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under bond and returned to Washington, D.C. (Dulles) where Customs there would have handled the matter from that end. He advised that any luggage, or the saddle in this instance, would not have been turned over to a third party but would, in all probability, been turned back to the Libyan Embassy. He added that there would have been no paperwork done on the matter in Atlanta.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT U.S. CUSTOMS, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Determine final disposition of saddle by Customs as set out on Delta Air Lines "Mishandled Baggage Record" form and follow through to final destination.

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Air Lines, Hartsfield International Airport, Atlanta, Georgia advised that he recalls during January, 1979, there had been considerable concern over some missing luggage, as well as a saddle which had been shipped by the Libyan Ambassador SHALLOUF. He stated that there had apparently been a mix-up or delay of some nature in the luggage being transferred from British Airways at Gatwick Airport onto Delta Air Lines.

advised that the luggage including the saddle "Surfaced" some three or four weeks after the first notification of it being missing the early part of January, 1979. Advised that he was contacted by the Delta Air Freight Service in Atlanta inquiring as to whether or not they were attempting to locate this particular luggage He advised that

Delta was advised of this and that the luggage was placed in bond in the Delta Air Freight Services. stated that he himself telephonically contacted Ambassador SHALLOUF, who was at that time in San Francisco, California, inquiring as to what he wished be done with the luggage and he advised turning it over to a close associate of his in Atlanta, a Mr. LEANZA, although United States Customs was also contacted and he believes that it was on their instructions that they said it should be sent to Customs in Washington, D.C. under bond to be turned over to the Libyan Embassy. stated that to his knowledge the luggage and the saddle was subsequently forwarded under those instructions by Delta to Washington, D.C., for Customs to pick up.

stated that with regards to the question as to who the saddle was intended for and the information logged on the "Mishandled Baggage Record Form" to the effect that it was for President CERTER, he recalls that during all of this is situation in attempting to locate the saddle, all references were usually made to a "Mr. CARTER" and at least for himself knowing that they were dealing with an Ambassador

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he took the Mr. CARTER to mean President CARTER, as he himself would not consider BILLY CARTER as Mister. He added that he felt this would quite probably be the same assumption that any of the others were going under at the time. He further added that most discussions concerning the saddle were between the Georgia State Senator HUGGINS and that in all probability when gave the information for filling out the form the same assumption as to Mr. CARTER was passed on as the saddle being for President CARTER.

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Delta Airlines, Hartsfield International Airport (HIA), stated that during January of 1979, he was contacted by Georgia State Senator HUDGINS who was in the company of an Ambassador SHALLOUF from Libya at HIA concerning luggage they had missing during their overseas flight. He recalls that HUDGINS subsequently took him to one side and informed him that they needed to locate the luggage quickly as that in one of the boxes was a "hand-made silver laden saddle" that SHALLOUF was bringing back to "Mr. CARTER" and that it was engraved and had his name on it. HUDGINS further added that SHALLOUF was bringing it as a gift for "him" from his stated that he informed HUDGINS that they gave the same expedite service to all their passengers.

stated that he subsequently had another employee completed the necessary information to fill out the mishandled baggage record form.

stated that during most of the time when attempting to locate the saddle in question, he was under the assumption that the saddle was for President CARTER although nothing was actually stated to that effect. He had several conversations since the initial contact at the airport telephonically with Senator HUDGINS as well as SHALLOUF inquiring as to the status of the saddle and he recalls in particular that during one telephone conversation SHALLOUF had invited him to a gathering that was to be had in Atlanta at which time SHALLOUF informed him that BILLY CARTER would be there and it was at that time that he began to realize that the saddle was actually intended for BILLY CARTER rather than the President.

He stated that when the saddle was eventually located by air freight service, he is quite sure that it was turned over to United States Customs. He advised that to his knowledge there was no handling of the saddle at HIA and that it would have come through Dulles in Washington, D.C. He added that he does not know if the saddle even came into Atlanta, but that if it did, it was merely turned around and returned to Dulles Airport for Customs.

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FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT - LIBYA

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Attached is the translation which Legat, Rome requested by airted dated October 30, 1979, copies herewith.

The contents thereof, where pertinent, must be reported under appropriate captions and afforded whatever investigative attention is necessary.

The foreign language material is forwarded herewith.

