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Yoo Hoo —

Amb. Carlos Valdez has called to transmit the message of Vice Barbaro that Col. Qaddafi is not yet in Tripoli and so has not received any text.

Because Fidel Castro is arriving tomorrow and everybody is irritable and edgy, he feels he should recuse. I authorized him, but instructed him to write the white paper on why there is absolute [illegible] submission to the conference - to stay until I can talk to Col. Qaddafi by telephone.