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Friday evening after being informed that Mohammed Ismail, Seif el-Islam's chief of staff, might want to communicate with the USG, I reached him around 1130 pm est. we had a long discussion, he denied he had any specific message, and gave the same delusional picture that we had come to expect from the Libyans. After fruitless talk, he said Seif would call me which he did at 1am est. I told him that those of use who knew him were saddened at the change we noted in him the past few weeks. I reminded him that we had solved many issues together because we spoke frankly to each other and had developed some mutual trust. In that vein, I told him that he needed to look and study POTUS comments today and to consider carefully what the President had offered by way of a solution to what was inevitably going to be a bad outcome. The steps needed were clearly laid out. I told him that he had one final chance to make things right before the judgment of the international community fell on him and the Libyan government.

He rambled on heatedly and repeatedly in the complete state of denial that we had seen for the past three weeks. I kept telling him that he was in fact delusional and that he needed to face reality. I reiterated several times we were offering a way out. He said that we should send observers to see the real facts and that Libya would not be bowed by threats. After 25 minutes of futile discussion, I told him that time was short and he needed to look at the facts as they really were. I told him that if he changed his mind we were prepared to listen. We concluded on that note.