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INSPECTION AND CONTROL DIVISION, Q.S. CUSTOMS HEADQUARTERS,

1321 CONSTITUTION AVENUE, N.W., ADVISED THAT BECAUSE OF THE

POLITICAL SENSITIVITY OF THIS CASE, HIS OFFICE WOULD REQUIRE.

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BY THE FBI. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE, BOTH

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FACT THATHTHE PRESIDENT'S BROTHER IS INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER,

EVEN THOUGH THE REQUEST CONSTITUTES ONLY A DOCUMENT REVIEW.

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Washington, D.C. 20535 February 1, 1980

WILLIAM A. (BILLY) CARTER, III LIBYAN-ARAB-GEORGIA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT-LIBYA

Attached hereto is the results of investigation regarding captioned matter in the Washington, D.C., area:

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Chantilly, Virginia, advised that in fact because of the numbers on the transportation entry and manifest, his company did not actually handle the trunk. He stated that the numbers on the manifest specifically DL EX CK 09-64-21 were in fact Delta baggage checks, and that the trunk containing the saddle had been shipped from Atlanta to Dulles via Delta Airlines as baggage rather than as cargo, and that therefore, his company would have no record of the actual receipt of the trunk by a Libyan official.

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WILLIAM A. (BILLY) CARTER, III; LIBYAN-ARAB-GEORGIA FRIENDSHIP

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RE BUREAU AIRTEL TO WASHINGTON FIELD AND ATLANTA DATED (FEBRUARY 8, 1980.

REFEJENCED BUREAU AIR TEL ENCLOSED A LETTER FROM THE DEPARTMENT TO THE BUREAU REQUESTING THAT WASHINGTON FIELD CONDUCT AN INTERVIEW OF MR. PHILIP J. WISE, JR., APPOINTMENT SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, REGARDING CAPTIONED MATTER.

DEPARTMENTAL LETTER ALSO MAKES REFERENCE TO AN INTERVIEW
DATED JANUARY 16, 1980, OF BILLY CARTER, IN WHICH INFORMATION WAS
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discussions concerning the C-130's or any other aspect of the aircraft by Carter or any of the others in the He stated that he knows of no conversations or discussions among the group that made the trip pertaining to the aircraft. Hudgins stated that the only other time he recalls that this matter ever came up again was sometime after they had returned to the United States (and he cannot recall whether this was before the Libyan Delegation paid their visit to Atlanta or after). On an occasion he had to travel to Americus, Georgia, from his home in Columbus, Georgia, to pick up a car and while there as he usually does, stopped off at the Best Western Motel on the outskirts of Americus, where he encountered Billy Carter, Randy Coleman, Tom Jordan, Murry, who runs the motel, and an individual by the name of Chiocus (Phonetic) whom Hudgins said he only knew as being someone in Americus, Georgia, who he believes was a registered alien that ran a liquor business and an import/ export business in Americus. He advised that he was seated with this group and they were all discussing business in general when he or someone in the group inquired as to whether anything was ever going to come of this Libyan deal or has anything come of it yet. Hudgins stated that he is quite sure that it was Jordan who at that time stated that "If we could get those aircraft we could" and to his recollection that was the end of the discussion pertaining to that matter.

Hudgins added that as he had stated before that it has been his purpose in going to Libya to see if possibly there could be any business dealings and for that matter he recalls that Leonard Long, who owns the Darlington Apartments in Atlanta, Georgia, was making a strong effort to sell those apartments to the Libyans. Hudgins stated that inasmuch as he himself is in the real estate business, he would have even expected part of the commission for that, inasmuch as he is a businessman. He added that to his knowledge nothing has ever come of that and that he himself has had no business dealings with Libya.

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Hudgins added that with regards to Billy himself, Billy has disassociated himself from him as well as the others who accompanied him on the original Libyan trip. Hudgins stated that with regards to the second trip that Billy made to Libya, he had originally understood that the original group was being asked to make the second trip along with him even though Hudgins stated that he himself would not have made the trip and that he subsequently determined from Gabriel Shalouf that Billy had told him that he did not want any of the others to go with him.



