

WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM

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SUBJ: JCS SITREP 001--OPERATION ELDORADO CANYON (U)

1. (U) MAJOR POINTS. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY USEUCOM CONCERNING ELDORADO CANYON ACTIVITY AS OF 150600 EST.

A. ~~1st~~ AIR:

(1) THE USAF F-111S AND EF-111S SORTIED FROM RAF LAKENHEATH AND RAF UPPER HEYFORD; THE NECESSARY KC-10/KC-135 TANKER SUPPORT SORTIED FROM RAF MILDENHALL AND RAF FAIRFORD IN GREAT BRITAIN. LAUNCHES STARTED AT 141256 EST. THE USN A-6 STRIKE AIRCRAFT AND THE NAVY SUPPORT LAUNCHED FROM USS CORAL SEA AND

USS AMERICA AT APPROXIMATELY 141745 EST. THE TIMES ON TARGETS (TOT) BEGAN AT 141900 EST, AND IS SHOWN BELOW FOR EACH TARGET.

(2) ~~1st~~ STRIKE OPERATIONS:

(TOT TIME) (EST)	(TARGET)	(ACFT)	(ORDNANCE)
141906 TO 141911	[REDACTED]	6 F-111	12 BSU-49 EACH

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REMARKS: ONE (1) AIRCRAFT ABORTED PRIOR TO TOT. FIVE (5) AIRCRAFT ACROSS TARGET.

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT: FLIGHT CREW DEBRIEFING NOT YET REPORTED.
141900 [REDACTED] 2 A-6E 16 MK-82 EACH
7 A-6E 14 APAM EACH

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REMARKS: ONE (1) AIRCRAFT ABORTED PRIOR TO TOT. EIGHT (8) AIRCRAFT ACROSS TARGET. SAM'S (SA-2/6) FIRED.

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT: INITIAL FLIGHT CREW BDA OF FLAMES ON [REDACTED]

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141900 [REDACTED] 9 F-111 4 GBU-10 EACH
REMARKS: ONE (1) AIRCRAFT ABORTED PRIOR TO TOT. EIGHT (8) ACROSS
TARGET.

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT: FLIGHT CREW DEBRIEFING NOT YET REPORTED.
141900 [REDACTED] 6 A-6E 16 MK-82 EACH

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REMARKS: HOSTILE REACTION; MULTIPLE SAM FIRINGS AND AAA.
DAMAGE ASSESSMENT: INITIAL FLIGHT CREW BDA INDICATES ALL WEAPONS
DROPPED IN BARRACKS COMPLEX.
141905 [REDACTED] 3 F-111 4 GBU-10 EACH

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REMARKS:
DAMAGE ASSESSMENT: FLIGHT CREW DEBRIEFING NOT YET REPORTED.
(3) LOSSES: ONE F-111 IS MISSING AND WAS PRESUMED LOST
DURING THE STRIKE ON THE [REDACTED]
(4) SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR): 14 RESPONSE TO REPORT OF ONE
(1) MISSING F-111: 1 EP-3, 4 F-14, 1 E-2C, AND 1 SSN
CONDUCTING SAR.

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(5) RECOVERY:
(A) ONE (1) F-111 DIVERTED TO ROTA, SP, DUE TO MECHANICAL
PROBLEMS. THE AIRCRAFT IS IN HANGAR AWAITING REPAIR.
(B) 150310: F-111'S AND TANKERS ON DECK IN UK. ALL NAVY
AIRCRAFT HAVE RETURNED TO SHIPS.

(6) POST STRIKE RECONNAISSANCE:
(A) 142326: SR-71 AIRBORNE FOR BDA.
(B) 150227: SR-71 OFF TARGET.

(7) MISSILE EXPENDITURES:
(A) [REDACTED] TGTS: HARM (20), SHRIKE (4)

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(B) ██████████ TGTS: HARM (16), SHRIKE (8)
(C) TOTAL: HARM (36), SHRIKE (12).

- B. (S) SURFACE: (NOTHING TO REPORT)
- C. (S) INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY: (S/NF)

(1) DIA: ALL EVIDENCE INDICATES THAT THE US STRIKE CAME AS A COMPLETE SURPRISE TO THE LIBYAN ARMED FORCES. NO INTERCEPTORS ATTEMPTED TO DISRUPT THE ATTACK, AND ALL NAVAL UNITS INCLUDING SUBS REMAINED IN PORT. PRIOR TO STRIKE, THE LIBYAN AIR DEFENSE POSTURE WAS IN A HEIGHTENED STATE OF READINESS. LIBYAN REACTION APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN CONFUSED AND INDECISIVE. THE LIBYAN PRESS HAS CLAIMED THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF US PLANES WERE SHOT DOWN DURING THE RAIDS, THAT MEMBERS OF QADHAFI'S FAMILY HAD BEEN INJURED, AND THAT MOST OTHER CASUALTIES WERE FOREIGNERS. QADHAFI HAS NOT YET MADE AN APPEARANCE BUT IS REPORTEDLY UNHURT. THERE WERE REPORTS OF A

PERIOD OF INTENSE FIRING, PROBABLY BY AIR DEFENSE FORCES, SEVERAL HOURS AFTER THE ATTACK. MOSCOW REPORTED THE STRIKES AND SAID THEY WERE MEANT AS A DEMONSTRATION THAT THE US WILL USE FORCE TO "FULFILL ITS HEGEMONISTIC PLANS..." OTHER FOREIGN REACTION THUS FAR HAS BEEN LIMITED TO REPORTING TO US AND LIBYAN STATEMENTS.

(2) FLEET REPORT: NO AIR OR NAVAL REACTION BY LIBYANS. LIBYAN DEFENSES IN THE HEIGHTENED STATE OF READINESS PRIOR TO STRIKE.

- D. (S) WEATHER FORECAST: (SOUTH-CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN)
 - (1) 15/1000Z APR 86: PARTLY TO MOSTLY CLOUDY SKIES COVER THE AREA WEST OF TRIPOLI WITH MOSTLY CLEAR SKIES OVER THE REST OF THE AREA. WINDS VARIABLE AT LESS THAN 10 KTS. VISIBILITY GREATER THAN 7 MILES. SEAS FORECAST 4 TO 7 FT.
 - (2) 12 HOUR FORECAST TO 16/1000Z APR 86: SKIES MOSTLY CLEAR TO ISOLATED PARTLY CLOUDY. WINDS SOUTHEAST TO SOUTHWEST 10 TO 25 KTS. VISIBILITY REDUCED 1 TO 5 MILES, OCCASIONALLY LESS THAN 1 MILE, IN BLOWING OR SUSPENDED DUST OR SAND OVER

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THE LAND. ALSO VISIBILITY WILL BE REDUCED TO 1 TO 5 MILES IN
PATCHY COASTAL FOG, ESPECIALLY ALONG THE EASTERN SHORES OF

THE GULF OF SIDRA.
E. (U) PUBLIC AFFAIRS: MEDIA POOL EMBARKED IN USS AMERICA. JIB
ACTIVATED AT NAPLES, IT.

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