LD252059 Tripoli Television Service in Arabic*  
 2020 GMT 25 Jan 86

[Text] Brigadier Abu Bakr (Yunis) Jabir, Libyan Arab Armed Forces commander in chief has concluded a 5-day working visit to the Soviet Union. He arrived at Tripoli International Airport last night.

Brigadier Abu Bakr Yunis Jabir conducted talks in Moscow on the two friendly countries' bilateral relations aimed at developing cooperation in light of the long-term program signed in Moscow during the visit of the brother leader of the revolution last October.

The Libyan Arab Armed Forces commander in chief held talks during his visit to Moscow in which Nikolay Talyzin, CPSU Central Committee Politburo candidate member, deputy premier, and USSR State Planning Committee chairman participated. He also conferred with the Soviet defense minister and with a number of Soviet ministers and responsible officials including the trade and foreign ministers, the minister of state

for foreign economic relations, the first deputy minister of state, the chief of staff, the deputy minister of foreign trade, and a number of officials in the foreign and defense ministries.

**JANA: Algeria, Libya Coordinate Stand Against U.S.**  
*LD260951 Tripoli JANA in Arabic 0758 GMT*  
 26 Jan 86

[Text] Algiers, 26 Jan (JANA) — The secretary of the People's Committee of the People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison emphasized that an agreement has been concluded between the Jamahiriya and Algeria for coordinating their stands with regard to the crisis which is being experienced by OPEC and said that the stands of the two countries in this respect are identical.

In a statement he made before he left the Algerian capital, the secretary of the People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison praised the Algerian people's firm stand and its support of the fraternal Libyan Arab people in its resistance against U.S. imperialist threats.

**Transport Workers Urge Boycott of U.S. Carriers, Goods**  
*LD241733 Tripoli JANA in Arabic 1505 GMT*  
 24 Jan 86

[Text] Tripoli, 24 Jan (JANA) — The Executive Council of the Arab Federation of Transport Workers has ended its emergency session in Tripoli which lasted from 22 to 23 January to discuss the current Arab conditions and the American-Zionist threats to the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya people and issued a statement which says:

In this current stage when the American imperialism has intensified its campaign against the Arab nation and particularly against the Libyan Arab people and the Syrian and Lebanese people, we consider it our duty to face up by all methods and means to the plotting designs of American imperialism and Zionism against the Arab nation.

The statement affirmed that within the framework of its plots, American imperialism is today trying to pressure the Libyan Arab people because of their stands of struggle and their constant support for the Palestinian cause. It has thus rushed to amass fleets and aircraft carriers in the Mediterranean to try to impose an economic blockade.

The Executive Council of the Arab Federation of Transport Workers has adopted a number of resolutions during its emergency meeting which include the following:

- 1) To provide all possible help and support to the Libyan Arab people in their stand against the American and Zionist threats and the oppressive economic measures announced by the President of the American Government.
- 2) To boycott the loading and unloading of the American means of transport at all Arab airports and ports.
- 3) To carry out wide-scale campaigns to boycott American goods

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Stefos: Yasir 'Arafat recently stated that if the Americans attack Libya, he will rush to your assistance. Does this mean that we will see a restoration of your relations with 'Arafat?

Al-Qadhdhafi: "There is no problem between us and 'Arafat. There is a problem between the various Palestinian groups."

Stefos: Yes, (I insist) but you have openly expressed yourself against 'Arafat, and you support certain Palestinian organizations.

Al-Qadhdhafi: "We are on the side of the Palestinian military organization." (He answers curtly.)

Stefos: Let us return for a while to the U.S.-Libyan crisis. Do you believe that Western Europe will continue to support you with regard to the U.S. embargo, or will it give in to pressure in the end?

Al-Qadhdhafi: "If they give in to Reagan, it will mean the destruction of their own interests. No logical person can follow the thinking of Reagan, a man who is crazy and an idiot!"

Stefos: You have supported various revolutionary movements in the past. Do you continue to support such revolutionary movements? If so, which ones?

Al-Qadhdhafi: "We will always support just causes. We stand side by side with those who fight for the cause of liberty."

Stefos: Let us now turn to a matter of particular interest to the Greek public: How would you describe current relations between Greece and Libya?

Al-Qadhdhafi: "Extremely excellent. I believe this says it all."

Stefos: Do you have anything you would like to say to the Greek people through our newspaper?

Al-Qadhdhafi: "I have been greatly influenced by Greek civilization. I also believe that Greek and Arab civilizations have offered a great deal to humanity and have contributed to the progress of the human race throughout history.

"Greece has influenced the Third World theory of the Green Book. If we read and study Greek history at the time of ancient Athens and Pericles, we will see that there are many common points between that political regime and the political system of the Jamahiriyah.

"I call on the Greek people to support the government of our friend, Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou, and to ensure that the U.S. bases, which pose a threat to Greece, are removed from its territory.

"In this way he will emerge the victor from the fanatical confrontation imposed by imperialism between Greece and Turkey."

Stefos: May I now ask you something about your personal life?

He smiles.

Al-Qadhdhafi: "With pleasure, whatever you wish."

Stefos: You are the leader of a country. Why did you choose a simple tent to be your permanent residence instead of some large and imposing building? Also, what is your daily life like?

He laughs heartily.

Al-Qadhdhafi: "I live a natural life, as you have already seen. I would also like to say that I am not a leader. It is the people who exercise authority. The fact that I live in a tent corresponds to our historical traditions. It is also a symbol of the history of the human race. Man started from a tent and in the end has reached the moon. This is why we must never forget our beginnings. The tent also means originality. It does not pollute nature as imposing buildings and apartment blocks do.

"I receive most of the leaders who visit me in my tent."

Stefos: In your opinion, what has the Green Revolution achieved since you took over the governing of Libya in 1969?

Al-Qadhdhafi: "I believe that the most important achievement has been the establishment of the state of the masses, something which in Arabic we call the Jamahiriyah. The people are free. There is no government. There is the democracy of the masses."

Stefos: What do you think the political future of the Libyan Jamahiriyah will be? Think a while before you reply...

Al-Qadhdhafi: "We have many challenges and face many uphill courses. We are trying to strengthen the masses so that by themselves they will be able to overcome any obstacle which appears before them, and confront every pressure. In any event, I believe that we will succeed."

**Al-Qadhdhafi, YAR President Telephone Contact**  
*LD252107 Tripoli Television Service in Arabic*  
2020 GMT 25 Jan 86

[Text] A telephone contact took place [date, time not specified] between the brother leader of the revolution and Yemen Arab Republic President Brother 'Ali 'Abdallah Salih dealing with the latest developments of the situation in the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen.

**Al-Qadhdhafi Hears From PDRY's 'Ali Nasir Muhammad**  
*LD252125 Tripoli Television Service in Arabic*  
2020 GMT 25 Jan 86

[Text] PDRY President 'Ali Nasir Muhammad has just had a contact with the brother leader of the revolution and stressed to him that the PDRY people are standing by the side of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriyah against the U.S. provocations and said, albeit the tribulations being experienced by the PDRY, that I am standing by your side in this confrontation.