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SUBJ: COLLECTION EMPHASIS (U)

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2. (U) BACKGROUND:

A. (U) ON NOVEMBER 25 1991 JANA, LIBYA'S OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY, ANNOUNCED THAT COLONEL ABD-AL-QADIR AL-DIBRI HAD BEEN NAMED THE NEW DIRECTOR OF THE EXTERNAL SECURITY ORGANIZATION. ACCORDING TO A LIBYAN DIPLOMAT, AL-DIBRI HAS BEEN TASKED WITH INVESTIGATING ALLEGATIONS OF THE ESO'S ROLE IN THE DESTRUCTION OF PAN AM FLIGHT 103. ACCORDING TO THE SAME SOURCE, HE HAS BEEN ORDERED ALSO TO PURGE THE ORGANIZATION OF "CERTAIN ELEMENTS."

B. ~~(S/NF)~~ ALTHOUGH NOT A PART OF THE ARMY CLIQUE WHICH OVERTHREW THE LIBYAN MONARCHY, AL-DIBRI WAS PERSONALLY CLOSE TO QADHAFI AND WORKED BEHIND THE SCENES FOR HIM AFTERWARDS. AL-DIBRI SHARED QADHAFI'S VISION OF LIBYA AS A REVOLUTIONARY FORCE IN WORLD POLITICS AND WAS CONSIDERED THE SECOND OR THIRD MOST POWERFUL MAN IN LIBYA THROUGHOUT MOST OF THE 1970S. A PROFESSIONAL MILITARY INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, AL-DIBRI COMMANDED A MILITARY POLICE UNIT IN TRIPOLI. QADHAFI APPOINTED HIM TO HEAD SENSITIVE INVESTIGATIONS INTO ALLEGED TORTURE OF PRISONERS BY THE ARMY AND THE CAUSES FOR A 1976 COUP ATTEMPT. LITTLE WAS HEARD OF AL-DIBRI DURING THE 1978-79 PERIOD AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT HE WAS IMPRISONED DURING THIS PERIOD.

3. (U) REQUIREMENTS:

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