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[Libya: The military junta is consolidating its position.

The new regime is not encountering any threat to its rule, [redacted]. Some senior military and security officials loyal to King Idris have been arrested and the military is performing all civilian security functions. The military is still exercising tight control over the civilian security forces. It is taking over all heavy equipment such as armored vehicles.

Radio Libya is broadcasting the names of senior members of the old government who are allegedly voicing their support of the junta. To forestall any public criticism of its actions the junta has suspended the publication of five Libyan newspapers and periodicals. In a move indicative of a growing confidence, the army yesterday lifted the curfew, which had been imposed Monday, for a three-hour period.

The Revolutionary Command Council has still not disclosed its membership, but has announced that it will administer the country itself rather than forming a new cabinet. [redacted]

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King Idris has left Turkey and has arrived in Greece; he has revealed no plans to return to Libya soon. His special adviser, Umar Shalhi, made a quick visit to London where the Foreign Office reiterated its stand that the coup is an internal affair and that the UK does not intend to intervene. Shalhi plans to come to the US to continue his search for support.

Soviet comment on the coup has been sparse but gives cautious approval. In the Arab world the coup has made Saudi Arabian officials more concerned over the future of Arab moderates. [redacted]

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Reaction to Phantom Delivery:

The Israeli's announced Saturday the F-4 Phantoms had been delivered and thus far, only limited reaction has been received. The Iraqis described the delivery as an act of US aggression against the Arabs, while the Egyptians declare that the delivery ends the hope that the US is acting for peace in the Middle East. Mohamed Riad was visibly disturbed when informed and stated that Israel's adamancy would be further hardened and that prospects for a negotiated settlement now appeared slim. The Saudis believe the delivery, following hard on the Libyan Coup, will further weaken their position at home and in the Arab world.

Attached at Tab A is the CIA Intelligence Brief.

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Attachment

*Attachment to the President Daily Brief,
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Memo from Henry Kissinger to the
President, etc*

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