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I have just received the answer of President Gheddafi to my letter of Feb. 19, 1977 and it confirms the existence of a crisis in the second round of negotiations in Tripoli.

As he states that if the three provinces of Misurata, Benghazi and Darnah are not included in the unified autonomous region, there must be considered gaps which would lead to a resumption of fighting.

He does not touch the matter of a plebiscite and I presume that he agrees with its ~~holding~~ ^{being} carried out.

I attach copy of the cablegram.

I have called a special meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Security Council for breakfast at 8:30 AM tomorrow.