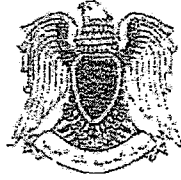


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19th August 2009

Mr W George Burgess
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Dear Mr Burgess

We should be obliged if you could kindly seek advice and assistance from the British Aviation Authority to allocate a slot in order for the private charter flight to be able to land tomorrow at about 2.00 pm, or at any suitable time.

As always, we are deeply grateful for your kind assistance.

Yours sincerely,

OMAR R JELBAN
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18th August 2009

Mr W George Burgess
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Dear Mr Burgess

I refer to your communication dated 18th August 2009 regarding contingency plan with regard to Mr Al-Megrahi.

- A private charter flight will be arranged by the Libyan Authorities to take Mr Al-Megrahi from Glasgow Airport to Libya. The Libyan Authorities will apply to the British Civil Aviation Authority for a Landing permit on Wednesday evening, where hopefully, an approval can be obtained by Thursday. Details of the aircraft, which have been altered from our previous correspondence, are now as follows:

- Registration: [REDACTED]
- Type: Airbus 300-600

- Dr Ibrahim Sharif's passport number is: [REDACTED] His photograph is attached herewith.
- Details of nurse accompanying Mr Al-Megrahi as follows:

Full Name: [REDACTED]
Passport Details: [REDACTED]
Photograph is also attached

- The following three members of the Libyan delegation will disembark the aircraft to meet Mr Al-Megrahi:

1. Mr Abdulati Alobidi
2. Mr Omar Jelban
3. Mr Mohamed Ahmed

contd/.....

Mr Abdurrahman Swessi
Consul General, Glasgow

Mr Mohamed Ismail Ahmed
Counsellor


Mr Azzam Eddeeb
Counsellor at the Supreme Court

Mr Fouad Zlitni
Counsellor

- Arrangements with Airport and UK Aviation Authorities have been made, and details of aircraft are as follows:
 - Aircraft Type: [REDACTED]
 - Registration: [REDACTED]
- All necessary travel documentation is in your custody, and if the need arises we can renew or issue them.
- The Libyan Authorities will be willing to arrange videoconference facilities for the purpose of supervision.

Whilst I hope that the above is to your satisfaction, I look forward to arranging a meeting for further discussions on the contingency plan.

Yours sincerely


ONTAR R. JELBAN
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Libyan People's Bureau

Miller LA (Linda) (Justice)

From: Burgess WG (George)
Sent: 18 August 2009 12:23
To: 'protocol'
Cc: Miller LA (Linda) (Justice)
Subject: RE: CONTINGENCY PLAN

Mr Jelban

We spoke earlier today about the contingency planning. As you know, no decision has been taken on either the Prisoner Transfer application or on the application for compassionate release, and we are continuing to plan for all of the possible scenarios.

You indicate that Dr Ibrahim Sharif would be one of the officials collecting Mr Al-Megrahi in the event of a decision to transfer or release on compassionate grounds. **I would be grateful if you could provide me with his passport number. A copy of his photograph (by email is sufficient) would be helpful.**

You also indicated that a UK-based nurse would be on the flight. **I would be grateful if you could provide me with his/her name and passport number. A copy of his/her photograph (by email is sufficient) would be helpful.**

I explained that in our discussions with Strathclyde Police and the Scottish Prison Service, the police said that for security reasons they want the number of people who would undertake the transfer from the prison van to aircraft to be kept as small as possible. They have told us that there should be a maximum of three members of the Libyan delegation who would disembark the aircraft and meet Mr Al-Megrahi at the foot of the steps, and similarly that only 3 SPS/police staff would be there. **I would be grateful if you could tell me which members of the delegation would disembark the aircraft.**

I understand that most of your delegation will travel to Glasgow on board the aircraft. If there are any members of the delegation (eg Mr Swessi) who will travel separately to the Airport to meet the delegation there, **I would be grateful if you could tell me as soon as possible so that we can ensure there are no problems.**

You said that the telephone numbers provided for Mr Al-Megrahi would allow a videoconference to take place directly with his home. **Can you confirm that this is correct?** The supervising officer may want to hold an initial meeting with Mr Al-Megrahi as early as the day after he returns. We may therefore want to test the videoconference facilities before then, to ensure that everything works. **Is there someone we should contact to arrange that?**

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18 August 2009

From: protocol [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: 13 August 2009 11:02
To: Miller LA (Linda) (Justice)
Subject: CONTINGENCY PLAN

Dear Linda

Reference to our telephone conversation of this morning, I am attaching a letter, together with photographs, for the attention of Mr W George Burgess. Originals will be posted today, but bear in mind that there is a postal strike in London. Kindly let me know if the letter is satisfactory, and if you require any more information from our end.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
PA to Mr Omar Jelban

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15th August 2009

Mr W George Burgess
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Dear Mr Burgess

I refer to your communication dated 6th August 2009 regarding contingency planning being undertaken for the possible outcome of the application by the Libyan Government for transfer of Mr Al-Megrahi under the terms of the Prisoner Transfer Agreement and Mr Al-Megrahi's application for compassionate release.

