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Just Speaking For Myself, Former President Says not to Rule out Arming Libya's Rebels

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Former U.S. President Bill Clinton said he thinks the United States should consider arming the rebels in Libya's

civil war."It would depend ... and I might need to know a little more, but would be inclined to do it," Clinton told

Correspondent Bianna Golodryga today in San Diego during an exclusive interview with ABC News,

Clinton was in San Diego for his annual Clinton Global Initiative University Meeting. The uprising in Libya stared in February during a wave of social and political unrest in the Middle East. Fighting has escalated all across the country, but the rebels have found themselves outgunned by Libyan leader Col. Moamar Qaddafi's forces, which are better equipped. Last month the United Nations authorized a no-fly zone over the North African nation to prevent further attacks on civilians from Qaddafi's troops in the air. Clinton on Arming Rebels: 'I Sure Wouldn't Shut the Door to It' The United States backed the no-fly zone and has also authorized additional support for the anti-Qaddafi fighters, but key U.S. lawmakers and top officials in the government of President Barack Obama have said they are not comfortable with arming the rebels -- apparently because not enough is known about them. But Clinton said he wouldn't completely rule out the idea of supplying arms to Libya's rebels.