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David H. Gambrell, Gambrell and Mobley, Attorneys, First National Bank Tower, Marietta Street, Atlanta, Georgia, was advised as to the identity of the interviewing Agent, the nature of the interview and that any information he might furnish could be used in a court of law. Gambrell then voluntarily furnished the following information:

He advised that his recollection, though hazy, concerning the Libyan Delegation visit to Atlanta, Georgia, in December, 1978, and the matter of any "Libyan-Arab-Georgia Friendship Society" was to the effect that some weeks prior to the delegation Billy Carter and/or his associate Randy Coleman contacted him in a more or less offhanded manner as to what could be done in the way of welcoming the delegation and who all might be invited to a reception planned by Carter for them. He indicated that at various times there may have been brief discussions in passing not necessary with Carter alone but with others as well as to the possibility or probability of any business venture being generated as a result of this "good will or cultural visit" by the Libyans. Gambrell added that at no time did Carter ask him to represent him in drawing up any type of corporation or other papers pertaining to the Libyans and himself. The second

Gambrell stated that with regards to any document pertaining to a "Libyan-Arab-Georgia Priendship Society" he recalls that either the day before or the day of the reception for the Libyans Georgia State Senator Floyd Hudgins of Columbus. Georgia, and an individual whose name he does not recall but was apparently connected with the Libyan Delegation appeared at his office and informed him that they wished to form some type of an association which was not made clear to him but which he understood was to have been symbolic of friendship between Libya and a group of individuals in Georgia. Gambrell stated that he informed Hudgins and his associate that not being familiar enough with what exactly they had in mind and not knowing whom the individuals or sponsors would be he could not draft such a document for them. Gambrell stated that merely as a gesture of courtesy on his part he did ask his secretary to draw up what was a one paragraph type statement to the effect that "the undersign wishing to form a non profit type of organization promoting

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good will and cultural exchange..... or something to that effect which he gave to them. He added that this was not drawn up on an attorney client basis but again was merely given to them as a courtesy to assist them in what he understood was to be the furtherance of the cultural exchange and good will between the group in Georgia and the Libyan Delegation.

Gambrell stated that he has not seen nor heard anything about that particular matter since that time and does not know whether any such type of organization or society was actually formed or who or if the particular statement he gave Hudgins was signed. He added that Carter to his recollection never discussed the matter with him after that period of time.

Gambrell again stated that he at no time ever drew up any corporation papers or any other such documents pertaining to Carter or other Georgians and the Libyan Delegation. He did state that if by chance there had been a copy kept of the paragraph which he gave to Hudgins in his office he would be more than willing to furnish same to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

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On March 7, 1980, David H. Gambrell advised he had located a copy of the form he previously stated he had drawn up for Senator Hudgins. He furnished a copy of same on March 10, 1980, which he stated he called an "Indication of Interest" for lack of any other term as follows:

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I SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF FRIENDSHIP, BETTER UNDER-STANDING, AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF LIBYA AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, AND WILL SERVE AS A PETITIONER AND CHARTER MEMBER IN THE FORMATION OF A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION UNDER THE LAWS OF GEORGIA TO CARRY OUT THESE PURPOSES.

WILLIAM A. (BILLY) CARTER, III

On March 5, 1980, SA FBI, reviewed all guest registration cards for dates July 1, 1978, through July 4, 1978, with negative results at the Holiday Inn South, Victory Drive, Columbus, Georgia, in an attempt to locate guest registration records for those individuals reported to have met with Billy Carter in Plains, Georgia, during that period of time. Reservation and banquet room records were likewise checked.

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On March 6, 1980, the same results were obtained at the North (airport) Holiday Inn.

also made a check of the library records of the Columbus Ledger - Columbus Enquirer in an effort to determine a mention of said group visiting in Columbus with no record of same.

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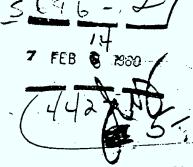
Recently Billy Carter was interviewed in Americus, Georgia on January 16, 1980 by a Departmental Attorney and a Special Agent of the FBI. As a result of statements made by Carter with respect to information imparted to him by Georgia State Senators Henry Russell and Floyd Hudgins concerning Lockheed C-130's and other Libyan aircraft purchases, as well as actions subsequently initiated by him, we would appreciate the following additional investigation:

Senators Russell and Hudgins should be reinterviewed for details of any discussions they may have had with Libyan officials and with Carter on the subject of the aircraft purchases and delivery problems. Particular attention should be focused on any requests made by the Libyans in connection with those problems.

