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The whole question of emergency planning in relation to Yugoslavia is under consideration in London at the moment, but the Foreign Office do not foresee any great difficulty in obtaining clearance for the holding of stores of small arms and equipment either as an extension of the existing facilities at Wheelus Field or, if this cannot be arranged on the American side, under British military arrangements. They would not wish to see a new U.S. installation set up under OPC's independent control and would like to know whether the requirements can be met either within the U.S. Air establishment or under British cover, with say a single U.S. liaison officer. Once the treaty arrangements with LIBYA have been made, the position would of course be radically altered and an expansion of any interim holding measures made on these lines might well be feasible.

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