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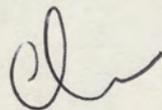
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Libya/IRA Connections

I discussed this matter with the Director of Military Intelligence at Army Headquarters today. He has been in contact with the Garda authorities on the issue (and indeed may have had some indications from the American side during a visit there in March). He had nothing really new to say. The markings on the ammunition boxes found in Sligo/Roscommon and the fact that the ammunition was Yugoslav-manufactured for use by Libya do not amount to 'a federal case'. He regarded it as odd that the boxes were marked Libyan Armed Forces in the English language. The use of the English language itself is not surprising, since it is not unusual for it to be used in shipping designations by non-english speaking countries, but the normal shipping designation would have read 'country of Libya'.

The Director was aware of recent talk of money for Libya. He tended to the view, however, that the IRA was showing signs of being strapped for money rather than of having a surfeit of it.



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