Please interview David Gambrell, the Atlanta Attorney who was consulted on the Libyan-Arab-Georgia Friendship Society and obtain from Gambrell copies of all documents which were provided to him or which he may have drafted and were signed by Carter, Hudgins or Russell.

Philip J. Wise, Jr., Appointments Secretary to the President, should be interviewed regarding the details of his conversation(s) with Billy Carter or anyone else on the subject of Libyan aircraft sales or deliveries. Please obtain from Wise the details surrounding a briefing reportedly supplied to Billy Carter by the State Department,

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Form OBD-197 **MAY 1978** In this connection, you should identify and interview the individual(s) at the Department of State who supplied the briefing(s) regarding details of any statements Carter may have made concerning this matter, and the substance of the briefing(s).

Finally, we would appreciate your obtaining from the Holiday Inn, Columbus, Georgia copies of registration forms for Mario Leanza, Floyd Hudgins, Tom Jordan, Gabriel Shalouf and others in the group in connection with the visit to Billy Carter's gas station in late June or early July, 1978.

Results of your investigation should be sent to this Division, attention: Registration Unit.

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To: SACs, Atlanta (97-106) Enclosure

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From: Director, FBI (97-5696)

VILLIAM A. (BILLY) CARTER, III LIBYAN-ARAB-GEOBGIA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT - LIBYA

Enclosed is a copy of Department letter dated 2/4/80, which is self-explanatory.

Atlanta and Washington Field should conduct the requested interviews to develop the desired information and furnish results of interviews on FD-302's.

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Atlanta and Washington Field requested to conduct investigation per Department of Justice let 2/4/80.

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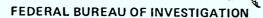
Washington, D.C. 20535 March 17, 1980

WILLIAM A. (BILLY) CARTER, III LIBYAN-ARAB-GEORGIA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT-LIBYA

Attached hereto are the results of interview of Mr. Philip J. Wise, Jr., Appointment Secretary to the President of the United States, conducted on March 14, 1980:

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On March 14, 1980, Mr. PHILIP J. WISE, Jr., Appointments Secretary to the President of the United States, was interviewed at the White House, Washington, D.C.(WDC). Immediately after identification procedures and before any questions were asked, Mr. WISE was advised that the purpose of the interview was to elicit information from him concerning the possible obligation of WILLIAM A. (BILLY) CARTER to register with the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act. Mr. WISE voluntarily furnished the following information:

"r. WISE advised that during the President's administration, he had received occasional phone calls from BILLY CARTER requesting him (WISE) to advise the President of impending visits by BILLY or requesting him (WISE) to channel to appropriate authorities requests made of the President through him (BILLY CARTER) from American citizens.

WISE continued that he had no independent recollection of having received a phone call from BILLY CARTER in August or September, 1978, during which CARTER requested information on aircraft purchases by the Libyan government. Further, Mr. WISE continued he had no independent recollection of having referred BILLY CARTER to any official in the United States Department of State (USDS) for a briefing on the matter.

Mr. WISE checked his phone logs for August and September, 1978, but could find no record with which to refresh his recollection.

Mr. WISE concluded by saying that he did not deny the conversation as recalled by BILLY CARTER took place, just that he, WISE, had no memory of it at this time.

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WILLIAM A. (BILLY) CARTER, III LIBYAN - ARAB - GEORGIA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY, FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT - LIBYA

Attached hereto are memoranda reflecting investigation conducted in this matter during period February 27, 1980, through March 10, 1980.

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Henry Russell, Georgia State Senator, Boston Road, Boston, Georgia, was interviewed at the Georgia State Capitol at which time he was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent, the nature of the interview, and that any information he furnished could be used in a Court of Law. Russell then voluntarily furnished the following information:

He stated that to his personal knowledge, he knows of no discussions had with Libyan Officials concerning Lockheed's C-130 or any other aircraft pertaining to purchases or deliveries. He stated that Billy Carter did not discuss any matters of that nature with him during their Libyan trip in 1978 or anytime thereafter.

