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AL-QADHDHAFI CABLES MOROCCO'S HASSAN ON SAHARA DISPUTE

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((EXCERPTS)) TRIPOLI 27 FEBRUARY--BROTHER COL MU'AMMAR AL-QADHDHAFI, CHAIRMAN OF THE REVOLUTION COMMAND COUNCIL, YESTERDAY SENT THE FOLLOWING CABLE TO THE KING OF MOROCCO:

BROTHER KING HASSAN II, ((PASSAGE OMITTED QUOTING KORAN VERSE)) FROM MY BELIEF IN THE KORAN AND SUNNA AND FROM PAN-ARAB MOTIVES, I PERMIT MYSELF TO ADDRESS THIS CABLE TO YOU AT A TIME WHEN I BELIEVE DESERVES IT TO BE SENT, FOR THE SAKE OF CALRITY, I WILL SAY AT THE OUTSET THAT THE SUBJECT OF THE CABLE IS WESTERN SAHARA, WHICH INCLUDES AS-SAQIYAH AL-HAMRAI, RIO DE ORO AND THE AL-KHALIDAT ISLANDS ((AS RECEIVED)):

DEAR BROTHER THE KING, ON 11 JUNE 1972 I SAID IN A GENERAL SPEECH THAT THE LAR WOULD SHOULDER ITS NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND UNDERTAKE A PEOPLE'S WAR IN WESTERN SAHARA UNLESS SPAIN WITHDRAW FROM THIS REGION. NO ONE AT THE TIME SAID THAT I WAS INTERFERING IN MOROCCAN AFFAIRS. I DID NOT SPEAK ABOUT CEUTA AND MELILLA, UNDER SPANISH OCCUPATION TO THIS DAY, BECAUSE THIS DOES CONCERN MOROCCAN NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY.

AT THE START OF 1973 THE LIBERATION WAR BECAME A REALITY IN WESTERN SAHARA, LED BY THE NATIONAL FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF AS-SAQIYAH AL-HAMRA AND WADI ADH-DHABAB. THE LAR CARRIED OUT ITS NATIONAL DUTY AND SUPPLIED THE FRONT WITH ARMS AND OPENED AN OFFICE FOR IT IN TRIPOLI. IT IS WORTH MENTIONING THAT COUNTRIES INVOLVED TODAY DID NOT COOPERATE WITH THE LAR IN SUPPLYING THE FRONT AND DID NOT COOPERATE WITH THE FRONT IN ANY WAY. ON THE CONTRARY, QUANTITIES OF ARMS WERE CONFISCATED BY THOSE COUNTRIES WHILE EN ROUTE FROM THE LAR TO THE FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF AS-SAQIYAH AL-HAMRA AND WADI ADH-DHABAB.

NOW TO 1975: WHEN YOU BECAME A PROMINENT PARTY TO THE PROBLEM I CONFIRMED TO YOU THROUGH YOUR ENVOYS THAT THE LAR'S MILITARY CAPABILITIES WERE AT YOUR DISPOSAL IF YOU DECIDED TO LIBERATE AS-SAQIYAH AL-HAMRA FROM COLONIALISM. BUT WHAT HAPPENED IS THAT YOUR FORCES TOOK PART IN A TRANSFER OPERATION, ((SENTENCE OMITTED QUOTING THE KORAN)) I DECLARE BEFORE HISTORY THAT I WOULD NOT OPPOSE MOROCCO IF I BELIEVED THAT THE SAHARA

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 PEOPLE, LED BY THE POPULAR FRONT, DID NOT OPPOSE JOINING MOROCCO,
 I WOULD HAVE THANKED GOD FOR THE ENDING OF THE LARIS ROLE,
 CROWNED BY THE DEPARTURE OF COLONIALISM FROM AN ARAB LAND.
 GOD KNOWS HOW MUCH I TRIED TO PERSUADE THE LEADERSHIP OF THE
 FRONT TO JOIN YOU AFTER INDEPENDENCE, AND YOU MUST REMEMBER
 THE GUARANTEES WHICH I ENSURED, THAT YOUR ENVOYS WOULD CONFIRM
 TO MEMBERS OF THE FRONT IN GENERAL, I DO NOT DENY THAT YOU
 CONFIRMED THOSE GUARANTEES TO ME THROUGH YOUR ENVOYS AND THE
 AMBASSADOR IN TRIPOLI.

