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OVP - Mr. Donald P. Gregg NSC - Mr. Michael O. Wheeler CIA - Mr. Thomas B. Cormack Defense - Col. John Stanford JCS - LTC Dennis Stanley

SUBJECT: Restricted SIG Monting: Libya Stair Step Plan

Attached is a memorandum from MSC Staff which recommends that Steps 6-8 of the Stair Step Plan be reviewed through the Joint Reconnaissance Center (JRC). This proposal will be discussed at the scheduled SIG, Monday, 29 November 1982, at 3:45 P.M.

Also received, from the Joint Staff, is a modified Operations Summary sheet (Tab D of the Interagency Review). This has been forwarded by CINCEUR and is concurred in by DIA. It should replace the present sheet, previously forwarded with the Review, and will be the basis for the JCS SIG briefing (with the addition of CINCEUR's proposed next steps).

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Attachments:

As stated.

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REMORANDUM FOR L. PAUL BRENER III Executive Secretary

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SUBJECT:

Raview of the Stair-Step Plan (U)

The Stair-Step Plan paper prepared for the Libya SIG has been reviewed. The paper is sound, and it addresses our major concerns, with one exception. (C)

In view of the sensitivity of the operations planned in steps six, seven and eight, added measures seem warranted to prevent premeture disclosures. Accordingly we recommend the following changes to page 5 of the State document:

The Department of Defense will submit all plans for Steps 4-5 of the Stair-Step Plan for review by SIG-level principals. For steps 6, 7 and 8, the review will be through JRC (Joint Reconnaissance Center) channels. In either case, a formal proposal with a description of operations should be provided ten days in advance, whenever possible.

- Por Steps 6-8, procedures for Steps 4-5 will be followed, recept that the plan will be kept in JRC channels and circulated for review by NSC principals and Presidential decision.
- Since Steps 1-3 experienced no hostile reaction, the fleet may continue to conduct these types of as for the original operations." (75)

Michael O. Wheeler

Staff Secretary

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