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Floyd Hudgins, Georgia State Senator, 3034
Emory Street, Columbus, Georgia, was interviewed at
the Georgia State Capitol at which time he was advised
as to the identity of the interviewing Agent, the nature
of the interview, and that any information he furnished
could be used in a Court of Law. Hudgins then voluntarily
furnished the following information:

With regards to any discussions pertaining to Lockheed aircraft and C-130's in particular, he recalls that this matter did come up while he was on the Libyan trip during 1978 with Billy Carter and others. He stated that this occurred during a cocktail party in the yard of the American Legation or Embassy in Libya and that there was a small group standing together himself included along with Billy Carter and Carter's friend Randy Coleman. An individual whose name he does not recall, although is quite sure was a Libyan Official was standing talking to them when he made a remark which Hudgins felt was directed to Billy to the effect that "If you really wanted to help Georgia" or the economy in Georgia or something to that effect, "Then you can get our airplanes delivered that we have bought and paid for that are sitting on the runway at Lockheed Aircraft in Marietta, Georgia." Hudgins stated that he then asked the individual why they (meaning the Libyans) could not get the airplanes and the individual replied something to the effect that the United States had an arms embargo and that the aircraft could possibly be considered arms and not cargo transports. Hudgins stated that the conversation continued briefly along that line when the individual then made the remark that "We" or "Our government" whichever it was, "would be willing to pay a commission to get those planes delivered." Hudgins stated that to his recollection there was no response to that by any of his group and that he (Hudgins) at that time then turned and left the group because as he stated he knew this was a "no no" that they were discussing and he wanted nothing to do with it.

Hudgins stated that to his knowledge there were no

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William A. (Billy) Carter III, Post Office Box
234 Buena Vista, Georgia, was interviewed in his room at
the Best Western Motel by Joel L. Lisker, United States
Department of Justice (USDOJ), Registration Unit, and Special
Agent (SA)
At which time Carter voluntarily
furnished the following information relative to his possible
obligation to register with the Attorney General pursuant
to the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act,
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that any information he furnished could be used in a court
of law.

He stated that on or about June 30, or the early part of July, 1978, during a well publicized softball game in Plains, Georgia, he met with Georgia State Senator Floyd Hudgins, Tom Jordan, Mario Leanza and Gabriel Shalouf, the Libyan Ambassador to Italy at Carter's filling station in Plains. The meeting was arranged by Randy Coleman, a friend and former employee of Carter's with Senator Hudgins. Carter said he knew Hudgins slightly and did not particularly like him, but as Hudgins was pressing for the meeting, he finally agreed. It was his impression that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss Libyan trade. Carter said that he was deeply involved in the softball game when the group arrived. The they went to the back of his service station where they Thereafter met for approximately 10 minutes. At that time, Gabriel Shalouf extended to Carter an invitation to visit Libya. The purpose of the invitation, according to Carter, was for a "good will visit", "people to people friendship" and was sponsored by the Libyan Chamber of Commerce. Carter stated that he did not, at that time, indicate any inclination to accept the invitation and due to the press of business he thanked the group, said he would think about the invitation and excused himself to prepare for a trip to Louisville, Kentucky where he had a speaking engagement. Carter stated that in extending the invitation, no restrictions were placed on him or the group or who would be invited on the trip. Nothing was said regarding Jewish participation. He knew, however, that he was being invited only because he is the President's brother, although, he did not know what, if anything, was expected of him.

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Carter stated in reference to accusations which have appeared in the press, that he is anti-Semitic, that at the time of the meeting, he knew very little about Libya and its problems. However, he has for several years prior to his contact with the Libyans, felt that the Zionist have been able to dominate the news media and in fact he does regard himself as an anti-Zionist. He stated, however, that he does not mean to say he is anti-Jewish. He referred to the kidnapping, trial and execution of Adolph Eichmann by Israeli agents as an example of Zionist acts of illegality which in his opinion made the Zionists about the same as the Nazis whom they wished to prosecute. He further stated that his mother, Lillian Carter, has a first cousin who is an Orthodox Jew and who agreed completely with his views on Zionism. He also stated that these views were fairly well known prior to the Libyan trips and had even been the subject of newspaper articles.