DEAR BROTHER THE KING, WHAT IS HAPPENING TODAY IN WESTERN
 SAHARA IS A VERY SERIOUS MATTER, IRRESPECTIVE OF THE PITFALLS
 THAT LED TO THIS. THE PEOPLE OF THE SAHARA LED BY THE FRONT
 HAVE TOLD THE WORLD THAT THEY ARE NOT MOROCCANS, ALGERIANS OR
 MAURITANIANS AND THAT THE TRUE SONS OF THE SAHARA WERE THOSE
 WHO TOOK UP ARMS AND LIBERATED THEIR LAND. THUS THE ANNEXATION
 OF THE SAHARA TO MOROCCO IS UNEQUIVOCALLY A FORCED ANNEXATION,
 HERE I AM SPEAKING FROM FACTS AND RESULTS AND NOT REASONS AND
 EXCUSES I AM STILL NOT OPPOSED TO THE SAHARA JOINING MOROCCO
 OR MAURITANIA, AND I CANNOT BE AGAINST THE FRATERNAL MOROCCAN
 PEOPLE OR THE MOROCCAN ARMY, WHOSE SONS BLOOD STILL RUNS ON
 THE GOLAN, BUT I AM A BELIEVER IN ARAB UNITY FROM THE OCEAN
 TO THE GULF, AND IN THE FOREFRONT OF THOSE WHO WORK FOR IT AND
 HERALD ITS INEVITABILITY. IT IS UNREASONABLE THAT I SHOULD IGNORE
 THE WILL OF PART OF THE ARAB MASSES WHO OPPOSE THIS ANNEXATION
 TO THE EXTENT OF MASSING ALONG THE ALGERIAN BORDERS. THE TENTS
 OF THOSE WHO FLED FROM THE ANNEXATION ARE CROWDING TINDOUF
 RESEMBLING ARAFAT. IN THE PILGRIMAGE SEASON, WHO DENIES THIS
 TRAGEDY, WHO DENIES THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE OF THE SAHARA AND
 WHO DENIES THE RIGHT OF THOSE WHO TOOK UP ARMS TO LIBERATE THEIR
 COUNTRY BY THEMSELVES?

I AM ONLY MENTIONING FACTS. I AM NOT A PARTY TO A TERRITORIAL
 ISSUE AND I AM NOT TALKING ABOUT ANNEXATION OR THE LACK OF IT,
 SINCE ANNEXATION HAS BEEN IMPOSED BY FORCE AND ITS SUCCESS OR
 FAILURE DEPENDS ON THE ANNIHILATION OF THE SAHARAN PEOPLE OR
 THE MOROCCAN ARMY, AND EITHER WOULD BE A TRAGEDY--"ONE IS MY
 FATHER WHEN I NEED HIM, THE OTHER MY UNCLE."

IF WE FOLLOW THE METHOD OF IMPOSING UNITY ON PEOPLE BY
 FORCE, THE MAP OF THE ARAB WORLD WOULD CHANGE, INCLUDING YOUR
 COUNTRY AND MINE.

HAD YOU BEEN FIGHTING SEPARATISTS INSIDE YOUR KINGDOM WE
 WOULD HAVE FOUGHT WITH YOU. HAD YOU BEEN FIGHTING THE COLONIALISTS
 INSIDE THE SAHARA WE WOULD HAVE FOUGHT WITH YOU. BUT TO FIGHT
 A PEOPLE WHO SAY NO, WE WILL NOT BE WITH YOU.

THE VOICE TO WHICH THE WORLD SHOULD LISTEN IS THAT OF THE
 SAHARAN PEOPLE, WHETHER IT BE FOR UNITY WITH YOU OR INDEPENDENCE
 NEXT DOOR TO YOU. ((PASSAGE OMITTED)) 271530 HODGSHON/MF

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