

AM-CLARK-LIBYA; 0293
WITH VARS. LIBYA

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CLARK SAID AT A NEWS CONFERENCE IN JERUSALEM: "WE HAVE INDICATED OUR VIEW THAT TERRORISM; WHICH BREAKS THE RULES OF A CIVILIZED SOCIETY; NEEDS TO BE RESPONDED TO; THAT LANGUAGE ALONE IS NOT ENOUGH; THAT IF THE STATE IS INVOLVED IN THE ACT OF ENCOURAGEMENT OF TERRORISM; THAT MUST BE TAKEN ACCOUNT OF. AND WE SUPPORT THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES IN THAT REGARD."

BUT HE SAID CANADA HAD URGED THE UNITED STATES "TO AVOID EXTREME ACTION;" ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT CLARIFY WHAT MEASURES HE BELIEVED SHOULD BE TAKEN.

CLARK SPOKE AS JOHN WHITEHEAD; U.S. DEPUTY STATE SECRETARY; SAID IN A CBS TELEVISION INTERVIEW THAT PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN WAS CONSIDERING OPTIONS FOR RETALIATION AGAINST LIBYAN INVOLVEMENT IN TERRORISM.

UNITS OF THE U.S. 6TH FLEET ARE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN IN READINESS FOR A POSSIBLE PRESIDENTIAL ORDER TO ATTACK TARGETS IN LIBYA.

BUT CLARK; ON AN 11-DAY VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST; SAID HE WAS CONCERNED FOR THE SAFETY OF CANADIAN CITIZENS LIVING IN LIBYA.

"OUR PRINCIPAL INTEREST IS THE 1,300 CANADIANS IN LIBYA. WE HAVE SAID IT WOULD BE PRUDENT OF THEM TO LOOK TO THEIR OWN SAFETY."

ASKED IF HE MEANT THEY SHOULD LEAVE THE NORTH AFRICAN COUNTRY; HE SAID HE WOULD NOT GO BEYOND THE STATEMENT OF HIS GOVERNMENT THAT THE CANADIANS WOULD BE THE BEST JUDGES OF HOW TO ACT IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES.

THE STATEMENT BY CLARK ON SUNDAY CAME AS A LIBYAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL SAID THAT FOREIGN WORKERS HAD BEEN MOVED TO AREAS THAT MIGHT BE TARGETS OF U.S. MILITARY ACTION.

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CORRECTION !!!!!

JERUSALEM - 592 PARAS 1 AND 4 (FIXES TO REFLECT LIBYAN INVOLVEMENT IN INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM NOT YET PROVEN)

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UNITS PARA 5 - 592

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