Carter stated that in August, 1978, Senator Hudgins and Tom Jordan placed a number of telephone calls to Carter which were handled by Randy Coleman and the purpose of which were to formally extend an invitation to Carter to visit At the time of the calls, Carter had not decided to accept the invitations; however, in view of the fact that it was to be an "all expense paid" trip, he did accept the invitation. On the day of departure from Americus, Georgia, his son drove him to Columbus, Georgia, from Columbus he rode with Coleman and State Senator Henry Russell in Senator Hudgins' car which Hudgins drove to Atlanta. Atlanta, they took a flight to New York with Ambassador Shalouf, Mario Leanza and Tom Jordan. Don Carter, whom he advised was no relation to him, of the University of Georgia, Department of Foreign Affairs was invited on the trip, but had to cancel out and Carter invited Randy Coleman to go in his place. Don Carter, according to Billy Carter, was an authority on Libya and had provided Billy with a large volume of information about Libya from the Department of Public Affairs at the University of Georgia. In addition, Leonard Long, a Concrete Block Builder and Attorney, from

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Atlanta accompanied the group. In New York they met Mr. Long's son who joined the party and thereafter they flew from New York to Rome, Italy. They spent 2 days in Rome where they stayed at the Rome Hilton. In Rome they took the usual tours of the Vatican and the Coloseum and had dinner with Shalouf at the hotel. On the second evening, they had dinner at Ambassador Shalouf's home.

The following day they made the short flight to Tripoli where a reception was given in their honor by Shahati and Thomas Eagleton, the American Charge d'Affaires. They brought with them a fairly large supply of whiskey, ahtough Carter firmly denied the allegation that several prostitutes also accompanied the group. While in Tripoli, the group stayed at the Beach Hotel. That night they had dinner with the Libyan Minister of Agriculture at a hotel, possibly the Grand.

During the trip, Carter stated there were no specific discussions about anything; that it seemed to be a general orientation, a good will mission; that he had been taken aside by Eagleton at which time Carter had assured him that he would avoid controversy. He stated that he had no knowledge which it had purchased from Lockheed and Boeing, but for which the U.S. Government had refused to issue export licenses, what he could to secure the release of the aircraft and denied making any statement at any time during this trip look into the matter and do whatever he could to obtain the release of the aircraft.

Carter stated that on the return from Libya to Rome where he met his mother who was the U.S. Representative attending the funeral of Pope John Paul, Tom Jordan and Senator Hudgins seemed to know about the Lockheed Cl30's and informed Carter of some of the problems. It seemed to Carter, after these discussions, that it was in America's



interest to try and obtain the release of the aircraft.

Shortly after his return to Georgia, an article appeared in Jack Anderson's column which he felt was very unfair to himself and the Libyan people and which related to the aircraft. Thereafter he placed a telephone call to Phil Wise whom he characterized as a "right hand man" to the President and whose office "opened onto the oval office". The purpose of this call to Wise was to request information on the Libyan aircraft purchases. According to Carter, Wise told him he would have someone return the call and shortly thereafter he received a telephone call from an official whose name he cannot now recall, however, he does recall that the official was from the Department of State.

Carter stated that in Libya each American was given a white envelope containing Libyan currency. Carter said he received 200 dinars or about \$260 which presumably was to be used for incidental purchases. On the last day, he asked Randy Coleman to donate the money to the American School in Tripoli for the purchase of a new copy of the Koran. He further stated that he was presented with a gift of a horse saddle which was leather and covered with a heavy cloth containing silver threads woven into its fabric. He stated that when the saddle arrived in Atlanta, he paid a customs duty of \$2.50 on the saddle.

Subsequently, Carter learned that a Libyan delegation was due to arrive in the U.S. in January, 1979 on a four city tour including Houston, Texas, San Francisco, California, New York City, New York and a city in Louisiana, the name of which he cannot now recall. Carter understood the purpose of the trip was to establish a trade mission in the U.S. and he felt it would be appropriate to invite the Libyan delegation to Atlanta, Georgia. On advice of his counsel, David Gambrell of Americus, Georgia, Carter wrote a letter requesting authority from the State Department to invite the delegation to Atlanta. The authority to extend the

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invitation was granted and the invitation was extended. Carter stated that the delegation of about 30 members arrived during the week of January 8, 1979. When the Libyan delegation was in Georgia, some members including Mr. Shahati stayed at Carter's residence. In this connection, the Billy Carter family was presented with several gifts including four gold bracelets for his daughters, a large silver and bronze serving tray for his wife and a scimitar for his son.

Carter stated he had no knowledge of a "gold" saddle reportedly intended for President Carter.

Carter further stated that he asked Randy Coleman and his son-in-law, Mark Fuller, to assist with setting up the reception for the Libyans in Atlanta. He said the \$6,000 to \$7,000 advance money for this project came out of his own pocket and that he was not reimbursed for this expense, although he has tried to get the money from Hudgins and Jordan.

