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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director of Central Intelligence

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SUBJECT: Terrorism Warning and Forecast Report

Representatives of the Intelligence Community met on 24 April to discuss the following issues: bombing in Djibouti, current Libyan terrorist activities, and liquid explosives as a terrorist weapon. Attached is my report.



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1. Djibouti

On 18 March a briefcase bomb (approximately 15-20 kgs) exploded at a cafe frequented by the French in Djibouti.

Adouani Hamoudab Hassen, a Tunisian, was arrested at the Djibouti airport enroute to Aden. He confessed to planting the bomb and claimed he was recruited in Damascus and charged to kill as many people as possible. He said he was a member of the Revolutionary Resistance Troops.

It is unclear who is responsible for the attack. There are several possibilities:

--Djiboutian dissidents. The blast occurred five weeks before the presidential election. A known dissident, Aden Robleh, has conducted similar bombings in the past.

--Libya. The anti-France target may be an effort to punish Paris for its Chad policy. The use of a Tunisian surrogate also suggests Libyan involvement.

--LARF. The anti-France nature of the attack fits the threats made against France after the Abdullah trial.

--PFLP-SC. [REDACTED] points to this group perhaps at the behest of Libya or LARF (which has a long history of ties to PFLP-SC).

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2. Libya

Qadhafi has taken a beating in Chad and appears to be extremely nervous.



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France: French targets have received special attention. Hizballah and Libyans are reportedly targeting French citizens, possibly for kidnaping. Caribbean clients are being encouraged to carry out attacks. In some places anti-France tasking has been expanded to include anti-US

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Africa: Tripoli has been active in numerous sub-Saharan countries including Benin, Chad, Mali, Sudan and Niger.

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The 15 April commemoration of last year's US airstrikes sparked some anti-US activity. In Bangladesh, indicated that violence on the anniversary of the airstrikes was too obviously related to Tripoli but after the anniversary would be easier to mount. In Turkey, the Ankara LPB is directly across from a US military billet.

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Several crude rockets were fired at US official buildings in Madrid. While the attack may have been inspired by the anniversary, it does not appear to have been Libyan sponsored.

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Cyprus: Cypriot authorities have arrested two men believed to have shot and wounded two British citizens last week. The names match two men sought by authorities for the attack last August on the British base at Akrotiri. One of the men may also have played a role in the Karachi hijacking last September. The most recent Cyprus attack was similar to the Khartoum and Sanaa attacks on US Embassy personnel last April.

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