The following are the answers to your queries:

- A private charter flight will be arranged by the Libyan Authorities to take Mr Al-Megrahi from Glasgow Airport to Libya.
- Mr Al-Megrahi will be issued with a Libyan passport, which will be handed to him by Libyan officials who will be collecting him.
- Mr Al-Megrahi will be residing at the following address in [REDACTED] Libya:

[REDACTED]
LIBYA

Tel: [REDACTED]

- For the purpose of arranging a flight to Libya, Libyan Authorities would need 48 hours advance notice.
- Photographs of officials who will be collecting Mr Al-Megrahi are enclosed, and their details are as follows:

Name:

Passport No:

Mr Saif Al-Islam Al Qadhafi
Chairman of the Qaddafi International
Charity and Development Foundation

Mr Abduati Alshidi
Secretary for European Affairs

Mr Omar Jelban
Charge d'Affaires, London

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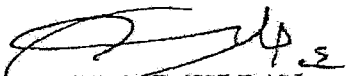
- The delegation will be travelling to Glasgow Airport separately. Details as follows:

1. Mr Abdulati Alobidi (arriving from London)
2. Mr Omar Jelban
3. Mr Mohamed Ahmed
4. Dr Ibrahim Sherif
5. Mr Azzam Eddeeb
6. Mr Fouad Zlitni
7. Mr Abdurrahman Swessi (arriving from Glasgow)

- We can confirm that the telephone numbers provided for Mr Al-Megrahi would allow a videoconference to take place directly with his home.
- For the purpose of videoconferencing, and using the telephone number provided, this can be done by using Skype via Broadband Internet connection.

We hope that the above is to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely


OMAR R JELBAN
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Libyan People's Bureau

Burgess WG (George)

From: Burgess WG (George)
Sent: 06 August 2009 15:00
To: 'protocol'
Subject: Contingency Planning

Dear Mr Jelban,

As discussed previously, we are undertaking contingency planning for all of the possible outcomes of the application by your Government for transfer of Mr Al-Megrahi under the Prisoner Transfer Agreement and Mr Al-Megrahi's application for compassionate release. No decision has been taken on either application, and the fact that we are undertaking this contingency work should not be seen as any indication of the Minister's likely decisions.

Should either prisoner transfer or compassionate release be granted (and if compassionate release is to an address in Libya), then it would be the responsibility of the Libyan Government to arrange a flight to take Mr Al-Megrahi from Scotland to Libya. In the circumstances, it would probably be best for that flight to be direct. We are discussing the best airport for departure with the Scottish Prison Service and police from a security and privacy perspective, but it would be either Glasgow Airport or Prestwick Airport. Mr Al-Megrahi would be transported to the airport by the Scottish Prison Service and police, and (in the case of a transfer under the PTA) delivered "airside" into the custody of a representative of the Libyan authorities. In the event of compassionate release, we anticipate that the release licence would be served on Mr Al-Megrahi at the airport.

We anticipate that the time between the decision being taken by Mr MacAskill, the announcement of that decision and any resulting transport of Mr Al-Megrahi to the airport and departure from Scotland would be relatively short.

It would also be for your Government to ensure that any necessary travel documentation is obtained to allow Mr Al-Megrahi to depart from Scotland and enter Libya.

In the event of compassionate release, we need to know what address in Libya Mr Al-Megrahi would reside at, as one of the conditions in the licence would be to reside at that address. We are also considering how normal conditions requiring supervision by a member of the staff of a Scottish local authority could be implemented. One option would be for regular contact by videoconference between Mr Al-Megrahi and his supervising officer.

The information that we require at this stage for planning purposes is –

- how much advance notice, either of when a decision will be taken or of the content of the decision, you would require to be able to arrange a flight. It may be that you would wish to have an aircraft on standby, perhaps even at the airport in Scotland, but that is a matter for you and your Government to decide.
- the names of the officials from the Libyan authorities would be collecting Mr Al-Megrahi. We would also require their passport numbers for security. A photograph would also be useful so that we can ensure there is no mistake as to identity.
- details of the aircraft that would be used. While it would be for your Government to make any arrangements with the airport and UK aviation authorities, the arrangements on the ground may depend on the type of aircraft that is to be used.
- confirmation that any necessary travel documentation is in place.
- an indication of whether the Libyan Government be able to make available any videoconference facilities for the purpose of supervision.

We can discuss this next week if you wish.

W GEORGE BURGESS

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