During a reception at an Atlanta hotel, Carter stated he and others signed a membership document for the "Libyan-Arab-Georgia Friendship Society" although he cannot now recall if this is the correct name of the society. Carter maintained that the signing was only a formality as the organization was never established. He said he was very embarrassed by the lack of interest and outright rejection of the visiting group by the Mayor of Atlanta who had earlier agreed to present Shahati with a "key to the city", but later backed out and the Lieutenant Governor who had agreed to have the group appear before a special session of the State Senate, but who later adjourned the Senate, making the appearance impossible.

Carter was then asked if he, directly or through any other person, attempted to influence the disposition of the aircraft purchased by the Libyans, but for which the U.S. Government had refused to grant export licenses.

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He responded by first asking if the question was intended to include contacts which he may have had with his mother, Lillian Carter, or his brother, President Carter. He was told that they were included. He then completed his reply by stating that he refused to answer the question because he felt what he may have said to his mother or brother was not the Government's business. The question was then restated excluding his mother and brother from "any other person", however, he still refused to answer the question stating that although he does not admit making any such contacts directly or through anyone else, he still believes whether he did or not is not the Government's business.

Carter stated that he has no formal or informal relationship with the Libyan Government or any entity thereof. He simply feels that they regard him as a friend and that is the way he regards himself. He has no expectation that any business relationship will materialize, but should the Libyans ask him to work for them he would do so and would, if necessary, register as a Foreign Agent.

Carter commented that he had seen all the State Department cable traffic on his trip and felt that much, which was favorable to the U.S., was accomplished by him and his group. He was asked where he obtained the cable traffic and replied that, "Jimmy gave it to me and I have it out at the house". When asked if the Libyan group carried a large supply of U.S. currency in an attache case, Carter replied that while visiting a Black Muslim Mosque in Atlanta during January, 1979 trip, Mr. Shahati was asked by one of the Muslims (name unrecalled) for a donation to buy a religious object for the Mosque. Shahati asked how much was needed and the Muslim official replied \$25,000 whereupon Shahati turned to an aide carrying an attache case and asked for the money; the aide immediately produced a considerable amount of cash which Carter guessed would have been at least \$25,000. The money was then presented to the Muslim official.

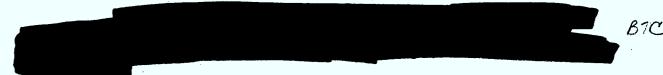
With respect to the second visit to Libya, Carter

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stated that the invitation was extended by Mr. Shahati. He left from Atlanta on the 25th of August, 1979 and stayed about one month. Five people accompanied Randy Coleman and himself. They were Jimmy Murry, owner of the Best Western Motel in Americus, Georgia and his wife; Clarence Gibbons, a CBS Cameraman working out of Atlanta and his wife; and Norman Mallard, a Western Electric official in Atlanta, Georgia. In addition, his son, Buddy Carter and his wife also went on the trip. They flew by Sabena Airlines from New York to Brussels to Rome and from Rome they took Libyan Airlines to Bengasi, Libya. The other visitors stayed about 10 days, his wife stayed 2 weeks and Billy stayed about one month. He had hoped to see Quaddafi, but was told he was with his troops in the desert.

Carter attended the parade commemorating the 10th anniversary of Quaddafi's rule. During his stay, he had discussions with Shahati on 7 or 8 occasions, but always in the presence of another person. There were no discussions relative to aircraft, military equipment, trucks, etcetera.

Carter stated that during the 10th anniversary celebration, he met and dined with Vanessa Redgrave, that during the parade he was seated next to George Habash, a Palestinian Terrorist and also King Hussein of Jordan. He also met former Senators James Abourezk and Frank Terpil.



Carter was furnished with the forms necessary to accomplish his registration, a copy of the Act, the regulations and the Attorney General's report to the Congress.

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WHICH REPORTED RESULTS OF INTERVIEW OF PHILIP J. WISE.

ON MARCH 20, 1980, MR. JOEL LISKER, REGISTRATION UNIT

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, ADVISED THAT BILLY CARTER'S

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH MR. WISE OCCURRED AFTER

OCTOBER 1, 1978. IN ORDER TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS ANY

RECORD OF SUCH CALL, MR. WISE SHOULD BE ASKED TO CHECK HIS

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